## BOOK REVIEWS

default, to terminate the policy. Upon that plea issue will be joined." This illustration and this quotation give an idea of Mr. Ewart's method of treatment of questions of insurance.

One remarkable thing about the book is that it does not inform the reader how the case under discussion was actually decided. The author does not say whether a right or a wrong result was reached in the case cited. A case is cited in order to criticise it and show an erroneous line of reasoning adopted in the opinion. It is the erroneous use of the terms "waiver" and "forfeiture" that he is after; and their illogical application to the transaction involved in the case.

The lawyer who follows the lines of the author's reasoning should escape the confusing maze of the cases upon the subject of Waiver as well as those upon the subject of Forfeiture.

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The Law applied to Motor Vehicles, citing all the reported cases decided during the first fifteen years of the use of Motor Vehicles upon the public thoroughfares. By CHARLES J. BABBITT of the Massachusetts Bar. Second edition by ARTHUR W. BLAKEMORE of the Massachusetts Bar. John Byrne & Co., Washington, D.C., 1917.

Although this is a second edition we must give it a little fuller notice than is usually accorded to a second edition.

The subject matter is one that grows apace in importance and in the volume of litigation which results from increased business as well as from the many developments in various lines of that business.

It is a subject which largely comes under the rules affecting municipal law, using that word in its widest sense; it nevertheless brings up questions of contracts, torts, trespass, negligence, damages, warranties, highway law, etc. Personal injuries as well as injuries to property are necessarily dealt with. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that any work attempting to deal with these varied subjects has to cover a wider range than most law books; and must necessarily be a somewhat ponderous volume. This work occupies over 1250 pages.

For the reason above mentioned it is a compendium of the latest decisions on a variety of subjects, and so will be useful to the practitioner in hunting up law in matters which are only incidentally connected with motor vehicles, and which arise in reference to this new development of science and mechanics.