Book Review: Vold on Sales, by Lawrence Vold

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Vold on Sales. By Lawrence Vold, Published by West Publishing Co. (1931) pp. 623.

A modern treatment of the law of sales is found in this excellent handbook which is published as one of the Hornbook Series. The author has given to students and to lawyers the results of much research in this rather complex and involved field of law.

The clear manner of stating the results of authorities will be of great aid to students in their study of sales. A modern Hornbook on Sales has been needed for a long time. The last book on sales by the publishers, which was Tiffany on Sales, is no longer of particular value for use in solving modern sales problems.

In this new book the author deals at length with conditional sales on the installment plan, trust receipt security in the financing of sales and negotiable bills of lading, and similar documents under the rather impressive chapter heading of "Sales Financing Devices Involving Dividend Property Interests as Security." This material indicates an example of how this book departs from the treatment of sales as given by the older texts.

It is suggested that the material cited from Law Review articles would be made more available to the student by including a separate index of such material.

The law student should make use of this book during the period of his Study of Sales, and also it will be of great help in reviewing the subject, after the completion of the course.

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Legal Psychology. By Harold Ernest Burtt, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, The Ohio State University, Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, (1931).

This book is the result of a commendable effort on the part of the author to present to the lawyer a practical text wherein the science of psychology and its relation to the law is explained. The author, while he realizes that the science which regulates social relations is of a somewhat inflexible nature, is aware that as science develops and its principles are established, the law adopts those which are pertinent to it and changes to meet existing conditions and to assimilate recognized scientific truths.

With this in mind he has in a rather comprehensive manner given a picture of the whole field of psychology as applied to legal problems. While the time is not yet at hand when the law will adopt all the psychological methods propounded by this author, a great many are of the utmost practicability. Some are already in use. This book should serve to hasten the time when the scientifically demonstrated truths of this science are generally adopted in the administration of justice.