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A CASE OF THIRD DENTITION.

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Some three months since, a lady of this city, aged about forty-five, called at my office to have a number of roots extracted, preparatory to the insertion of a full set of artificial dentures. As she was within a short period of her confinement, I did not encourage her to have the operation performed at the time. Subsequently, however, upon her insisting upon their removal, I extracted all the roots in the upper jaw, but not considering her a fit subject for the administration of either chloroform or nitrous oxide, I refused to complete the operation under existing circumstances.

A few days ago, she again called upon me to have the lower roots removed, when, upon examination, I found, to my astonishment, that nature had made an effort to supersede my operations, by sending forth a well-developed, superior *cuspidatus*.

As I always consider it unprofessional to interfere with the *scientific* operations of others, and as none of us, in our best efforts, can pretend to compete with nature, I concluded to give her a fair opportunity to develop a full set, and perhaps she will relieve me of any further trouble in the matter. In the mean time I will note progress and report in a future number of your journal.