

regard for the opinion of good and true men, and who would care to establish a reputation on substantial grounds, avoid the stumbling-block of cheap teeth and advertising. The success attending this line of procedure is of the most ephemeral nature, requiring a constant resort to the same artificial stimulant, while without doubt it ostracises the operator from association and intercourse with such as might be a benefit, and it does not catch those of the public whose patronage and influence are the mainstay of a lucrative practice. It appeals to the most degrading sense of humanity, and leads the ignorant, thoughtless victim to expect good results without adequate remuneration, a principle which the commonest laborer, from the head-carrier to the 'longshoreman and washee washee Chinaman, has long since recognized as vicious and wrong. We would perhaps not be interested in this disgraceful, unprofessional, unsound and undignified way of boasting along an unhealthy and undesirable practice, if it were not for the pernicious and totally uncalled-for sacrifice of good teeth which it involves, and the false impressions and wrong views it fastens upon the poor victims, who are led to measure the standard of the profession by their experience with these snappers and whippers-in whose failures and misdeeds are laid up to the general account too frequently.

It may be possible that this idea of demoralizing degeneracy is an outcome of too much competition, of too much supply for the demand for professionals, and the resulting sickly and unsatisfactory growth of practice, but my own opinion is not that such is the case. Since we will always find room at the top for good men, and the demand is always for more of such, and welcome to them with both hands held up.

What the public and professional demand of the day is, for less indiscriminate slaughter of good teeth, and more conservative treatment and preservation along the lines of advanced ideas and present day possibilities.

Some Recent Antiseptics.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,—In this paper I can give but little original matter. A full discussion of the newer members of