

the historical development of various topics, much discussion and criticism of the conflicting decisions from the historical, economic and logical points of view. The book under review does not fall precisely into either of these classes. The author does not content himself with a bare statement of fundamental rules or majority decisions, while on the other hand the limit in pages he set himself does not permit him to treat his topics historically nor to be elaborate in discussion and criticism. Yet of discussion of rules, and criticisms of the reasons given by the court for the rules, there is much, and most of it is pertinent and acute. Some topics are indeed more clearly treated than in any existing book on the subject.

Most legal works of this size, covering as large a field of law, give the reader who has not made a special study of the subject a false impression of certainty in the law, indeed some of the larger works are not free from this fault; the book under review has not this defect.

Instead of a dogmatic statement of the rules of law, the author goes, if not into the history of the rules, at least into the reasons underlying them, thus adding not only to the value, but to the interest of the book to the student of inquiring mind.

In the law of sales, the theory underlying the decisions in one branch of the subject frequently conflicts with the theory underlying decisions in another branch, judges in one jurisdiction giving to technical terms a meaning different from that of judges in another jurisdiction. These conflicts this book notes and discusses oftener, and more at length, than other text books of like compass and in some cases more than more ambitious treatises on the subject. It is in this respect particularly that the author justifies the statement in his preface "it is always possible that a new writer may bring something of value" to a discussion of the subject.

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