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KODAK REFERENCE HANDBOOK. Published and prepared by *The Eastman Kodak Company* (Rochester, N. Y., 1940). Pp. 376. \$2.75.

Many police laboratory technicians have already heard of this handbook; but not one of them will want to be without it. As a technological guide its accuracy, completeness, and usable form make it a most desirable reference handbook for those who are employing photographic processes in police investigation and identification.

Amateur and professional photographers alike will find a wealth of interesting and valuable information, and they will not have to waste time in looking for it, because the handbook employs a quick reference system and an adequate alphabetical index. The colorful, stain-resistant binding makes the book a practical laboratory adjunct.

Much recent information on still photography, on new Kodak products and materials, is included. There is a full section devoted to each of these subjects: Kodak lenses, Kodak films, filters, Kodachrome photography, Eastman photographic papers, darkroom design, development and fixation, formulas, copying, and slides and transparencies. In each division there is an explanation of photographic theory essential to the understanding and use of specific materials and products, detailed suggestions for their use, and technical data in tables or sheets.

The book is designed, through use of loose-leaf sheets, to be kept up to date by insertion of additional sheets as issued by the Eastman Company.

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THE STRANGEST CASES ON RECORD. By *John Allison Duncan*. Reilly and Lee (Chicago, 1940). Pp. 272. \$3.00.

This collection of strange cases is of general interest and is written in popular style, but it contains a sizable bibliography which will guide the further reading of attorneys and investigators. Necessarily curtailed in detail, it is liberally supplemented by the author's own amusing drawings, and the book can be read and enjoyed as quickly as a mystery story in combination with a "Believe-It-Or-Not" cartoon.

The author, a Cleveland attorney, presents his material under the following chapter headings: Crimes That Never Happened; Animal Trials; Posthumous Trials; Celebrated Cases of History; Judicial Humor; Peculiar Penalties; Odd Documents; Freak Wills; Uncommon Laws; Ancient Methods of Trial; Ludicrous Laws; Unusual Characters in the Law; Eccentric Decisions; Legal Gems; and Of Law, Of Time and Epitaphs.

Though immensely entertaining, this volume should startle the legal profession, and at the same time cause the police investigator to shrug his shoulders. We agree with Duncan when he says, in the Preface, "The legal profession should be ashamed to think it has been partially responsible for as much 'loony law' as there is. It is nothing to be proud of. If this work does nothing more than inform the barristers of the world of 'screwball' legislation and decisions, I shall feel that I have accomplished something."

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE CAREER OF JOHN HENRY WIGMORE

- 1883—A.B., HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
1884—A.M., HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
1887—LL.B., HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
1887-89—PRACTICED LAW AT BOSTON.
1887-1940—AUTHOR: "OPERA MINORA" (11 VOLUMES), BEING ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN LAW JOURNALS, ETC.
1888—AUTHOR: "DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS RAILROAD COMMISSION."
1889—AUTHOR: "THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM."
1889-92—PROFESSOR OF ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW, KEIO UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN.
1890—EDITOR: "NOTES ON LAND TENURE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN OLD JAPAN."
1892—EDITOR: "MATERIALS FOR STUDY OF PRIVATE LAW IN OLD JAPAN."
1893—PROFESSOR OF LAW, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.
1898—ADMITTED TO ILLINOIS BAR.
1899—EDITOR: "GREENLEAF ON EVIDENCE" (16TH EDITION, VOLUME 1).
1900—EDITOR: "COMPILED EXAMINATIONS IN LAW."
1901—DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
1904-05—AUTHOR: "TREATISE ON EVIDENCE" (4 VOLUMES).
1906—LL. D., UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.
1907-09—CO-EDITOR: "SELECT ESSAYS IN ANGLO-AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY" (3 VOLUMES).
1908—AUTHOR: "SUPPLEMENT TO TREATISE ON EVIDENCE" (1 VOLUME).
1909—LL. D., HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
1909—AUTHOR: "POCKET CODE OF EVIDENCE" (1ST EDITION).
1909—AUTHOR: "A PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MODERN CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY."
1909-10—PRESIDENT, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY.
1911-17—CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON TRANSLATION, PUBLISHING: "MODERN CRIMINAL SCIENCE SERIES" (8 VOLUMES).
1911—EDITOR: "CASES ON TORTS" (2 VOLUMES).
1912-28—CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE, PUBLISHING: "CONTINENTAL LEGAL HISTORY SERIES" (10 VOLUMES).
1912-25—CHAIRMAN, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE, PUBLISHING: "MODERN LEGAL PHILOSOPHY SERIES" (12 VOLUMES).
1913—EDITOR: "CASES ON EVIDENCE."
1913—AUTHOR: "PRINCIPLES OF JUDICIAL PROOF."
1914—HONORARY MEMBER, ASIATIC SOCIETY OF JAPAN.
1915—AUTHOR: "POCKET CODE OF EVIDENCE" (2ND EDITION).
1915-18—CO-COMPILER, TRANSLATOR, ETC.: "EVOLUTION OF LAW SERIES": VOL. I, "SOURCES OF ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE LAW"; VOL. II, "PRIMITIVE AND ANCIENT LEGAL INSTITUTIONS"; VOL. III, "FORMATIVE INFLUENCES OF LEGAL DEVELOPMENT."
1915—MEMBER OF INTER-AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSION.
1916—PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS.
1916—COMMISSIONED MEMBER, STAFF OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, U. S. A., WITH RANK OF MAJOR.
1917—MEMBER, U. S. SECTION, INTER-AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSION.
1917—CHAIRMAN EDITOR: "SCIENCE AND LEARNING IN FRANCE."
1918—HONORARY MEMBER, SOCIETY OF PUBLIC TEACHERS OF LAW (ENGLAND).
1918-19—CHIEF OF STATISTICAL DIVISION, SUPERVISING COMPILATION OF REPORTS OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.
1918—COMMISSIONED COLONEL, STAFF OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, U. S. A.
1919—MEMBER, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE FOR AMERICA, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ETHICS.
1919—SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND SPECIAL TRAINING, PUBLISHING: "A SOURCE BOOK OF MILITARY LAW AND WAR-TIME LEGISLATION."
1919—PRESENTED WITH WIGMORE CELEBRATION LEGAL ESSAYS (FESTSCHRIFT); AMONG THE CONTRIBUTORS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES WERE THE FOLLOWING: TH. BATY, LONDON, ENGLAND; FRANCESCO BRANDILEONE, UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA; J. W. BRODIE-INNES, SCOTS BAR; W. JETHRO BROWN, UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE; JOSEPH CHARMONT, UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER; UGO CONTI,

