

5738. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. * * * v. Marcus Silverberg and Abe Silverberg (Silverberg Bros.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8029. I. S. No. 10827-m.)

On March 24, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of South Dakota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Marcus Silverberg and Abe Silverberg, copartners, trading as Silverberg Bros., Elk Point, S. Dak., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 22, 1916, from the State of South Dakota into the State of Iowa, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of 17 cases, containing 6,120 eggs, by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 2,088 eggs, or 34.1 per cent, to be inedible and decomposed.

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

On March 29, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

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