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LARD

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SIR,—I beg to report upon 268 samples purchased as lard during the months of October and November of last year. These samples have been examined as regards their genuineness from the point of view of their conformity to the requirements of an Order-in-Council in effect from November 22, 1910, which defines lard as follows:—

1. Lard is the rendered fresh fat from hogs in good health at the time of slaughter, is clean, free from rancidity, and contains, necessarily incorporated in the process of rendering, not more than one (1) per cent, of substances other than fatty acids and fat.

2. Leaf lard is lard rendered at moderately high temperatures from the internal fat of the abdomen of the hog, excluding that adherent to the intestines, and has an iodine number not greater than sixty-five (65) and contains not more than one (1) per cent, of substances other than fatty acids and fat.

3. Compound lard; Lard compound, etc., is a mixture of animal and vegetable fats and oils. It must be free from rancidity, be made from sound and pure materials, and contain not more than one (1) per cent of substances other than fatty acids and fat.

The articles herein reported were sold to our inspectors as lard, with one exception, No. 45557, which was labelled as a compound.

It will be noted that allowance of only one per cent of substances other than fatty acids and fat, is common to all the grades of lard defined. Three samples of this collection contain an excess of water, but the amount is in two instances, so slightly beyond legal limits that it must be regarded as accidental. The cases in question are:—

No. 37312—Ingersoll Packing Co.	Water.
" 47376— " "	2·09
" 48472—P. Burns Co.	1·17
	1·14

Two samples sold as lard, contain cotton seed oil, and should have been sold as compound. These are No. 1389 and No. 38242.