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*"If there's a hole in a' your coats,  
"I rade ye tent it;  
"A chiel's amang ye taking notes,  
"And, faith, he'll prent it." — BURNS.*

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*"A little nonsense, now and then,  
"Is relished by the wisest men." — ANONYMOUS.*





## PREFACE.

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The following pages are the offspring of a desire to instruct the would-be court reporter in the application of stenography to the recording of judicial proceedings, and to assist him to surmount the many obstacles which beset his path; to place before the trial lawyer the difficult nature of the labors of the court stenographer, and to paint for the law student a true picture of the life of the court-room: to the end, that the mere stenographer may, if he choose, become a competent court reporter; that the trial lawyer may discover how to obtain the best work from the latter, and that the law student may learn the various steps in the trial of cases as they are, in fact, taken.

The book is intended, primarily, for the stenographer; incidentally, for trial lawyers and law students. My object has been to present to the stenographer every important phase of court reporting, to show and explain the methods generally used in doing it, and to describe the nature and meaning of the various features of a trial.

I have not assumed to instruct respecting subjects of which I do not have personal knowledge. On the

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contrary, I have confined myself to matters which have come within the range of my experience.

In the treatment of the subject-matter, lucidity and terseness have been made paramount to mere literary excellence.

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