

| 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