

Book Reviews.

Principles of Equity, by EDMUND H. T. SNELL, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-law. 14th edition by Archibald Browne, M.A., Barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1905.

This is a book published for the use of students, but not for them alone, as practitioners are well aware. As the egg is full of meat so is this book full of law; so full indeed that a cold shudder comes over most law students as they receive the paper set thereon at examinations. It is too well known to need further notice.

How to attract and hold an audience, by J. BERG ESENWEIN, A.M., Lit. D. Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, publishers, 31-35 West 15th Street, New York, 1904.

This is a popular treatise on the nature, preparation and delivery of public discourses and though not a law book is a useful as well as interesting book for lawyers to read, especially for those whose duties call them to speak in public. It is divided into four parts: The theory of spoken discourse; preparation of the discourse; preparation of the speaker, and delivery; these being again divided into a variety of sub-heads.

The English Press has taken it for granted that the assassin of the Grand Duke Sergius, whose name seems still to be unknown, is foredoomed to the gallows. This, however, is not the case. Murder, unless the victim be either the Czar himself or the heir to the throne, is not in Russia necessarily punished with death. Capital punishment for this crime was abolished as long ago as 1753. Since that date murderers in Russia have merely been condemned to hard labour, the sentence being from eight years up to twenty—parricides for life. On the expiration of the term they are settled free in Siberia, but may in no circumstances return to Russia. Eastern Siberia swarms with liberated assassins, yet, says Prince Kropotkin (in "Russian and French Prisons"), there is hardly another country where one may travel or sojourn in greater security. On the other hand, throughout Western Siberia, a region to which murderers are not exiled, murder and robbery are common offences. As regards the assassin of the Grand Duke, although his fate is not a foregone conclusion, we may be pretty sure that a way will be found to send him to execution. If he cannot be condemned under the civil laws, he will almost certainly be tried by a military tribunal, which would have power to pass sentence of death.—*Law Times*,