

**1500. Adulteration of cheese. U. S. \* \* \* v. Antonio Marano. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 6630. I. S. No. 1901-k.)**

On October 13, 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 Antonio Marano, Philadelphia, Pa., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 16, 1914, from the State of Pennsylvania into the District of Columbia, of a quantity of cheese, which was adulterated. The article was labeled, in part: "A. Marano, Phila. Pa. V. D. 40580. 9-19. Conserve del Gatzto, Italy."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it was alive with beetles and larvæ. At least 1,500 larvæ were found in approximately 2 pounds of the cheese.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy and decomposed animal matter.

On November 29, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

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