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The need of the legal profession, and the law student, for an up-to-date work on bankruptcy has been fulfilled by this latest edition of the already popular "Collier on Bankruptcy." The fact that twelve editions of this work had previously been issued was a testimonial of its worth, and this the thirteenth edition has been received with much satisfaction by those who require the very best and latest on bankruptcy law. There has been no attempt in this edition to change the general plan of the work which the twelve previous editions had demonstrated to be the proper and correct treatment of the subject of bankruptcy, which is purely statutory. The plan of this work is to consider each section of the bankruptcy law, taking them in order as a separate chapter, and under appropriate and logical heads these sections are interpreted and construed with citations in the foot notes up to the date of this edition. The outstanding features of this book are its full and valuable index, its cross references from one section of the bankruptcy act to those closely related to it, the citations under each of the forms contained in volume three of the work to cases in point, and to the general orders and analogous provisions in the bankruptcy acts of England and Canada.

Volume three of this thirteenth edition contains more than 450 approved forms, about 250 of which are new. These cover almost every conceivable form necessary in bankruptcy proceedings, and this third volume is made more valuable by the cross references inserted after each form, citing authorities in point, and the sections of the bankruptcy act to which it applies. This edition of Collier on Bankruptcy is referred to in the key system now used in the AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY REPORT, NEW SERIES. Each case in these reports refers in its notes to the section of the bankruptcy act and the paragraph and page of Collier where the principle involved in the cases is discussed. This will enable the users of Collier on Bankruptcy to turn from the particular application of the principle involved as shown in a case to the general principle or rule as laid down in Collier on Bankruptcy.
This edition of Collier has a valuable statement of the effect of some of the important recent amendments to the bankruptcy act, which have not yet been fully interpreted and construed by the courts, and this is especially true with respect to the amendment of 1910 to section 47 of the bankruptcy act, which made a radical change in the title which the trustee takes to the property of the bankrupt. Trustees under that amendment no longer stand in the shoes of the bankrupt, but he is vested with all the rights, remedies and powers of a creditor holding a lien by legal or equitable proceedings on all of the bankrupt’s property, coming into the custody of the bankruptcy court. This radical change in the bankruptcy law is fully and ably covered in this edition.

This work has been found especially helpful and valuable to the referees in bankruptcy who have secured the volumes of this edition as they were issued.  

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