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The committee consisted of eminent judges, psychologists, psychiatrists, a chief probation officer and others, fourteen in all. The appendix then gives the test of a Standard Juvenile Court Law which was prepared by a committee of seven judges, a juvenile court referee, an attorney and the secretary of the National Probation Association, the committee having been appointed by the National Probation Association in 1923 to prepare an act to conform in general with the "Juvenile Court Standards" and the Act adopted by the annual conference of the Association in 1925.

An understanding of the subject of juvenile courts in the United States requires a careful reading of Dr. Lou's comprehensive book.

JOSEPH E. CORDES*

Handbook of Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure. Hornbook Series; Armstrong M. Dobie, Professor of Law, University of Virginia.

The author has, within the space of a single volume, given a very succinct yet thorough survey of the subject of federal procedure. In the introductory chapter the history, make up and general functions of the Federal Judicial System are briefly presented, giving the reader a foundation which makes the subsequent chapters more intelligible. The procedure involved in, and the jurisdiction of, the various branches of the Federal Judicial System are discussed in the following chapters, divisions being made according to the branch of law involved.

Since the passage of the far-reaching Act of February 13, 1925, there has been a need felt for an interpretation of its effect upon federal procedure. Mr. Dobie's text fully outlines the changes made by this Act and numerous references are made, in many places in the book, to the radical changes made by it. On all points about which grave controversy rages the author has supplemented his own views with the opinions of other authorities, thus making his work a reliable source of information. The black type paragraph headings facilitate the use of the book as a reference work.

Both the law student and the active practitioner will find Mr. Dobie's work an invaluable aid in federal procedural work.

L. A. O'CONNOR

The Art of Argument, by Harold F. Graves and Carle B. Spott, both of the department of English Composition, Pennsylvania State College. Prentice-Hall, New York, publishers.

This text, embracing 280 pages, exclusive of index and appendix, offers information of much value to the law student, whose success in a large measure will depend upon his ability to argue in a clear, logical, and effective manner. Written in elementary style, Part I opens with definitions, and enlarges on the fundamentals of argument as we progress through the pages. Part II presents specimen outlines, showing, in the concrete, the practical application of the theory of part one. Illustrative arguments are offered the reader. The closing chapter is confined to contest debating, proceeding from the definition down to the method of judging. A résumé of debate principles valuable to the collegiate debater, is contained in this last chapter.

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