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The Ophthalmic Year-Book. A Digest of the Literature of Ophthalmology with Index of Publications for the Year 1903. By EDWARD JACKSON, A.M., M.D., Emeritus Professor of the Diseases of the Eye in the Philadelphia Polyclinic; Ophthalmologist to the Denver County Hospital, etc. With forty-five Illustrations. Denver, Colorado: The Herriek Book and Stationery Company. 1904.

Dr. Jackson has rendered good service to all physicians interested in the eye, by publishing this year-book. It is an admirable compendium of the advances during the year of ophthalmic knowledge. He gives a digest of the literature on almost every subject, including refraction, diseases of the various portions of the eyeball, the physiology and methods of examination of the pupil, the lacrymal apparatus, general ophthalmology, etc. The illustrations are good and up-to-date. Altogether it is a book to be commended.

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The Surgery of the Diseases of the Appendix Vermiformis and their Complications. By WILLIAM HENRY BATTLE, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Thomas' Hospital, formerly Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, Hunterian Professor of Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, etc.; and EDRED M. CORNER, M.B., B.C., F.R.C.S., Surgeon in Charge of the Out-Patients to St. Thomas' Hospital and Assistant Surgeon to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, Erasmus Wilson Lecturer at the Royal College of Surgeons, etc. 210 pages. Price \$2.50. Chicago, 90 Wabash Ave.: W. T. Keener & Co. 1905.

This volume, by Battle & Corner, deals with a subject of very great importance in a very lucid way. These authors have reviewed the literature on the subject that has appeared in the hundreds of lesser articles, as well as the larger works of Deaver, Kelly and others. They have based their remarks in this volume on the personal experience of themselves, together