

4471. Misbranding of "Mrs. Edwards' Infant * * * Syrup." U. S. * * *
v. William H. Raser. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 6541.
I. S. No. 1856-h.)

On October 21, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against William H. Raser, Reading, Pa., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about August 8, 1913, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Georgia, of a quantity of "Mrs. Edwards' Infant * * * Syrup," which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On wrapper) "25¢ Mrs. Edwards' 25¢ Infant (representation of small child with wings and blowing trumpet, who is seated on the globe) Syrup For Children Teething. Wind Colic, to Regulate the Bowels, and a Remedy for Dysentery, Diarrhoea, and all other Summer Complaints in Children. Manufactured only by William H. Raser 154-156 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa. Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. No. 7647. Each Fluid Ounce contains Alcohol 5%, Opium 1½ grs., Morphine Sulphate 3-16 gr."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Solids (grams per 100 cc)	46.23
Sucrose, by copper (grams per 100 cc)	41.23
Ash, chiefly potassium carbonate (grams per 100 cc)	3.27
Alcohol (per cent by volume)	0.25
Morphine (grain per fluid ounce)	0.22
Glycerol: Absent.	
Meconic acid: Present.	
Odor of anise.	

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statement regarding the therapeutic or curative effects thereof, appearing on the label aforesaid, to wit, "Mrs. Edwards' Infant Syrup * * * to Regulate the Bowels, and a Remedy for Dysentery, Diarrhoea, and all other Summer Complaints in Children," was false and fraudulent in that the same was applied to the article knowingly, and in reckless and wanton disregard of its truth or falsity, so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was, in whole or in part, composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, to regulate the bowels, and as a remedy for dysentery, diarrhea, and other summer complaints in children, when, in truth and in fact, it was not, in whole or in part, composed of, and did not contain, such ingredients or medicinal agents.

On December 14, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*