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Over the Hookah, The Tales of a Talkative Doctor. By G. FRANK LYDSTON, M.D., Fellow of the Chicago Academy of Medicine, the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, and the American Academy of Social and Political Science; Professor of Criminal Anthropology in the Kent College of Law; Member of the American Medical Association, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; Honorary Fellow of the Texas Medical Association. Illustrated from the Author's designs by Mr. C. Everett Johnston. Chicago: Fred Klein Co. 1896.

The constant reading of purely medical literature becomes at times dry and tiresome, and to the physician a little change to something lighter is most acceptable. "Over the Hookah" is one of the most amusing books it has been our pleasure to read for some time past. Its perusal gives rise to many an hour's enjoyment, as it portrays to a nicety the most ludicrous as well as the most serious incidents of a doctor's busy career. The chapter entitled "Several Kinds of Doctors," is inimitable, especially the sketch of the country practitioner. The writer's description of "several kinds of doctors" is exceedingly well-written. We heartily recommend this book not only to every follower of Esculapius, but to all those in search of a thoroughly amusing work.

The International Medical Annual and Practitioners' Index. A work of reference for medical practitioners. Fifteenth year. New York: E. B. Treat, 241-243 West 23rd Street; Chicago: 199 Clark Street. Price, \$2.75. 1897.

To members of the medical profession, who are accustomed to refer to this medical Annual from year to year, it will only be necessary to state that the volume for 1897 is fully up to date in all the various departments.

When one considers the enormous production of new work, and the revision of much that is old, appearing in monographs and medical journals, the labor involved in the preparation of the Annual is seen to be very great. As the editors say, however, "they have endeavored by careful condensation, and by selecting information which has a direct bearing upon the daily work of the practitioner, to retain the work within reasonable limits."

The Annual is a handy volume, well printed on good paper, and containing a number of plain and colored illustrations. It will prove useful to the progressive physician, who wishes at a small outlay to keep up with the march of improvement and discovery in medicine.

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Report relating to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Province of Ontario, for the year ending 31st December, 1895. Printed by order of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Toronto: Warwick Bros. & Rutter, Printers, 68-70 Front Street West. 1897.

The Board of the Ontario Medical Library desire to acknowledge the receipt of Vol. I., "American System of Medicine," and eight volumes of Transactions of American Orthopedic Association.