

REVIEWS

A Trustee's Handbook. By Augustus Peabody Loring. Boston. Little, Brown & Company. Third Edition, 1907, pp. xxxvi, V. 224.

The subject of trusts is becoming steadily more important. This book states, simply and concisely, the rules governing the management of trust estates, and the relationship existing between the trustee and beneficiary. While usually law handbooks are of small practical value, Mr. Loring's book, by way of exception, should be of value to the lay trustee. About 1300 cases are cited, many of them recent, and there is a good index. Peculiarities of local state law are noted, especially when dependent upon statute. And there are sections treating particularly of the trustee's liabilities to strangers, of extra dividends, and of interstate law.

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A Treatise on the Law of Naturalization of the United States. By Frederick Van Dyne, L.L.M. Washington. 1907. pp. 528.

Influenced by the reformation of the naturalization laws of the United States, which has been accomplished during the administration of President Roosevelt, and by the lack of any comprehensive work on the subject, the author, Mr. Van Dyne, has published the present treatise as a companion volume to his work, "Citizenship of the United States."

In spite of the recent legislation, parts of the old laws remain in force and the purpose of the volume is to indicate the changes made and it "undertakes to show by an exhaustive analysis of the new legislation and by reference to and discussion of the judicial decisions and the opinions and rulings of the Executive and International Claims Commissions, what the law of naturalization now is."

In the accomplishment of his purpose the author is to be congratulated and the work should be valuable to the judges, clerks of courts, United States attorneys, diplomatic and consular officers, whose duties lead them into dealings with questions relating to citizenship and naturalization. To the general legal profession the book may not be especially valuable, but there must be a large class who desire to advise their clients in regard to such matters and the treatise should fill a real need in furnishing in convenient and comprehensive form the necessary information.

Added to the main body of the book is an Appendix which should prove to be of great use. It contains, among other things, the later Acts of Congress upon the subject and the naturalization conventions to which the United States is a party.

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The Law of Evidence. By John Jay McKelvey. St. Paul. West Publishing Co. 1907. pp. 473. Second Edition.

Like all the rest of the Handbook Series this book is an attempt to state the principles of law in a manner easy of comprehension for the student, and, for the practitioner, easy of application. The first edition, published in 1897, has been added to and altered in some respects. The chapter on Judicial Notice has been re-written, and the chapters on Burden of Proof, Presumptions, Admissions and Writings have been enlarged and present the respective subjects of which they treat in a somewhat better and different form. The purpose of the book is to give a statement of principles with illustrations of their application, and some discussion of the manner of their development. The first edition being so well known, it only remains to be said that the author has brought his citations down to date and by his few changes and alterations added greatly to the value of the book, both for the student and practicing lawyer.

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