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BOOK REVIEWS

Huddy on Automobiles. By ARTHUR F. CURTIS. Seventh Edition. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender & Co. 1924. pp. xliii, 1521.

The law of motor vehicles very rapidly has become a highly specialized branch, and several treatises have been published on this particular subject. In the seventh edition of Huddy, the revisor, Arthur F. Curtis, has produced a very valuable work. He has considered a great mass of cases and has brought his work down to the present date. In connection with the general law with reference to motor vehicles, he has not only taken up the ordinary subjects contained in similar works, but in his thirty-seventh chapter dealing with transportation of intoxicating liquors, he has considered the cases involving forfeiture of the car itself by reason of the provisions of the Volstead Act and other statutes relating to the enforcement of liquor laws.

The chapters on Chattel Mortgages and Conditional Sales likewise are of particular and timely value, and, within the scope of this work, all phases of insurance pertaining to automobiles has been considered.

The book is well written and contains a wealth of cases on such topics as the so-called "family car" doctrine and the relation of guest and passenger, litigation concerning both of which situations having been very frequent in recent years. The criminal aspect of the law, as applied to motor vehicles, is not neglected.

The book supplies not only the need for a modern treatise on its subject matter, but brings within one volume every possible angle on that subject. It is to be strongly recommended not only to the student, but to the busy trial practitioner.

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Cases on Equity. American Case Book Series. By WALTER WHEELER COOK. St. Paul: West Publishing Co. Volume 2: 1925, pp. xvi, 838; Volume 3: 1924, pp. xlx, 1048.

The collection of cases in Volume 2 is devoted to the specific performance of contracts. This is one of a three-volume series in which are collected the cases considered necessary for the student to obtain a grasp of the subject. Among the cases are the principal traditional cases found in Ames and Keener. Modern cases have replaced many of the ancient ones that were so irksome to some students. In a number of these modern cases, the historical development of a principle or rule is traced from its early English origin through the ramifications of early American jurisprudence to its present application to situations in our complicated social life. The average student found in our law schools seeks not only to know the law as it is, but is also interested in the historical development of a principle as it throws light on our present problems. This collection of cases is admirably adapted to the needs of a professor, confronted by a group of such students.

In the collection of cases in Volume 3, which was published in 1924, the author has eliminated the cases on Bills of Peace, Interpleader and Intervention, the discussion of which can more advantageously be considered in the course on Code Pleading under the topic of parties. This permits more adequate time for the cases ordinarily considered in the course on Quasi Contracts, and collects in one