

EXPLANATORY PREFACE.

THIS volume is a Digest, or rather a Digested Abstract, of all the American Cases, so far as they could be obtained, relating to Patents for Inventions, Copyright, and Trade-Marks.

It owes its origin to a want experienced by the Author, of some work which should contain a general summary of the Statute Law and of the Decisions of the Courts in respect to Patents for Inventions, and was commenced for the purpose of supplying such deficiency.

To render the work more complete, the decisions relating to the kindred subjects of Copyright and Trade-Marks are included in it.

The whole number of cases digested is eight hundred and thirty-four, of which seven hundred and thirty-four have reference to Patents for Inventions, and the remaining cases, in about equal proportion, relate to Copyright and Trade-Marks.

Of such cases, about four hundred are to be found in the Reports of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States, which now number over one hundred volumes; over fifty cases have been obtained from the various Law Periodicals which have from time to time been published, and which exceed eighty volumes; and some eighty are Manuscript Cases, or cases which have been determined in the Federal Courts but which are not to be found in any of the Reports or Law Periodicals. The opinions of the Attorneys-General of the United States have also been examined, and some thirty cases, having reference to the Patent and Copyright Laws, have been taken therefrom; and about one