

Bulletin	Year of Inspection	Kind	Percentage of adulteration.
	1876 and 1877	White and Black	83.0
	1878	" "	70.0
	1879	" "	50.0
	1880	" "	43.0
	1881	" "	66.6
	1882	" "	69.0
	1883	" "	65.0
	1884	" "	71.0
	1885	" "	57.3
	1886	" "	51.3
	1888	" "	69.0
20	1890	" "	52.0
	1891	" "	58.5
	1894	" "	46.8
	1896	" "	27.4
	1899	" "	20.0
	1900	" "	22.7
95	1904	" "	55.4
103	1905	" "	42.0
106	1905	Black	45.9
106	1905	White	31.7
165	1908	Black	24.3
165	1908	White	21.9
203	1910	Black	17.9
203	1910	White	17.1
248	1913	Black	17.0
250	1913	White	19.0
314	1915	White	4.1
379	1917	Black	13.9

While this record shows a great and a fairly continuous improvement in the character of the article since the earlier inspections, it leaves much still to be desired.

I am informed by certain grinders that it is not uncommon for them to receive orders from retailers to supply an article which can be profitably sold at a certain fixed price. The filling of such an order may necessitate adjustment of the amount of worthless material (filler) corresponding to the then prevailing price of actual pepper; and ground pepper has been known to be sold at a lower price than the unground article was then commanding.

The public should understand that in purchasing an adulterated article at a lower cost than that of the genuine, they are not effecting a real economy. The added material has no spice value, and it is certain to be present in such