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later crystallizing them into rules of law based upon *precedent*." For the benefit of the young law student interested in gaining an adequate background and foundation for his study of more modern procedural systems, it is conceivable that the author in his section dealing with the forms of action, might have discussed the several actions—particularly those of debt and detinue—a little more in detail.

In Book Two Professor Plucknett, in order to give the student an important and essential background for the study and thorough understanding of the law of Real Property, devotes several chapters to a detailed discussion of feudalism, inheritance, tenures and their incidents, common law estates and conveyances, and uses and trusts. These chapters are particularly well done and should prove of great value to the student of Real Property.

Part II of Book Two is given over to a discussion of the origin and development of the action of Contract. It seems that the author could have very well matched this clear and interesting discussion of contract with a brief treatment of the development of the modern tort action.

While Professor Plucknett's *History of the Common Law* is concise, it is by no means sketchy. The reading of it impresses one with the sound scholarship of its author. It should indeed prove adequate for the purposes for which it was written.

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