

It has not been deemed advisable to burden the text by including those lengthy legal forms, as mortgages, deeds, leases, wills, etc., as printed blanks for them are everywhere kept in stock by stationers, and are usually purchased in that form by those who have occasion to use them. Books of forms for use of conveyancers and the profession are also plentiful.

But every man needs to be familiar with negotiable paper and other mercantile forms that are in daily and universal use in community, indeed should possess expert knowledge of such instruments; therefore much space and careful instructions have been given to those documents—numerous forms have been given, special features mentioned, various defects pointed out, and the laws governing them stated in detail.

In gathering and condensing the matter for this epitome of business laws from the various statutes and other voluminous works of law, the utmost care has been exercised to secure accuracy. Lawyers who are specialists in their several branches have assisted in looking over and correcting the text, and the hope is entertained that it will be found practical, useful and reliable.

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