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## BOOK REVIEWS

**Cases on Domestic Relations**, (American Casebook Series). By Joseph Warren Madden, xix, 742 pages, West Publishing Co., St Paul, 1928.

The author succeeds in adequately presenting the law of domestic relations in a casebook, within such compass that it can be covered in the one semester allotted to the course in many law schools.

He has omitted treatment of aliens, drunkards and insane except as they are problems in family relations, and has reduced much case material of purely historical value to notes in the nature of brief reviews with notes, referring the student to cases texts, and reviews that discuss each point. In like manner he has treated certain phases of the subject that are fully treated in other courses. In some instances these notes are several pages in length and give the student historical perspective that would be acquired only from laboriously reading a large number of cases.

In his preface the author states that he has made free use of materials that appear in Kale's, "*Cases on Persons*," and Vernier's, "*Cases on Marriage and Divorce*." A large proportion of the cases are recent; about forty percent of those included were decided in the present century and over half of the rest in the last quarter of the past century. Cases decided as late as 1927 have been included.

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**The Legal Effects of Recognition in International Law**. By John G. Harvey LL.B., Ph.D. pp. 170. \$3. University of Pennsylvania Press 1928

The new states which emerged from former empires as a result of the blast from Mars of a decade ago, constituted new international personalities which had to be dealt with in the last few years. Thus the legal aspects of recognition have assumed unprecedented importance. These states have compelled a revision of recognition policies by the Foreign Offices. Likewise new situations before the courts have made it necessary for them to re-examine and restate the fundamental principles which control in recognition cases.

This book is not concerned with the wisdom of any policy and is only incidentally concerned with the recognition policy of any particular country. It is concerned with neither the meaning nor with the importance of recognition, except insofar as individual rights before the courts have been involved.

It is a study of the legal effects of recognition as interpreted and applied by the municipal courts of the United States and England. It deals with cases and controversies before courts of law and equity. The awards of arbitration commissions and mixed claims commissions are outside the scope of this treatise, and for that reason no attention is given to such awards.

The object of the present work is to study the effects of recognition as revealed by the decisions of the courts. More than 200 of the leading American and English decisions ranging over a period of a hundred and fifty years have been critically analysed to determine the correctness or incorrectness of the