

**17470. Misbranding of Neuraline tablets. U. S. v. 42 Packages of Neuraline. Decree of destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 23427. I. S. No. 01025. S. No. 1541.)**

Samples of a drug product known as Neuraline tablets from the herein-described shipment having been found to contain in the labeling curative and therapeutic claims not justified by its composition, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

On February 19, 1929, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 42 packages of Neuraline, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Kansas City, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Eureka Medical Co., from South Bend, Ind., on or about December 10, 1928, and had been transported from the State of Indiana into the State of Missouri, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. On June 4, 1929, an amended libel was filed in the case.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that the tablets contained acetanilide (2.5 grains per tablet) and milk sugar.

The article was labeled in part: (Carton) "For the relief of \* \* \* Neuralgia, Lagrippe, \* \* \* Rheumatic Pains. \* \* \* Directions for \* \* \* Neuralgia, Acute Pains, take a tablet on tongue followed by half cup of water, preferably hot. If not relieved repeat dose after half an hour. If necessary take another dose an hour later. In persistent and chronic cases take a tablet 3 or 4 times a day until pains subside. In Rheumatism and violent cases 2 tablets may be a dose. For children under 15 years \* \* \* For \* \* \* Sore Throat start with a full dose, then 3 or 4 half doses a day. For Fevers and LaGrippe take a tablet every three or four hours until body is cooled off. For painful Menses take a tablet at onset of pains, continue every hour until relieved;" (yellow circular) "In Neuraline I found a safe \* \* \* remedy \* \* \* Neuraline quickly relieves pains and aching of the body. Its great merit is evidenced by its \* \* \* use \* \* \* as a reliever of ailments, \* \* \* For \* \* \* Cramps and Neuralgia. For \* \* \* LaGrippe, Tonsilitis, Soreness of Chest and Body. Take a tablet with a cup of water, preferably hot. If necessary repeat dose after one hour. Continue doses at three or four hour intervals until pain is gone. Quickest results are obtained if patient remains quietly in bed for a short time and follows a simple diet. Take a tablet with water, preferably hot. Then one after two hours and continue taking one every four hours until relieved. \* \* \* Take Neuraline and keep well. \* \* \* [Testimonials] I have tried your Neuraline for headache and neuralgia and can say that it will stop pain for me in three minutes, and in five minutes I can go on with my work, free from pain \* \* \* I am now stronger than I have been in two years and weigh more than I ever did before in my life, and I know that Neuraline is what has done it. \* \* \* I have had to suffer with neuralgia. I had taken quinine, morphine and the strong drugs until my digestion and nervous system had become so impaired that I was almost an invalid and my life was a perfect misery all the time. No tongue can tell the suffering I endured from the excruciating pain of neuralgia and the sick and prostrate condition resulting from the use of medicines which only gave temporary relief. But in Neuraline I found a safe and sure remedy that gave immediate relief and left the general system in a better condition than before taking. The attacks have been lightened and farther between since I have used Neuraline and I believe that a thorough relief is rapidly being accomplished. \* \* \* I had been a sufferer from neuralgia since 1886 and hardly knew what it was to go without my head bandaged. Sometime ago I received a sample of Neuraline, which gave me so much relief \* \* \* Had I known of Neuraline years ago I might have avoided a great deal of suffering. I have long been afflicted with severe pains in the head and it was not until I used your remedy that I found relief. \* \* \* I have had neuralgia over 16 years and found very little relief until I began using Neuraline. \* \* \* When I received the Neuraline I had a severe attack of la Grippe and neuralgia. In ten minutes after taking a tablet there was not a pain in my body. I had suffered dreadfully for three days and nights and I can assure you that the relief was appreciated. \* \* \* it has always given the best satisfaction."

It was alleged in the libel as amended that the article was misbranded in that the above-quoted statements regarding the curative and therapeutic

effects of the said article appearing on the carton label and in the accompanying circular, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On May 27, 1930, no appearance having been had in the case, a decree was entered by the court ordering that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**17471. Misbranding of Sannette. U. S. v. 2 Dozen Packages of Sannette. Default decree of destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 21403. I. S. No. 3459-x. S. No. C-5264.)**

Samples of a drug product known as Sannette having been found to bear in the labeling certain curative and therapeutic claims not justified by its composition, the Secretary of Agriculture reported to the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota the presence of a quantity of the product at Minneapolis, Minn., from the interstate shipment herein described.

On November 23, 1926, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the District of Minnesota a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 2 dozen packages of Sannette, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Minneapolis, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Sannette Chemical Co., from Cincinnati, Ohio, on or about September 25, 1926, and had been transported from the State of Ohio into the State of Minnesota, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of zinc salts, alum, boric acid, and small amounts of menthol, phenol and methyl salicylate. Bacteriological examination showed that the article was not antiseptic in the dilutions recommended.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Seal) "Healing \* \* \* Antiseptic;" (package label) "Antiseptic \* \* \* Prepared especially for vaginal douche. Superior to Bichlorid, Permanganate of Potash or the Cresol compounds. Indications—Leukorrhoea, gonorrhoea, vaginitis, vulvitis, metritis, cervicitis, etc. Relieves any condition characterized by odor, inflammation or discharge. \* \* \* Directions—As a douche: One teaspoonful of the powder to two quarts of warm water;" (circular accompanying shipment) "Antiseptic. \* \* \* antiseptic \* \* \* It provides the elements necessary to make a mild antiseptic solution \* \* \* Antiseptic \* \* \* antiseptic \* \* \* antiseptic \* \* \* a high germicidal value \* \* \* full germicidal value. \* \* \* the superiority of Sannette \* \* \* efficacious \* \* \* In the treatment of all forms of uterine, cervical and vaginal inflammation, all authorities agree on the beneficial effects of the warm vaginal irrigation. Pus, mucous, shreds, and all the products of inflammation are washed out. \* \* \* the \* \* \* healing effect of Sannette solution is extremely grateful. The powder in solution is of great value in the treatment of all inflammation of the female generative tract, including acute and chronic metritis. Indeed, in these conditions the use of Sannette solution as an intra-uterine irrigation is of marked effect. In cervicitis and vaginitis, regardless of the aetiological factors, Sannette solution is beneficial and materially aids the physician in his treatment of these conditions. In leukorrhoea and gonorrhoea the Sannette douche is extremely useful. The excoriating and acrid discharge \* \* \* is removed. The germicidal action of Sannette solution tends to prevent the further invasion of the pathogenic bacteria, corrects the intensely alkaline reaction, and removes the products of inflammation. \* \* \* Sannette will prove of great value in the treatment of these conditions, \* \* \* of a mildly antiseptic \* \* \* nature \* \* \* The physician is urged to advise the use of Sannette in these cases. Its mild antiseptic properties \* \* \* will be appreciated \* \* \* One teaspoonful of Sannette to two quarts of warm water is the requisite strength for the douche."

On April 10, 1930, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment was entered by the court ordering that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*