

Fisher's work on mortgages, which has long been a standard authority on the subject, has been retained except where an alteration has since taken place in the law and the alterations and additions by the present editor are distinguished in the present edition which is brought up to date and includes many cases decided in 1897. The work has been completely rearranged and entirely new chapters added on mortgage debentures, mortgages of choses in action, and mortgages by tenants for life and limited owners. Altogether it is a most valuable and complete epitome of the law of mortgages and securities. More than 900 new cases are added and the index is a model of completeness.

MISCELLANY.

"Now, your honor," argued the attorney in the court of Justice Brown, of Santa Rosa, "I move dismissal of this case on the ground that the *corpus delicti* has not been established."

Judge Brown rubbed his chin in a perplexed way, fixed his gaze on the ceiling for a moment, and then, clearing his throat, said: "Of course it is an old principle of law that the probator must correspond with the alligator, and in this case I am of the belief that the *corpus* is all right, but I don't know about the *delicti*."

"Your honor, I want that to go into the record," demanded the opposing counsel. "I want the record to show that your honor said the *corpus* is all right, but you do not know about the *delicti*."

Judge Brown realized that he had blundered and sat staring at the attorney for a moment. Then, pulling himself together, he said: "All right, let that go into the record, but you fellows know danged well I was only joking when I said it, and that will go into the record, too."—*San Francisco Post*.

MIXED METAPHOR IN THE WEST.—It is related that a Montana legislator, when some corrections in spelling and grammar in his bill were called to his attention by the committee, said: "Why, you fellows have mutilated it!" It was the same statesman who said, in addressing a committee of which he was a member: "The muddy slough of politics was the bowlder upon which the law was split in twain, and fell in a thousand pieces from the pedro of justice. Let us, then, gear up our lions, that we can go forth with a clear head."—*Chicago Law Journal Weekly*.

JUDGE—"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against you."

Prisoner—"Only this. I think you ought to hang the man the prosecution has been talking about; but the man my lawyer has told you about you ought to acquit, and beg his pardon for arresting him."—*Albany Law Journal*.

A LUDICROUS STATE OF AFFAIRS exists in Darlington, Ind. Rev. A. N. Cave, a young minister of that place, was recently admitted to the Montgomery county bar, and soon after announced to his townsmen that he would tender his legal services free to all in need of them. This aroused the ire of the village lawyer, Sam S. Martin, who now declares that he will preach free of charge to any congregation desiring his services.

Here is a legal dilemma.—Judge—Who owns the mule?

Casey—I own wan half ov him an' Fogarty owns the ithur, yer haner.

Judge—Then what's the trouble?

Casey—Fogarty won't let his half work.

Judge—Court's adjourned. I must look up the law.—*Judge*.