

Chief of the "Pure Food Division," may be manufactured, sold or transported without any penalty of this act, provided that they are "properly designated and branded as prescribed by the rules of the said Pure Food Division, so as to give the purchaser a correct idea of what he is purchasing." The granting of a license required the payment of a registration fee not to exceed \$10.00 for each article. The language of the act in connection with the licensing and registering, were construed to give the "Food Division," the power to require manufacturers and dealers to give the consumer the composition of such articles. These requirements were not kindly received by the trade. The time was not ripe for this advanced step.

A companion bill (S. 3217) to the Lee bill was introduced into the Senate by Senator Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire, June 25, 1888. It died in committee.

ACTION ALONG NEW LINES STARTED BY LEE BILL

Even though the Lee bill was considered constitutionally sound, provided for honesty, fair dealing and the general welfare and it was believed that it would curb practices threatening our national health, the Committee on Agriculture, in its report (8), through its chairman, James Laird, recommended that the Lee bill be laid on the table and that the Committee's substitute bill (H. R. No. 11266) be passed. The substitute bill clarified several of the features embodied in the Lee bill. It requires the ingredients of compounded foods and drugs to be declared on the labels; provides for the inspection of live stock prior to slaughtering and the inspection of meats and meat food products thereof by veterinarians; requires suitable marking, labeling or stamping of meats and meat food products; prohibits the shipping into interstate commerce of uninspected, unlabeled, untagged or unstamped carcasses or meat or meat foods and requires manufacturers of foods and drugs to take out a Government license each, at a fee of \$10.00.

Due probably to the active interest displayed in this bill by Congress, its far-

reaching effects and the public demands for this kind of legislation, tremendous opposition thereto was aroused in various quarters. Among the features particularly obnoxious were the inspection of live stock, meats and meat food products, requiring a declaration on the label of the ingredients of compounded foods and drugs and the procuring of a Government license. Most of the features of the Lee bill and its substitute were in due time enacted into federal laws; among them may be mentioned the Reprisal Act (9) 1890; the 1891 Appropriation Act of the Department of Agriculture (10); the Serum, Virus Act of 1902 (11); the Meat Inspection Act (12) and the Food and Drug Act, both of 1906 (13) and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 (14).

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Book Review

Vitamin E. A symposium held under the auspices of the Society of Chemical Industry. viii + 88 pages, 5¹/₂ x 8¹/₂. 1940. New York: Chemical Publishing Company, Inc. \$2.00.

The book brings out facts on the chemical structure, chemical properties, physiological action, effects of deficiency of and clinical uses of vitamin E. The monograph is an informative treatise on this vitamin discovered in 1922 and about which comparatively little is yet known. A valuable feature is that it contains 165 references to the literature.—A. G. D.