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## PREFACE.

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This work may properly be regarded only as a compilation of notes on patents and patent practice based on the personal experience of the author for a number of years past, and is intended to supply a need for some concise presentation of certain fundamental rules which may prove especially useful as an aid in the preparation of patent applications, and which may incidentally serve the purpose of helping to systematize and correct the practice in several respects.

It is not intended that this small treatise cover any particular part of the subject exhaustively, nor is it the intention in this work to take up the consideration of various authorities, which is something that is fully covered in excellent digests at present available, and in which such line of endeavor is much more fully and properly carried out than would be possible in a volume of this character.

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## CHAPTER I.

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### The Nature of a Patent Right.

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Some time ago the writer was accorded the privilege of presenting a paper before the Western Railway Club, in Chicago, entitled "What a Patent is Not," and at a later date submitted another treatise along somewhat similar lines before the Pittsburgh Railway Club, and as the subject matter of both papers seemed to be received with some interest by the members of those clubs, use will be made of some of the ideas contained in the same in presenting the initial chapter of this book.

The reason for the negative form of title "What a Patent is Not," lies in the fact that in considering the subject of patent rights, as well as of other things, it is difficult to get a clear comprehension as to what anything is without some pretty good idea also as to what it is not.