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'More Crank Stuff'

In 1939 I was engaged in a critical review of the alcoholism literature. Among my readings were some true gems and an overwhelming number of papers ranging from mediocre to frankly crank productions.

One day that year, I found on my desk a book with a yellow and red dust cover. Its title was "Alcoholics Anonymous."

With a sigh I picked it up and said to myself: "Some more crank stuff." But I had hardly read a few pages when I realized that I had one of the most precious gems before me.

—Dr. E. M. Jellinek; *AA Today*