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Husband and Wife culled from the leading decisions of many of the states of the Union.

No preface advises us of the purpose of the author in writing the book. After a forty-six page Introduction defining, by numerous quotations from opinions of courts in various states, the marriage status, both at common law and under the statutes, extraterritorial recognition of the married status, common law marriage, husband, wife, family, head of family, competency of parties, child, children and domicile of wife, the author proceeds to discuss the following subjects: Agency, Contracts, Business, Gifts, Services, Partnership between Husband and Wife, Necessaries, Suits between Husband and Wife, Adverse Possession, Separate Estate, Conveyances, Estoppel, Alienation of Affections, Abandonment, Divorce, Alimony, Community Property, Notes, Torts Dower and Curtesy and Jointure.

A peculiar feature of the book is that there are no chapter numbers, nor subdivision of chapters into sections. Each of the subjects embraced in the book is dealt with separately and the same style and policy is followed in reference to their presentation as was employed in the Introduction; namely, statements of the law, followed by citations and quotations from cases decided in many different states. No attempt is made to divide the subjects according to jurisdiction.

One cannot but be impressed by the tremendous research and work of arranging the material undertaken by the author in preparing the book for publication. To one who wishes to study the law of husband and wife as a whole throughout the United States, without reference to any particular state, the book should prove very valuable and a veritable mine of information. But its usefulness to the practicing attorney who is interested principally in the law of his own state, is considerably diminished by the absence of a table of cases and the lack of an index of any kind.

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