

The Constitutional History of New York, from the beginning of the Colonial Period to the Year 1905, showing the origin, development, and judicial construction of the Constitution. By Charles Z. Lincoln, member of the New York Constitutional Convention of 1894, and for Six Years (1895-1900), Chairman of the Statutory Revision Commission and Legal Adviser to Governors Morton, Black and Roosevelt. In five Volumes. The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y., 1906. Price, \$15.00. Review will follow.

HUMOR OF THE LAW.

This is the way the eminent lawyer, William B. Hornblower, feels on the Philippines:

A client of mine came into my office the other day looking solemn.

"What's the matter?" said I.

"My colored coachman has died and remembered me in his will," said he.

"Oh that was nice of him," I said.

"Nice, hell," said my client. "He has made me testamentary guardian of his ten minor children.—*Exchange*."

At a hearing before an Irish dispenser of justice in Pennsylvania the 'Squire stopped the proceedings and began writing industriously.

"What are you doing, 'Squire?" asked the attorney for the prisoner.

"I'm committing the man to jail," answered the 'Squire.

"But you can't do that," asserted the astonished attorney.

"I can't, can't I? and me a-doin' it," was the calm reply.—*Lippincott's*.

A recent action in a New York village before a justice of the peace was tried on a claim of damages for injuries to the plaintiff's health caused by the crowing of defendant's rooster at an untimely hour in the morning, and the consequent loss of sleep by the plaintiff. After a day spent in the swearing of witnesses on both sides the jury brought in a verdict of no cause of action. This appears to establish, so far as a village jury can do it, that a rooster, by immemorial custom, has the privilege of crowing at such hour as he pleases in the morning.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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