

*Life and Present Value Tables.* For ascertaining the present value of Dower, Curtesy, and other Life Estates, Annuities and other stated incomes, damages for death or disability from wrongful act, negligence, or default, etc. Computed and compiled by Florian Giaque, A.M., and Henry B. McClure, A.M., members of the Cincinnati Bar. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., Publishers, 1894.

This book contains, among other matter, a brief account of tables of mortality, annuity, etc., showing the basis and history of these tables, the authors pointing out some erroneous methods sometimes followed. Also tables and rules for their use, compiled from single-life annuity tables, for ascertaining the present value of *vested* dower and of curtesy, and of other life estates, besides other tables too numerous and elaborate for description. Our readers will please take it for granted that they are all there. It is stated that every computation for each of the 304 tables mentioned above was made by Mr. Giaque and by Mr. McClure and by a third person, each working independently, and their separate results were afterward compared. We confess that we are utterly incompetent to express any opinion as to the value of this work; but feel great respect for any man who could go through so many figures and then survive to put them in book form.

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*Treatise on the Patent Law of the Dominion of Canada.* Including the Revised Patent Act, as amended to date, with Annotations. The Patent Office Rules and Forms, General Forms, and Forms relating to Practice in the Exchequer Court of Canada, etc. By John G. Ridout (late C.E.), Barrister, Solicitor, etc., of the firm of Ridout & Maybee, Solicitors of Patents and Experts, of the city of Toronto, Canada. Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchison, 74 and 76 King Street East, Law Publishers and Booksellers. 1894.

The appearance of the book is timely. It is now half a century or so since Patent Law has become an important branch of learning and interest in this country, and up to this time there has been no book of reference and no collection of cases bearing on the subject. Resort was necessarily had to English and American authors.

Every man's work must, of course, depend on its intrinsic