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rates, the deceased, until his death, had actually received the full benefit as an expectant, conditional beneficiary. Accordingly it seems probable that the court was influenced in finding an implied contract as a basis for recovery rather by the equities of the case than by any established legal justification."

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PENNSYLVANIA PRACTICE, PART 1

A selection of Statutes, Rules and Forms, with Annotations, published by David Werner Amram in 1922, Revised and Enlarged by Philip Werner Amram in 1930, Philadelphia.

The original edition of this book contained a table of contents printed on the last of its 126 pages. It contained no index. The present edition contains an index covering pages 162 to 167 but has no table of contents. Neither contains a table of cases nor a table of statutes. This suggests that the books were intended for consecutive study by pupils of the authors rather than as working books for the busy lawyer, who frequently seeks to find the latest discussion of a point covered by a familiar case or well known statute. A table of statutes would have made it easy to turn to the discussion of the recent statutory changes in the law relating to matters of practice but these can only be found by one who knows the subjects to which they relate. The last edition of Patton's Practice does not include the statutes passed at the 1927 and 1929 sessions of the legislature. Amram, of course, embodies these and many late decisions in his new edition. He makes no reference however to valuable articles in legal periodicals, such as the one on the Sci. Fa. Act of 1929 in the August number of the Temple Law Quarterly nor is his citation of cases exhaustive. No reference was found to the Acts of 1929 allowing other claimants to become parties to suits on official bonds and for the consolidation of suits growing out of the same accident. The decisions of the appellate

courts, however, have been carefully brought down to date.

The authors' work on the Practice Act of 1915 has earned a reputation as a scholarly work and pages 38 to 77 are devoted to a condensed discussion of practice under the act as amended. On page 44 it is observed: "Now the reply is quite general, and with the passage of the 'new matter' amendments of 1929, it can be expected that the simplifying effects of the original act will be largely destroyed".

Some changes in the arrangement of subject matter are to be noted, e. g. "Survival of Actions" is now found under "Parties", instead of being placed at the end of the book between "Judgments" and "Amendments".

Part I covers the progress of a suit from summons to judgment, motions to open and to strike off judgments, and declaratory judgments. Part II, a revision of which is promised by the publishers, is devoted to the various types of execution, the several types of attachment and to replevin and ejectment.

The authors have succeeded in condensing a tremendous amount of information in compact form and have inserted at appropriate places enough forms to render the text understandable to the student. The work is well done and can be heartily recommended.

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