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- 1919—CHEVALIER, LEGION OF HONOR (FRANCE).
- 1920—AWARDED: U. S. A. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.
- 1920—LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, BARBOUR-PAGE FOUNDATION.
- 1921—AUTHOR: "PROBLEMS OF LAW: ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE."
- 1923—AUTHOR: "REVISED EDITION OF TREATISE ON EVIDENCE" (5 VOLUMES).
- 1923—MEMBER, LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL CO-OPERATION.
- 1924—MEMBER OF THE GENERAL BOARD, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PENAL LAW.
- 1927—LL. D. HONORIS CAUSA, UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN.
- 1928—AUTHOR: "A PANORAMA OF THE WORLD'S LEGAL SYSTEMS" (3 VOLUMES).
- 1929—ORGANIZED SCIENTIFIC CRIME DETECTION LABORATORY (AFFILIATED WITH NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY).
- 1929—ORGANIZED AIR LAW INSTITUTE (AFFILIATED WITH NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY).
- 1929—DEAN EMERITUS, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.
- 1932—AWARDED THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION GOLD MEDAL.
- 1908-24 and 1933—MEMBER, ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS.
- 1935—AWARDED: ORDER OF SACRED TREASURE (JAPAN).
- 1935—AUTHOR: "STUDENTS' HANDBOOK OF EVIDENCE."
- 1935—AUTHOR: "POCKET CODE OF EVIDENCE" (2ND EDITION).
- 1936—AUTHOR: "PANORAMA OF THE WORLD'S LEGAL SYSTEMS" (1 VOLUME, LIBRARY EDITION) (2ND EDITION).
- 1937—AUTHOR: "THE SCIENCE OF JUDICIAL PROOF" (3RD EDITION).
- 1938—LL. D., UNIVERSITY OF LYON.
- 1940—AUTHOR: "TREATISE ON EVIDENCE" (3RD EDITION).
- 1941—AUTHOR: "A KALEIDOSCOPE OF JUSTICE; TRIAL SCENES FROM ALL TIMES AND CRIMES."

"Have you ever given any attention to the Science of Evidence?" said Mr. Grodman.

"How do you mean?" asked the Home Secretary, rather puzzled, but with a melancholy smile. "I should hardly speak of it as a science; I look at it as a question of common sense."

"Pardon me, Sir. It is the most subtle and difficult of all the sciences. It is indeed rather the science of the sciences. What is the whole of inductive logic, as laid down (say) by Bacon and Mill, but an attempt to appraise the value of evidence, the said evidence being the trails left by the Creator, so to speak? The Creator has (I say it in all reverence) drawn a myriad red herrings across the track. But the true scientist refuses to be baffled by superficial appearances in detecting the secrets of Nature."—*Israel Zangwill, "The Big Bow Mystery."* Quoted from: *The Science of Judicial Proof* (1937) by John H. Wigmore.