

*The Commercial Code of Japan.* By YANG YIN HANG, graduate in law of the Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan; Master of Law, University of Pennsylvania. Boston Book Co. 1911.

The commercial code of Japan is founded mainly on the commercial code of Germany, and contains also elements from the codes of other continental countries, with, of course, some administrative provisions due to Japanese conditions. It is an interesting book to have in one's library in these days of Oriental progress.

*Topham's Real Property.* An introductory explanation of the law relating to land. 2nd ed. By ALFRED F. TOPHAM, LL.M. Barrister-at-law. London: Butterworth & Co., Bell Yard. 1911.

This book is intended for students, giving an outline of the law sufficient for ordinary examinations on real property. Test questions for the use of students have been prepared by F. Porter Fawcett, B.A., Barrister-at-law, which will be helpful for students in preparing for examination, giving them some idea of what they may expect on that nervous occasion.

### Flotsam and Jetsam.

Mr. Mason, of New England, was cross-examining a witness who had previously testified to having heard Mr. Mason's client make a certain statement, and it was upon the evidence of that statement that the adversary's case was based. Mr. Mason led the witness round to his statement, and again it was repeated *verbatim*. Then, without warning, he walked to the stand, and pointing straight at the witness said, in his high, impassioned voice, "Let's see that paper you've got in your waistcoat pocket!" Taken completely by surprise, the witness mechanically drew a paper from the pocket indicated, and handed it to Mr. Mason. The lawyer slowly read the exact words of the witness in regard to the statement, and called attention to the fact that they were in the handwriting of the lawyer on the other side. "Mr. Mason, how under the sun did you know that paper was there?" asked a brother lawyer. "Well," replied Mr. Mason, "I thought he gave that part of his testimony just as if he had heard it, and I noticed every time he repeated it he put his hand to his waistcoat pocket, and then let it fall again."