

5821. Adulteration and misbranding of "Hydrozone." U. S. * * * v. The Drevet Mfg. Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$15.
(F. & D. No. 8320. I. S. No. 20280-1.)

On September 4, 1917, 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 The Drevet Mfg. Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on April 10, 1916, from the State of New York into the State of California, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Hydrozone * * * The Drevet Manufacturing Co. New York U. S. A.," which was adulterated and misbranded.

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

Hydrogen peroxid (per cent)-----	5.45
Acetanilid (grain per fluid ounce)-----	0.02

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under the professed standard of strength of "Hydrogen Dioxide 9%," whereas, in truth and in fact, it fell below said professed standard of strength in that it did not contain 9 per cent of hydrogen dioxid, but contained a less amount, to wit, 5.45 per cent.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statement on the label, "Hydrogen dioxide 9%," was false and misleading in that it represented that said article contained 9 per cent of hydrogen dioxid, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not, but contained less, to wit, 5.45 per cent. Misbranding of the article was alleged for the further reason that it contained a quantity of acetanilid, and the package containing the article failed to bear on the label a statement of the presence, the quantity, or the proportion of said acetanilid.

On November 5, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*