

A Guide to the Law of Betting, Civil and Criminal. By HERBERT W. ROWSELL and CLARENCE G. MORAN, Barristers-at-law. London: Butterworth & Co., law publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar. 1911.

This is a well-arranged collection of the law on a subject of general interest, and claims to have collected all the cases on the subject. They are grouped with explanatory comments in which the authors do not fail to express their own opinions. The book begins thus, "What is a bet? Very few English laymen would admit their inability to answer the question, 'What is a bet?' But when one is asked to frame his reply in a definition capable of bearing the test of a legal analysis, the surprising difficulty of the task becomes apparent to him." The first reference is to a case where the expression, "playing the game," now in common use, is to be found. In that case, it was the "game of foot racing." We commend the book as well to the betting fraternity as to those on the Bench, and others who seek to restrain this common development of the frailty of human nature.

United States Decisions.

BILLS AND NOTES.—A recital in a promissory note that it is secured by deed of trust is held in *Zollman v. Jackson Trust & S. Bank* (Ill.), 32 L.R.A. (N.S.) 858, not to destroy its negotiability, so as to charge a purchaser for value, before maturity, with notice of latent defences which the maker may have against the payee.

BILLS OF LADING.—A bank which cashes a draft in its favour, with bill of lading attached, is held in *Cosmos Cotton Co. v. First Nat. Bank* (Ala.), 32 L.R.A. (N.S.) 1173, not to be liable to the consignee who pays the draft upon presentation, for shortage or inferiority of quality in the shipment.

CARRIERS.—A railroad company is held in *Commonwealth v. Illinois C. R. Co.* (Ky.), 32 L.R.A. (N.S.) 801, not to be punishable for hauling the sleeping car of another corporation, which is not provided with compartments for coloured persons and does not bear any indication of the race for which it is set apart, or having no additional separate sleeping car for coloured passen-