

The Law of Copyright and Designs with the Practice Relating to Proceedings in the Courts Under the Various Acts and Rules with Full Appendix of Statutory Forms and Precedents. Second edition. By EDMUNDS and BENTWICH. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 3 Chancery Lane. 1908.

The reason for this edition is the necessity for a re-statement of the English Law of Designs owing to the recent passing of the Patents and Designs Act which has consolidated various statutory divisions previously in force. As the number of designs registered in England last year was over 26,000, one can easily imagine that there was need to give to the many parties interested all available assistance.

Law Reports Annotated. N. S. Rochester, N.Y.: Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co. 1908.

Of the making of reports there is no end. How learned we all should be, if we had the diligence of Lord Coke, and lived as long as Methuselah. This is a most excellent series of United States reports, issued with the promptitude and ability for which the company is noted. The digest of vols. 1 to 12 has also been received, giving a reference to and a digest of the cases appearing in these 12 volumes covering a period of the last two years.

United States Decisions.

The construction of a bridge approach in a public street in such a way as to destroy the access to abutting property and impound snow and water thereon is held, in *Ranson v. Sault Ste. Marie*, 143 Mich. 661, 107 N.W. 439, 15 L.R.A. (N.S.) 49, to be a taking for which compensation must be made. A note to this case collates the other authorities on cutting off access to a highway as a taking.

A real estate agent authorized by express contract to sell property at a certain price is held, in *Ball v. Dolan* (S.D.) 114 N.W. 998, 15 L.R.A. (N.S.) 272, to have no right to recover on a quantum meruit for the value of his services in finding a purchaser who pays less than that sum, where the owner receives no benefit from the agent's services, although the agent is present and assists in the sale, and the owner changes the price.