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INFLAMMATION OF THE EYE FROM A DISEASED CUSPID.

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A lady suffering from severe inflammation of the eye for eight months, having in the meantime tried several eye curatives, and medical advice, all to no purpose, called at my office, and asked me if a tooth could produce inflammation of the eye. Being answered in the affirmative, she requested me to examine her teeth. They were in good condition, with the exception of the left superior cuspid, which she said had been filled in the States: the filling was still in, but had been bored through at some time, for the outlet of pus; into this opening there had been plugged cotton, which was pushed down into the canal. In answer to a question if she could remember how long it was since she had the tooth drilled, and what it was done for, she replied that there was a slight pain and swelling; and that she went to a dentist, some two years previous to her having trouble with her eye; that he drilled the tooth, filled it as above stated with cotton, told her to call in two weeks and have it permanently filled, which, she says, she did, and paid for it. Felt no symptoms of pain afterwards, (the fact was the cotton was left in or else replaced with the same material). On tapping the tooth, there was slight pain at the root; when the cotton was removed there was a foul smell. I cleansed out the cavity, found decay had extended down the canal: the sides of the tooth were no thicker than a goose quill, produced by foreign substances, the decay extended in like manner down the root; there was no appearance of inflammation of the gum near the root. The tears ran down the cheeks as in fistula lachrymalis; could not bear the least ray of light; the eye was very painful all the time. I told her that I thought it was the tooth that was causing the inflammation of the eye. There was no granular growth on the inside of the eye-lids. Having asked other questions