

was an action brought by plaintiff, a widow, against the defendant for damages caused by the latter's mutilation and dissection of the dead body of her deceased husband, the Supreme Court of Minnesota held that the widow had a legal interest and right of control in the dead body of her husband as against next of kin, and that the custodian (in this case the widow) has a sufficient right of property in a dead body, by virtue of her right to its possession for the purposes of its preservation and interment, to enable her to sustain an action for the violation of that right; and, moreover, substantial damages were recoverable, though plaintiff merely alleged mental suffering and injuries to feelings, grounded upon the recognition of her property rights and their violation, as such mental suffering would ordinarily be the natural and proximate result of her learning of such mutilation.

BOOK NOTICES.

The American Digest for 1891. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. Besides the decisions of all the United States courts and the courts of last resort in the different States, the decisions of many intermediate courts have been included. The complete system of alphabetical guides, indexes and references to former volumes of the same series, make it of great practical value. In addition to the references to the Reporter system citations in the State reports are given where possible.

Fifteen Hundred Questions Answered. By R. W. Bonyng and E. C. Ward. The Diossy Law Book Company, 231 Broadway, New York. This book is a collection of questions propounded to applicants for admission to the New York Bar, and answered by references to standard text books, decisions of the various courts, codes, statutes, etc., comprising upwards of 5,000 citations. While of especial value to those intending to practice their profession in New York on account of the questions on the code and statutes of that State, it is of great practical value to any student, as with it a most thorough review can be conducted, the works of such standard writers as Parsons, Greenleaf, Washburn, Bispham, Cooley, Story, etc., being covered in the classified references. As references only are given, the student still obtains the benefit of original work in framing his own answers.