

themselves they aren't getting the advice they are paying for. They frequently suspect him of "padding his pay" (prolonging his care to get more fees), derisively refer to him as a "gougher," and complain bitterly that you can't get a single doctor in town on a Thursday. This sort of criticism is not calculated to please doctors, and patients are advised about ways of improving the relationship. They should not speak disparagingly of their previous doctor lest the current one thinks they owe him money and might soon do the same to him. They should pay his bills promptly and tell others how good he

is. They might even consider sending him a gift at Christmas or a subscription for his favourite periodical. The doctor-patient relationship is bedevilled by money. The author denies that doctors' prices are high and doubts whether many become rich by their professional earnings. Rich ones have either inherited it or got it through sound investment. Political action will not improve matters, because doctors, like merchants, need to be their own bosses. All efforts to socialize medicine in other countries, he warns them, have failed. His answer to the problem is to employ a doctor on a yearly basis for an

agreed fee. For this you get an annual check-up and free consultations and advice at any time, but still have to pay for laboratory investigations, hospital and nursing care, home visits, and second opinions.

The intending emigrant would do well to read this book. He might conclude that the foundations of American medical practice are shakier than ours, that being a doctor there has more if different frustrations than here, and that even the money, unless he has a good stockbroker, isn't all that good.

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## Books Received

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