

5762. Adulteration of granulated true unicorn root. U. S. * * * v. R. Hillier's Son Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 8120. I. S. No. 3624-1.)

On April 24, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against R. Hillier's Son Co., a corporation, Jersey City, N. J., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about April 15, 1916, from the State of New Jersey into the State of Georgia, of a quantity of an article purporting to be granulated true unicorn root, which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted largely of false unicorn, *Chamaelirium luteum*, and contained only about 3 per cent of true unicorn root, *Aletris farinosa*.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was offered for sale and sold as granulated true unicorn root, and fell below the professed standard and quality of strength and purity under which granulated true unicorn root is sold; and for the further reason that a certain substance, to wit, false unicorn root, had been substituted for a granulated true unicorn root, which the article purported to be.

On June 18, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*