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### PREFACE.

The subject of this Treatise has assumed an interest and importance, within the past quarter of a century, not inferior to that attached to any branch of the law connected with the affairs of trade and commerce.

The instruments by which the manufacturer or the merchant, is enabled to designate the merchandise that he makes, or sells, so that its identity in the marts of commerce shall be faithfully preserved, are often valuable beyond estimation, for the reason that the merchandise itself, without these, would become comparatively valueless.

The manner in which property in these instruments may be acquired; by whom it may be possessed; of what such instruments must consist in order to entitle him who adopts and uses them, to protection in their exclusive use as property; what is in law, a violation of such exclusive right; and what are the remedies by which such violation may be prevented or redressed; are questions, the answers to which constitute the law of Trade Marks.

These answers are only to be found distributed through the books of reports of judicial decisions of the courts of England and the United States, and no attempt has ever yet been made to collate or digest them.

The great inconvenience arising from the want of a work in which has been performed the labor of gathering together these scattered authorities, and extracting from them the principles, and doctrines, and rules, which they are found to establish, has been often and seriously felt by the author, in the performance of his professional duties, and is made a subject of complaint by his brethren, both of the bench and bar, whenever a trade mark controversy arises for investigation, discussion or determination.

These considerations, to which may be added the very vague and imperfect notions which confessedly exist in relation to this interesting branch of the law, as well in the profession itself, as among laymen, and those whose business interests require some familiarity with its principles, have induced the present undertaking.

If it shall be found to have been performed in a manner sufficient to remove, or even to diminish, the inconveniences heretofore experienced—especially, if it have the effect, however partial and limited, of causing juster ideas to prevail concerning the peculiar character of property of which it treats, and of inducing a more extended familiarity with the principles upon which its recognition and protection are based, the author will have the satisfaction of having discharged a portion, small though it be, of that debt which my Lord Bacon justly holds to be due, from every man to his profession.

New York, June, 1860.

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