

ELWELL ON MALPRACTICE.

A Medico-Legal Treatise on Malpractice, Medical Evidence and Insanity, comprising the Elements of Medical Jurisprudence, by John J. Elwell, M. D., member of the Cleveland Bar, one of the Editors of New Edition of Bouvier's Law Dictionary, Professor in Ohio State and Union Law College and Western Reserve Medical College, etc., etc. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co., 1881. Pp. 600.

THIS work was originally published in 1859. It has received the highest encomiums of such competent critics as Dr. Carpenter, the great English physiologist, Dr. Ordrounaux, and William Curtis Noyes. A pretty careful examination has led us to believe that these commendations are deserved. It has the advantage of being written by a lawyer as well as a physician. It is distinguished by the boldness and independence of its criticisms upon leading cases, both in their legal and in their medical aspects. We have found it very entertaining as well as instructive, disclosing much that is new, and treating the old in a new manner. The book is handsomely printed.

JONES ON CHATTEL MORTGAGES.

A Treatise on the Law of Mortgages of Personal Property. By Leonard A. Jones, Author of Treatises on "Mortgages of Real Property," and "Railroad Securities," Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1881. Pp. xxxv, 657.

Mr. Jones is very favorably known by his cognate treatises mentioned in the title. He also announces, as in preparation, treatises on Pledges and Liens. This will constitute a unique and valuable series. The present work has been in some measure foretold by the author's writings in the *Southern Law Review*, and there as well as here, we have had occasion to examine his treatment with some care, and we now feel no hesitation in commending this work as in a very high degree comprehensive, succinct, clear and trustworthy. We have never found any work more free from diffuseness and padding. For judicious compression, combined with reasonable lucidity, it may be ranked with Mr. Pierce's *Law of Railroads*. The topic is a very vexatious and difficult one, but Mr. Jones has exhibited and treated the conflicting rulings with great method, fullness and discrimination. While there is no lack of works on this subject, the present has distinguishing excellencies and no noteworthy blemishes, and it will prove an invaluable assistant. The printing is excellent.

BUMP'S FEDERAL PROCEDURE.

Federal Procedure. The Title Judiciary in the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the Rules Promulgated by the Supreme Court, and Forms, together with Notes referring to all Decisions Reported to January 1, 1881, by Orlando F. Bump, author of "Law and Practice in Bankruptcy," "Law of Patents," "Fraudulent Conveyancing," etc. Baltimore: Cushings & Bailey, 1881; pp. 975.

Mr. Bump, for his volume on the Bankrupt Law, has received the most substantial encomiums of the profession. Edition after edition was required to satisfy

the demand. Following the same general plan of notes to the sections which he then adopted, Mr. Bump has in this volume taken the sections of the United States Revised Statutes applicable to the practice of the law, and has made a Federal annotated Code. Any lawyer can readily comprehend United States practice by consulting this work, and the increasing volume of litigation in the United States courts, under the provision of the Constitution extending the judicial power to all cases in law and equity between citizens of different States, will make this work a necessity in all offices of general practice. Its value is enhanced by embracing the Rules of the Supreme Court, and by an appendix containing forms for general procedure in those courts. The mechanical execution of the work is commendable.
