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\* *BYMOTEL* ON VENEREAL DISEASES and HEALTH'S PRACTICAL ANATOMY have also been received, and will be reviewed in our next number. Several communications that came to hand too late are also held over for the next issue.

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BOOK NOTICES.

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A TREATISE ON THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF OBSTETRICS —  
By WM. H. BYFORD, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and  
Diseases of Women and Children in the Chicago Medical College.  
William Wood & Co., New York. Copp, Clark & Co. Toronto.

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