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joinder of a person as co-defendant is pleaded in abatement, what course is open to the plaintiff as to amending, and what will be the consequence of his amending, as to costs or otherwise?

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THE CONSTABLES' MANUAL, being a summary of the Law, relating to the rights, powers and duties of Constables. By S. R. Clarke, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson, 1878.

This useful little book is, in effect, a continuation of the author's *Magistrates' Manual*; but is published separately for the benefit of Constables, who can thus obtain for a small sum the information they require on most of the points on which difficulties are likely to arise in the discharge of their duties. The author refers frequently to "The Constables' Guide," published many years ago by Mr. Adam Wilson, Q. C., now the Senior Puisne Judge of the Queen's Bench. Constables in this country are not perhaps, as a class, as dense as story books say that their brethren in Great Britain are, but we can well fancy that a daily dose of this manual would do them no harm. We recommend them to try it. They might spend some of their fees to worse advantage.

MAYNE'S TREATISE ON DAMAGES.

Third edition. By John D. Mayne, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, and Lumley Smith, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law, late Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1877.

The first edition of this standard work was published in 1856, and the second in 1872. The last edition, somewhat more bulky than its predecessor, is in many respects a new book, the additions, alterations and omissions being numerous. Owing to the large number of English and Irish cases that required notice, no American cases decided since the previous edition are referred to. In fact, these are so multitudinous that it

would have been impossible, with any regard to the aim of the author, to have noted them, even in the most cursory manner.

This text book is so well-known, not only as the highest authority on the subject treated of, but as one of the best text books ever written, that it would be idle for us to speak of it in the words of commendation that it deserves. Suffice it to say that its reputation will not suffer from the labours of the learned authors in this last edition. It is of course a work that no practising lawyer can do without; and probably before this is read all those who pretend to have *any* "implements of trade," they will have provided themselves with a copy of it. If not, we should advise them at once to procure it. The excellence of the matter is equalled by the excellence of the manner in which its enterprising publishers present it to the public.

AMERICAN LAW REVIEW. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. April, 1878.

This is one of the most welcome of our exchanges. The number before us begins with a sketch of a new plan of electing a President for the United States. The writer advocates election by lot. The present mode can scarcely be said to be perfect. Our neighbours are beginning to find that democracy is not such a splendid system after all. They may be said, however, to be still "young and foolish," being only a hundred years old, and will learn wisdom as they grow in years. The best part, perhaps, of this publication is the book reviews. They are of the most discriminating character—full, fair, and candid. Other interesting matters of information are the Digests of English and American Cases, quarterly list of new law books, summary of events, &c.

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