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UNITED STATES REPORTS, SUPREME COURT, VOLUME 91. CASES ARGUED AND ADJUDGED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, OCTOBER TERM, 1875. By WILLIAM T. OTTO. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & Co.

This is the first volume of the new Reporter of the Supreme Court of the United States, William T. Otto, Esq., and we confess to the most favorable impressions of his skill and fidelity as a reporter, from a perusal of this his first effort. The head-notes are full, and yet concise, and we believe they are very accurate. Our examination with this view has resulted in an invariable verification of their accuracy. He has changed, what was never agreeable to us, in the plan of Mr. Wallace, to-wit: the placing of the citations of authorities at the foot of the page, rather than in the body of the opinion. Mr. Otto places them in the body of the opinion, where they properly belong, and one is enabled to see what authority is cited in support of a proposition, without the peril of losing his place in the body of the text he may be reading. We would be better pleased if Mr. Otto would also adopt that which many State Reporters have adopted, and which is of great advantage, and affords untold facility in the examination of a question, to-wit: the prefixing of catch words or index phrases to each head note of the opinion. If the reporter will thus indicate, by an accurate catch word, the topic of the head note, one examining a volume for a question, may determine, by the reading of a single word or phrase, thus prefixed, all that he can learn by reading the whole note without it. This volume contains considerable more matter than any of its predecessors, having 730 pages text, and nearly 800, including index, table of cases, etc.

But wherein, also, and especially, the book excels its predecessors, of the series by Mr. Wallace, is in the work of the publishers. This volume is printed on the very best of book paper, and the type and press work are perfect. The binding is of the very best; and what is perhaps a more perfect way of stating its full commendation is, that the book comes from the publishing house of Little, Brown & Co., and is from the press of John Wilson & Son, of Cambridge.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF EVIDENCE. BY SIMON GREENLEAF, LL. D., VOL. I, 13TH EDITION, CAREFULLY REVISED, WITH LARGE ADDITIONS, BY JOHN WILDER MAY, AUTHOR OF THE LAW OF EVIDENCE, ETC. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & Co., Publishers.

Respecting the merits of Greenleaf on Evidence, nothing need be said. It has, for the last quarter of a century, nearly, been the standard work on that subject, not only in America, but in Great Britain, and in all countries where the common law obtains. Indeed, its superiority is so thoroughly recognized, as that a modern English author of a work on the subject of evidence, admits that his is taken

substantially from Greenleaf. This is the thirteenth edition, and the learned editor, John Wilder May, Esq., author of "The Law of Insurance," etc., has restored in this edition the original text, as it was left by the learned author himself, placing the subject matter of the additions which had been made by Mr. Redfield among the notes, but showing to whom credit was due therefor. He has changed nothing of the original work, except by placing the summaries of the contents of each chapter, heretofore at its commencement, in catch words preceding each section. He has added largely to the notes, and has referred to, and quoted from, about nine hundred cases more than was in the last edition. The index is very materially improved by enlargement, and by cross-references. The addition of the large number of new cases referred to in the notes, as well as the general additions to the notes, give to this edition a decided superiority and preference over the last, which was ten years ago. The publishers have added to the work all that can be done by skill in the use of type, blackface and italic, and in the excellency of the material used. Prof. Greenleaf, we believe, was the first legal author who indicated the topic, or the leading characteristic of each section, by italicising in the text the words showing it.

The publishers in this edition have not only preserved that characteristic, but have added to the facilities of the searcher for any topic, by placing in blackfaced type, at the beginning of each section, the index phrase to its topical and general scope.

THE LAW OF THE ROAD, OR WRONGS AND RIGHTS OF A TRAVELER. By R. VASHON ROGERS, JR. San Francisco: SUMNER WHITNEY & Co., Publishers.

THIS is another volume of the series of "Legal Recreations," among which we have heretofore noticed, "Humorous Phases of the Law," and "Proffatt's Law of Wills." This like the predecessors of the series is full of humorous, and of valuable legal information, and the man who can combine so much excellent law, verified by adjudicated cases, with genuine humor, must verily be a genius. Some chapters are in the conversational style, and the answers to questions put, and the declarations as to duty, are an epitome of law, and add much of real value to the work; the cases in support of each proposition of law stated, are cited at the foot of the page, so as to enable the reader, if he is a lawyer, to verify its correctness. It is very questionable whether a student of the law may not derive more knowledge of the law of the road and of common carriers by reading this book, in its attractive style both of matter and manner, than he could by reading any single volume of what is known as a text book in the law. It discusses driving on the highway, accident insurance, the duty of carriers to have everything sound, and employes careful, how to meet passing vehicles, the rights of stopping for meals, care required at stations and starting, obligation to procure tickets, and to produce them, how to get on and off the cars, rights and liabilities respecting injuries, rights and obligations respecting telegrams and fire. The publishers, Messrs. Sumner Whitney & Co., of San Francisco, are, by their publication of this series of "Legal Recreations," not only contributing very much to the pleasure of their readers, but they are contributing largely to the connection and blending together of the pleasures of literature with the acquisition of a knowledge of the law. They are entitled to the thanks not only of the profession, but of the literary public. The work is printed on very heavy and fine tinted paper, and is tastily bound in muslin. It has the external attractions given to the best literary publications of the day.