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## PREFACE.

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THE Law of Evidence is almost entirely case-law ; yet there is no collection of leading cases on the subject published in this Country. This book is an attempt to supply an apparent want.

The writer's aim has been—

(1) To select from the Reports the leading case on each of the most important points in the Law of Evidence.

(2) To extract the Principle from each case and state it as a headnote thereto.

(3) To state, where necessary and possible, sufficient of the facts to make the point of evidence clear, excluding all other facts as confusing.

(4) To give all the portions of the judgments, in the Judges' own words, having reference to the point of evidence involved, emphasising in heavy type the most important passages, but excluding all other portions of the judgments.

(5) To give a few preliminary notes introducing cases of a class, and a few footnotes explanatory of individual cases, where such appeared necessary.

(6) To provide an unusually full and systematic table of contents, as a summary or analysis of the whole subject.

It is believed that this table of contents, read together with the headnotes, will give a fairly complete outline of the Law of Evidence.

With regard to the facts involved in the cases, in some instances they do not appear in the Reports, the point of Evidence only being stated. In other cases the facts are quite immaterial to the point of Evidence involved, and it has been thought better to omit them, together with such portions of the judgments as refer only to such facts and throw no light upon the point of Evidence.

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