



## Family Desertion and Non-Support: A Study of Court Cases in Philadelphia from 1916 to 1920 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Family Desertion and Non-Support: A Study of Court Cases in Philadelphia From 1916 to 1920 The social significance of an unstable or an unhealthy family life IS well illustrated in the problem of desertion. In both de pendency and delinquency the effect is greatly to increase the social debtor classes. Dr. Devine in his Causes of Misery found ten per cent of the five thousand 5000) cases of dependency which he studied to be those of deserted women. The non-sup port cases were equivalent to two per cent of the whole, which would raise the total to twelve per cent If we eliminate home less men and single women from the total number of cases the role of desertion and non-support weald show itse) f in a higher percent age. The increase in the social debtor groups is particularly notice able in the case of children. The social cost of desertion must be viewed from the standpoint of both society and the child. For the latter it means the absence of a normal home and the non-fulfillment of the larger social...



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