

DISCOUNT. — An abatement on the regular price of goods; an amount deducted for payment of money before it is due.

In lending money, Banks obtain interest for a larger sum than that really lent, by deducting the interest from the amount specified in the note, and giving to the borrower the amount thus diminished. This is called *discounting a note*.

DRAFT. — An order from one person or bank to another, requesting the payment of money to a third person or his order. (See **BILL OF EXCHANGE.**)

DUE BILL. — A written acknowledgment of indebtedness.

INDORSE. — To write one's name across the back of a draft or promissory note. The person who thus writes his name is called an *indorser*. By indorsing a bill a person becomes liable to meet its obligations. *General indorsement* consists simply in writing one's name across the back of a bill; *special indorsement* directs that payment be made to the order of some specified person.

INSOLVENT. — Bankrupt; a person is said to be insolvent when he is unable to pay his debts, or when his liabilities are greater than his assets.

INVENTORY. — A list of the items of one's property.

INVOICE. — A written statement of goods bought at one time, containing items and prices. A bill of parcels.

LIABILITIES. — What a person owes.

NOTE OF HAND. — A promissory note; a written promise to pay money. A *joint note* is signed by two or more persons. A *joint and several note* is signed by two or more persons any one of whom is liable to be called on for full payment.

When a Note of Hand is drawn, payable to a certain person named, only he or his attorney can collect it. When it is drawn payable to a certain person named *or order*, the person named as payee may indorse it, — that is, write his name on the back of it, and it can be collected by any person into whose hands it may come.

ORDER. — A written request for payment of money, or delivery of goods, to a third person on account of the person who signs the order.

PROTEST. — A protest is a solemn declaration made under seal by a notary public, — stating that acceptance or payment of a certain bill has been demanded and refused, and giving the reasons for refusal, and the object of the protest. The process of protesting