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## **BOOK REVIEWS**

### **INDIANA REFERENCES AND ANNOTATIONS.**

Edited by EMERSON E. BALLARD, A. M.

National Annotating Company, Crawfordsville, Ind.

The publishers have designed this book as a timesaver for Indiana lawyers. For the lawyer who has a reference to the Indiana Supreme Court Reporter to the Appellate Court Reports, this volume will indicate where the case is listed in the Northeastern Reporter. If the reference is to the Northeastern Reporter, the "Green Book" will enable you to locate quickly the case in the official reports.

With each reference is given the location of petitions for rehearing, dissenting opinions, and opinions which have been superseded. The value of this is shown by the fact that there are 300 opinions in the official reports which have been affected by latter decisions, and over 600 Indiana opinions in the Northeastern Reporter which do not appear in the Indiana reports.

The book is also a great aid in finding cases in point. Part IV of the book lists those Northeastern cases which have been reported in the American State Reports, Annotated Cases, Lawyers Reports Annotated, or American Law Reports. The topic title of the note is printed with each reference. By means of this feature, over 20,000 pages of valuable notes and annotations are placed at the command of the searcher.

The lawyer will find this volume a convenient and useful tool of the trade.

J. A. D.

### **FAMOUS AMERICAN JURY SPEECHES.**

Edited by FREDERICK C. HICKS.

West Publishing Company.

Although no Daniel Webster or Henry Clay appears before the bar today to plead or denounce with matchless oratory, the art of skillful pleading has not at all been lost from the American bar. True, the growing complexities of the law have rendered the old grandiloquence, and the old oratorical appeals, obsolete, but the necessity of a skillful summing up of a case, and the

able interpretation of the facts to the jury or judge, is still as imperative as ever.

Mr. Hicks has gathered together twenty-five of the famous American speeches that have been delivered since 1884. They are printed in full, with the interpretations of the judge and opposing counsel included. A short biography of each speaker is also given, as well as a statement of the facts in each case. The subjects are varied, ranging from the pleas made at famous murder trials to speeches delivered at libel, impeachment, theft and contract actions.

It is almost impossible to judge which of the speeches is the most meritorious. Naturally some, because of their subject matter, are more interesting to the reader. If we judge, however, on the basis of lucidity and the able marshalling of facts, we believe that Senator Borah's speech at the famous Coeur d'Alene trial is easily the best. It was this speech that first brought Senator Borah before the public eye.

You will enjoy this book, because the subject matter is highly interesting. It is also well worth while to observe the able manner with which skillful lawyers combine rhetoric and fact.

J. A. D.