

to the rights of common carriers, owing to the development of railways, etc. It will be to the more extended treatises on the various subdivisions of the law of bailment that the practising lawyer must refer for brief-making purposes, but there is no work more valuable than the one before us for students and others desiring information as to principles.

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*Commentaries on the Law of Trust and Trustees as administered in England and in the United States of America*, by CHARLES FISK BEACH, Counsellor-at-Law; in two volumes: St. Louis: Central Law Journal Co., 1897. Toronto: Canada Law Journal Co.

To prevent mistakes, it is well to state at once that the book before us is written by the father of Charles Fisk Beach, jr., and we mention this as the name of the latter appears as author of numerous legal treatises, of which it is said others have been mainly the authors, and the son has acquired a not entirely enviable reputation as being a "book maker."

There has been of late years a good deal of vicarious book making. We are aware, for example, of a valuable book, which bears the name of a prominent lawyer in New York, who has taken almost word for word the labours of another probably more competent than himself for the task, and gives the matter to the public as his own, without reference to or acknowledgment of another's brains. A very contemptible proceeding, truly.

It may not be to the detriment of the book before us that the author is largely indebted to the assistance of Mr. E. F. White of the Indianapolis Bar, who, however, is here generously given full credit for his share in the production of the work. However this may be, and whether the work is principally that of Mr. Beach or of Mr. White, we must say it seems to have much merit in its composition, and will be a valuable addition to the literature of this complicated and obscure branch of modern jurisprudence. That it is a work of great industry is manifest, as it contains over 1,800 pages, and refers to over 16,000 cases, gathered from various sources on both sides of the Atlantic. The style is pleasant, good and gives pleasant reading, and the matter itself seems to indicate that it will become a favourite book of reference on this most important branch of the law.

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This opens with the editor's usual budget of apt and pungent comment upon recent decisions. The essays which follow deal with topics the diversified character of which will be realized when we say that they carry us half round the globe, and from the palmy days of ancient Roman jurisprudence, through the twilight of the middle ages, to the most recent stages in the development of the equitable principles in the United States. The first article is "A Prologue to the History of English Law," in which Professor Maitland has extracted from the vast stores of information recently accumulated by painstaking Continental jurists a very readable account of the salient events connected with the growth of modern European law during that period which is covered, for general purposes, by Gibbons' great work. The second article