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## PREFACE.

This Index is an attempt to state in a single line each principle laid down in the syllabi in the first four volumes of "Notes on United States Reports," arranging them without duplication under the "classification scheme" adopted in the American Digest and Century Edition thereof.

That scheme, an evolution from the arrangement made popular by Benj. Vaughn Abbott, has been constructed with reference to the entire body of American Law, and is becoming more and more familiar to American lawyers.

That the decisions of the United States Supreme Court cover practically the entire range of the law has not been shown by Federal Digests, which grouped their syllabi mainly under titles of exclusively Federal jurisdiction, but it will be conclusively shown in the final Index of this work, and that fact justifies the classification adopted.

The cross-reference scheme is an important feature of the Index. The aim has been to cover, by means of copious cross-references, the titles used by other Federal Digests, arranged upon the theory that certain subjects are peculiarly of Federal cognizance. In the endeavor to eliminate as far as possible the common objection to cross-references, viz., that of vagueness, they have been made as specific as reasonable space would permit, thus enabling the searcher to determine from the reference itself the utility of the paragraph referred to.

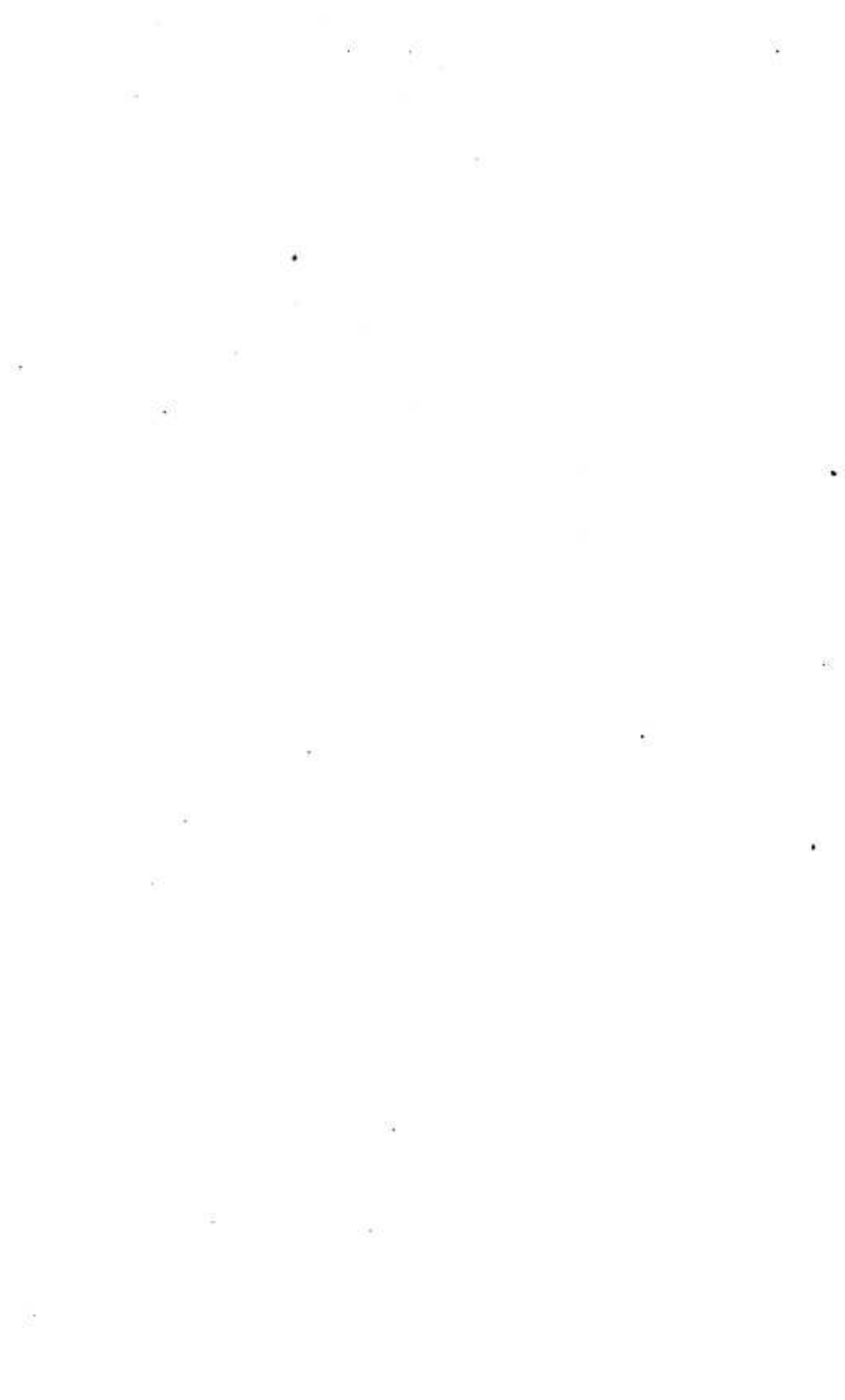
This pamphlet, an Index to but one-third of the volumes, and much less than one-third of the syllabi to be embraced in the completed Notes, can be but a slight indication of the utility of the entire work, and, being prepared for temporary purposes, it is not to be expected that it will give more than a suggestion of what the final Index may be. A more minute subdivision of the titles, with specific cross-references thereto, may be expected in the final work.

Although intended primarily as an Index to "Notes on United States Reports," the work answers the purpose of a key to the official reports as well. It is certain that points not discovered by the reporters, and not included in any digest, have been revealed by the study of these cases through the subsequent citations, and that a large body of law determined by our highest judicial tribunal will be first called to the attention of the profession in this work. By its means the application of these principles can be traced through the Reports of all the States of the Union, showing how in each jurisdiction they have been limited or enlarged, modified or applied to the ever-varying necessities of modern civilization.

As a temporary expedient in the use of the Notes already issued, and as an indication of the value of the work when completed, this pamphlet is modestly submitted.

W. A. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1, 1900.



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