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The Law of Intestacy, by A. W. Peake

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The Law of Intestacy, by A. W. Peake, Gee & Co.: London. 1927.
Pp. 57. Price 5s.

This little book should be invaluable for lawyers in England since it comments upon the extraordinary changes that have come about through the English land law legislation that culminated with the real property act of 1925. It may be said that the book deals mainly with the functions of administration although it has some exposition of the *settled land* doctrines and the new rules governing heirs and next of kin. The book does not contain the English statutes themselves which involve the changes that it discusses. Perhaps these acts are too long for inclusion in such a small book although it seems that direct reference to them in an appendix would have been helpful.

The book is of especial indirect interest to American lawyers since it causes us to consider how long it will be before the law of intestacy in our several states will be subjected to a general overhauling and what provisions we should wish to enact into statute when that time comes.

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