

so, it was thought best to enlarge the work—many portions of which have, for the present edition, been entirely rewritten—and to employ the best professional talent to make it what they desired, A KEY TO THE LAWS.

Of the immense value of a well-prepared manual of this nature, there can be no question. Wrongs are suffered and money lost every day because people generally are unacquainted with their legal rights, or means of redress. One half of the law suits which come before the Courts are brought about because some person was ignorant of a simple fact of law which he should have known; and it is undeniable that an acquaintance with the elementary principles of law would enable many a man to steer clear of litigation.

To preserve this work within the dimensions of a hand-book, and yet comprise in it a reference to all subjects of a useful nature, has required no little labour.

Throughout the book technical terms and expressions have been, as far as possible, eschewed, and plain and simple language employed. A glossary of law terms is appended to explain words the use of which could not be avoided.

In the present edition the law is brought down to the beginning of the present year.

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