

through some volume devoted to home amusements if it were only at hand.

Again, it often happens that persons desire to have some legal paper drawn in correct form, and yet do not wish to pay a lawyer's fee for such service. To all such a work giving the most approved legal forms apt to be needed in the various relations of life, must be most welcome. The forms presented in this work are those which have been sanctioned by long usage, and by the approval of the courts in various parts of the country.

It was the object of the author in the preparation of this work to cover as wide a range of subjects as was possible, without sacrificing the practical character of the book. He has aimed to make it a treasury of information upon the subjects that are constantly arising in the daily life of all classes. He has spared no pains to attain this object, and offers the work to the public with the hope that with its thousands of statements of facts, its full and varied tables for reference, its practical directions and suggestions, and its effort to treat all the subjects touched upon in a clear and common-sense manner, it may meet the needs of all classes of the American people.

To render the work attractive to the young, as well as to older persons, a carefully selected series of rules and instructions in the most popular games and amusements has been introduced. These are all healthful and innocent sports, and nothing objectionable even to the most rigid sense of propriety has been touched upon. The laws of the various games presented in this volume have been drawn from the latest as well as the most reliable publications concerning them. The work embraces in a single volume the rules of all the games most popular with young persons, and of some new sports which are just being introduced into this country.

It has been the earnest aim of the author to embody in these pages the latest conclusions of the most eminent authorities in the various departments embraced in the work, and to do so in as attractive and popular a manner as possible. Believing that there is a genuine need of such a work, he offers it to the public trusting that it may supply this need.

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