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THE ART OF CROSS-EXAMINATION. By Francis L. Wellman, of the New York Bar
With the cross-examinations of important witnesses in some celebrated cases.
New and enlarged edition. The MacMillan Company, New York. 1904.

This most interesting book—first published less than a year ago—has gone through several reprints and is now revised, much new and valuable matter being added. Few men could be better prepared than Mr. Wellman to discuss the art of cross-examination, for he is a trial lawyer of twenty-five years' experience, and as stated in his preface, has cross-examined no less than fifteen thousand witnesses in his practice in New York City. While it is exceedingly difficult to lay down any "hard and fast" rules governing the cross-examination of witnesses, yet the observations of a man experienced in the art can not fail to be helpful to those who are ambitious to become proficient in this "the rarest, the most useful and the most difficult to be acquired of all the accomplishments of the advocate." The work gives many examples of cross-examination by distinguished lawyers, among the most interesting of which is the cross-examination of Miss Martinez by Hon. Joseph H. Choate in the celebrated breach of promise case of *Martinez v. Del Valle*, and the cross-examination of Russell Sage (also conducted by Mr. Choate) in the case of *Laidlaw v. Sage*, in which the celebrated financier was charged with having forced the plaintiff between himself and the deranged Norcross who exploded the dynamite in Mr. Sage's office, after the latter had refused his demand for twelve hundred thousand dollars.

No lawyer who reads Mr. Wellman's book can fail to profit thereby, and at the same time he will find its pages filled with the most intensely interesting illustrations of how great masters have plied their art.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. By C. Stuart Patterson, author of *Railway Accident Law* and former Dean and Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of Pennsylvania. T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia. 1904.

The author treats his subjects under the following titles:

- Chapter I. The Relation of the States and of the Territories to the United States and to Each Other.
- Chapter II. The Implied Powers.
- Chapter III. Taxation.
- Chapter IV. The Regulation of Commerce.
- Chapter V. The Impairment of the Obligation of Contracts.
- Chapter VI. Ex Post Facto Laws and Bills of Attainder.
- Chapter VII. The Prohibition of State Bills of Credit.
- Chapter VIII. State Compacts.
- Chapter IX. Fugitives from Justice.
- Chapter X. The Judicial Power.
- Chapter XI. Rights of Persons and of Property.
- Chapter XII. The Federal Supremacy and the Reserved Rights of the States.

The work contains a discussion of the Insular cases, the Anti-Trust Act, the problems arising out of state legislation as to railroad rates, the Inter-