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Commentaries on Conditional Sales at Common Law, under Various State Statutes and under the Uniform Conditional Sales Act.

By George Gleason Bogert. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, New York. 1924. pp. xiv, 241.

In form, this is Volume 2A of the useful series known as Uniform Laws, Annotated. Volume 2 contains the Uniform Conditional Sales Act with digests of cases construing the act and with the text of numerous other statutes affecting installment sales. The object of Volume 2A, to quote from the preface, is "to present the remainder of the law of conditional sales, namely, the cases dealing with the common law and the decisions in construction of statutes other than the Uniform Act."

The author is the draftsman of the Uniform Act, and in consequence of his labor in that capacity has an unequalled knowledge of the law of conditional sales, both common and statutory. Furthermore, he is a painstaking scholar, whose accuracy can be relied upon. The result is a work of far greater value than the slender proportions of the volume suggest.

The Conditional Sales Act, approved by the Commissioners in 1918, has not yet been very widely adopted. But if the history of the Sales Act, approved in 1906, affords a criterion, it is likely to be placed on the statute books of a majority of the states within a few years. Professor Bogert's commentaries, with his exposition of the object of each section and of its effect upon the common law, must be of incalculable assistance to intelligent legislators and other interested persons. But interest in the Act aside, the volume will be found extremely useful by the practicing lawyer. The distinctions between conditional sales and chattel mortgages, leases, trust receipts and other security devices; the nature of the respective interests of the seller and the buyer; the validity of the transaction as against purchasers and creditors; the provisions of various state filing statutes and their effect; the law relating to the removal of the goods by the buyer and retaking by the seller; the election of remedies—these are some of the topics compendiously treated. Some two thousand cases are cited, and there is an adequate index.

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Selected Cases on the Law of Contracts. By Ernest W. Huffcut and Edwin H. Woodruff. Fourth Edition by Edwin H. Woodruff. Banks & Company, Albany, N. Y. 1925. pp. xx, 808.

The first edition of this well-known casebook appeared in 1895, when the lamented Dean Huffcut was a young teacher at Cornell and Professor Woodruff was still at Stanford University. It was primarily intended for use as a collection of illustrative American cases in connection with Anson's Principles of the English Law of Contract. This purpose it admirably served. In the third edition (1913) Professor Woodruff wisely so altered and amplified the work as to adapt it for use as the sole basis of instruction. In the present