

**4996. Misbranding of "Dr. Crossman's Specific Mixture," U. S. \* \* \* v. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pill Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100. (F. & D. No. 6543. I. S. No. 6608-e.)**

On October 18, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Wright's Indian Vegetable Pill Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on October 24, 1912, from the State of New York into the State of Ohio, of a quantity of an article labeled, in part, "Dr. Crossman's Specific Mixture," which was misbranded.

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

Nonvolatile matter at 110° C. (grams per 100 cc)-----	33.14
(Resin-like residue.)	
Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	16.12
Morphine (grams per 100 cc)-----	0.012
Morphine (grains per oz.)-----	0.06
Copaiba: Present.	
Volatile oils: Present.	

A mixture composed of two layers, the upper containing alcohol, water, opium, and coloring matter, the lower, about 92 per cent of the total mixture, is chiefly balsam copaiba and oils having a strong odor of citronella.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that the statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it, falsely and fraudulently represented it as a specific for the cure of gonorrhoea, gleet, strictures, and analogous complaints of the organs of generation, and effective as a preventive of gonorrhoea, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On October 21, 1915, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$100.

*CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*