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This little book should be of special interest to tired business men and
club women who at infrequent intervals take the responsibilities of citizenship
seriously. The author has undertaken a herculean task in a brochure of one
hundred and fifty pages. In the very nature of the case, the title must be
more or less of a misnomer. James Bryce said that the document known as
the Constitution of the United States of America could be read in less than
twenty minutes. But our present Chief Justice, when Governor of the State
of New York informed us that “the Constitution is what the judges say it is.”
Professor Corwin has cited some three hundred and fifty cases, commentaries,

1Hughes, Addresses (1908) p. 139.
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and law review articles explaining what the words of the Constitution have come to mean. As an elementary annotation of our fundamental law the book is of value to the layman. It deserves a wide circulation among that great majority group of our people who are politically-minded only on election day.

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