

PART II.

SPECIFIC CRIMES.

§ 94. **Classification.** While crimes are numberless and limitless, they may be grouped into certain fairly well defined classes. This grouping may be made from various points of view. Classified with reference to the severity of the punishment prescribed, because of the supposed enormity of the offense, they are either misdemeanors, felonies, or treason. But for the purposes of the student they can be considered to better advantage by classifying them with reference to the thing injured. This classified, crimes are: 1, against the person; 2, against the habitation; 3, against property rights; 4, against the public peace; 5, against the general welfare (public morals, health, safety, and comfort); 6, against the administration of public justice and authority; 7, threatening the very existence of the government; 8, piracy, against all mankind. We will consider these in their order.