

cases. The time has scarcely come for a treatise, as the law, speaking generally, is in an unsettled condition and new points are arising daily in reference to transportation by motor vehicles on land, and as to navigation in the air. It takes time and a consensus of judicial thought to evolve principles of law on any new subject. As the writer correctly says, motor vehicles involve, in one connection or another, almost everything under the sun. So that a treatise on motor vehicles for land or air must, eventually be evolved from such a text-book digest as Mr. Davids has given us.

He describes the motor vehicle as a chattel, also as a piece of machinery, also as a device for transportation of persons or merchandise on highways, and also as an instrument with which a tort or crime is committed. In this last aspect it has been much in evidence, and has very properly been classed as a sort of "wild beast" that is to be handled after the manner set forth in *Rylands v. Fletcher*.

The book is divided into chapters which discuss definitions and descriptive terms, legal status, regulation of use of motors, mutual rights of vehicles on highways, crossing railroad tracks, condition of highways with respect to these vehicles, injury to highways or adjoining property, owner's liability for negligence of drivers, rights of passengers, penal responsibility, contracts, aviation, etc. The arrangement is convenient and the cases made easily available for reference.

Within the limits which the author has prescribed for himself, the book will be a very useful one in every lawyer's library, and we commend it to the notice of our readers.

*The Principles of Equity, intended for the use of students and of practitioners.* By EDMUND H. T. SNELL, Barrister-at-law. Sixteenth edition, by ARCHIBALD BROWN, M.A. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar. 1912.

It was in 1875 that law and equity were effectively fused in England, and this is the sixteenth edition of "Snell's Equity," which has been published since then. It is unnecessary to do more than to state the appearance of this new edition. Every student knows that such a book exists, as no course of legal training seems to be complete without it. The present edition does not materially differ from its predecessors except that it incorporates all new relevant decisions and statutes.