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BILLS OF EXCHANGE :—

A Digest of the Law of Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and Cheques : by M. D. Chalmers, M.A. Ed. 2. Stevens & Sons : London : 1881. 1 Vol.

BRACTON :—

Henrici de Bracton de legibus et consuetudinibus Anglio. Edited by Sir Travers Twiss, Q.C., D.C.L. Published by the authority of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. Vol. 4. London : 1881.

COMPANIES :—

A summary of the Law of Companies, by T. Eustace Smith. Ed. 2. Stevens & Haynes : London : 1871. 1 Vol.

COMPANIES :—

Company precedents for use in relation to Companies subject to the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1880, with copious notes, by F. B. Palmer. Ed. 2. Stevens & Sons : London : 1881. 1 Vol.

CONVEYANCING :—

Prideaux's Precedents in Conveyancing ; with dissertations on its Law and Practice. Ed. 11. By F. Prideaux and J. Whitcombe. Stevens & Sons : London : 1882. 2 Vols.

DIGEST :—

An analytical digest of the cases published in the New Series of the Law Journal Reports and other contemporary reports from Mich. Sittings, 1875, to Trinity Sittings 1880, with references to the statutes passed during the same period : by Cecil C. M. Dale, Esq., assisted by George A. Streeten : E. B. Ince : London : 1881. 1 Vol.

FIXTURES :—

The Law of Fixtures in the principal relation of landlord and tenant, and in all the other or general relations, showing also the precise effects of the various modern statutes upon the subject, and incorporating the principal American decisions : by Archibald Brown. Ed. 4. Stevens & Haynes : London : 1881. 1 Vol.

SALE OF GOODS :—

The law relating to the sale of goods and commercial agency : by Robert Campbell, M.A. Stevens & Haynes : London : 1881.

STATUTES :—

Chitty's Collection of Statutes of Practical Utility, arranged in alphabetical and chronological order, with notes thereon. Ed. 4. Containing the statutes and cases down to the end of the second session of the year 1880 : by J. M. Laby, Esq. Henry Sweet : London : 1880. 6 Vols.

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The following, we need scarcely say, comes from Ireland :—

Every process server shall before service compare the copies of the civil bills delivered to him for service with their respective originals, and *prior to the service of such copies* endorse his name upon the original, the time when, the manner in which, and the place where such service was made, and the person (whether relative or servant) on whom the same was served.

The extract is from 'Rules for the Guidance of Process Servers,' issued by the clerk of the peace for County Clare. After this we should think that process servers will give up the business in despair. The Court, whose officer he is, appears to be harder upon him than even the defendant and his sympathising friends are said sometimes to be. A man may escape being made to eat the writ he is serving, but how can any merely human process server record the details of an event before it happens?—*Law Journal*.

The head-note to *Smith v. The Great Eastern Railway Company*, L. R. 2 C. P., runs as follows :—

The plaintiff was bitten by a stray dog at a railway station while waiting for a train. It was proved that, at 9 p.m., the dog flew at and tore the dress of another female on the platform ; that, at 10.30, he attacked a cat in the signal box near the station, when the porter there kicked him out and saw no more of him, and that he made his appearance again at 10.40 on the platform, where he bit the plaintiff. Held no evidence to warrant a jury in finding that the company had been guilty of any negligence in keeping the station reasonably safe for passengers.

In this inimitable tale it is difficult to know which most to admire—the rapidity with which the hero changes his sex, being first a dog, then attacking 'another female,' and then again a 'he ;' or the punctuality of this dog, putting to shame the best express train of the company which so basely repudiated him, or the anticlimax, by which, after all this graphic history of tearing, cat-baiting, and kicking, no one has to pay for it.—*Law Journal*.