

be replaced, and an ugly depression of the lip under each nostril make a defect impossible to be remedied.

A nice fitting block of four gum teeth, such as the beautiful sections made by Justi, cannot be improved upon. I think no full upper permanent set can compare to such a piece, where the natural cuspids are preserved, and the shape of the mouth kept as nature made it.

TWO CASES OF EXTRACTION.

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Some time ago, a stout labouring man called in the evening suffering from a left lower first molar, desiring to have it removed. Upon feeling with my finger I found it quite moveable in the socket, and the gum considerably lacerated. I at once saw that some one had tried the tooth before, but I asked him no questions. I seated him as usual, and took the usual forceps, expecting to have an easy task. But after pulling for about a minute I had to stop. I left him for five minutes expecting that it would be looser, but upon the second trial it was still a standing rebuke to my muscle, as I thought. For the third trial I wrapped a napkin round my forcep; got my patient down on a low chair, and after *lifting him* from his seat, and doing my very best I had again to give it up. The fourth trial was a repetition of the former three, and I felt that my hand was getting the worst of it. My patient looking me in the face with the serenity of a seraph, then told me that I was the third dentist who had tried that tooth during the day. I suggested to him the pity of parting with it; that he ought to travel the country and put the profession from Gaspe to Sarnia to a test, and that after they had all failed he could return to Montreal, and get his jaw broken by our city quack. But he was bound to have it out; so I split off the crown and after a good deal of work succeeded in removing the two roots, which were spread like an A.

Last week I tried five times, twice in the morning and three times the same afternoon to extract the first upper molar, right side, for a cast-iron jaw gentleman. I would have defied any one to extract that tooth without serious fracture of the alveolus, and possibly the removal of the adjoining