NOTES AND COMMENTS.

5. Maple Syrup.—A correspondent asks information as to the truthfulness of statements made by certain manufacturers of Maple Syrup who claim that their product is made from Maple Sugar, and not directly from Maple sap, and that, for this reason, it fails to meet the standards established by this Department for Maple Syrup. In other words, these manufacturers assert that their syrup is a purer article than Maple Syrup made directly from Maple sap, and that its purity causes it to fail to respond to Government standards.

This department has fully established the fact that any sample of genuine Maple Sugar, when dissolved in water to the legal consistency of Maple Syrup, will produce a syrup which fully meets the legal standards for Maple Syrup.

It follows that the statements made by manufacturers above referred to are without foundation in fact; and the natural inference is that such claims are made for purposes of fraud, and with intent to seeme sale for an article which is manufactured in whole or in part from sugar which is not Maple Sugar.