

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT. By T. A. Blanco-White. [London: Stevens, "This is the Law Series." 1963. xv + 242 pp. £1 5s. 0d.]

Mr. Blanco-White's *Industrial Property and Copyright* is a most suitable book for lawyers who wish to acquaint themselves with the law of patents, trade marks and copyright. The learned author, it should be pointed out at once, warns his readers that the book cannot be used as a reference book. The book is, thus, meant mainly for people who want to get a general rather than a detailed knowledge of the law relating to industrial property and copyright.

At the same time, it would be wrong to say that the book is a mere introduction. It is true that it is not encumbered with too many details or purely technical distinctions. It does, however, afford a most clear discussion of the main problems respecting patents, trade marks and copyright as well as passing off. Moreover, despite the fairly technical nature of these subjects the book is very readable and most easily understood.

The discussion of patents, in particular, is commendable. The distinctions between patents and designs as well as the procedure for obtaining patents are very clearly explained. The analysis in section 4, *i.e.* "How much use are patents?" is, too, of great interest. It underlines both, the usefulness of patents as well their shortcomings.

The chapter on Trade Marks and Unfair Competition is, too, very well written. So is the chapter on Passing Off. It gives a concise but most interesting and accurate discussion of this tortious action. Another excellent chapter is the one on Slander to Goods. The author's advice at page 150, *i.e.* "The safe rule is never to make any disparaging statement about a rival business or its product" is certainly sound.

The chapter on Copyright is, too, very good. Actually, Mr. Blanco White has included in this book all the information on patents, trade marks and copyright that a non-specialist is likely to require. The book is written in such a simple and clear manner that not only lawyers but also layman should be able to understand it and enjoy it.

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