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INTRODUCTION

The author of this book, Inspector Cahalane, is in charge of the Training School of the New York Police Department. He is a practical policeman, having been through all the ranks of the force, and he has, to a marked extent, the habit of viewing police work in the light of the service it can render the community. I have thought so well of the book that it has been printed and distributed to all members of the force for their information and guidance.

The policeman's job is hard. He is exposed to all weathers, at all hours of the day or night. In emergencies he is on duty many extra continuous, wearing hours. He must grapple, without hesitation, with any situation that arises, no matter at what risk to life. He must be capable of using whatever degree of force may be necessary to capture outlaws; yet he must be courteous and considerate to civilians, even in the most irritating circumstances.

To do his difficult duty as he should, he must know the laws and ordinances—and they are legion; must know his duties, and the extent and the limitations of his powers; must be intimately acquainted with the ways of criminals, and thoroughly versed in the best methods of circumventing them. *Police Practice and Procedure* goes into all these matters better than any other book I know, and will be of the greatest value in clarifying the task of policemen and increasing their efficiency.

But the public should co-operate. They can help most

by learning enough of the working methods of criminals to be able to take intelligent preventive measures. A large percentage of the crimes committed in New York City are preventable. If civilians will read in this book the pages, especially, on crimes and criminals, and will take such reasonable precautions as suggest themselves, we shall all sleep safer, and the police force will be helped greatly in fulfilling its primary duty: the prevention of crime.

ARTHUR WOODS,
Police Commissioner.

Police Headquarters,
November 25, 1914.

The information contained in this book is offered with the hope that it may instruct and assist the man on post and simplify his many duties. It has been gathered in the course of years of study and observation of police conditions. In its preparation I have become indebted to so many persons, in and out of the Department, who have specialized in particular branches of police work, that it would be impracticable for me to mention all their names, and I take this means of extending to them my sincere thanks for their assistance and advice.

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