

to try it. It is to be hoped, however, that no dentist will exercise less *care* in treating teeth whose nerves have been devitalized, than he otherwise would because a remedy has been found which acts most beneficially when disease supervenes, after the *greatest care* has been taken with such teeth.

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### ARREST OF HEMORRHAGE OF THE NOSE

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In the month of July last, a young man called at my office to have the operation of extracting some teeth performed, and requested to have nitrous oxide gas, administered in order to avoid suffering. I administered the gas which he inhaled freely, and when under its influences extracted the teeth successfully. Almost simultaneously with the extraction of the teeth I observed the blood flowing freely from his nose, at first I felt a little alarmed, but he informed me that he was subject to bleeding of the nose, and said that sometimes it would bleed nearly all night. A thought at once struck me of preventing the flow of blood through the left facial artery to the nose, as the blood issued from the left nostril. This I succeeded in doing without difficulty by placing the thumb upon the artery and tightly compressing it where it passes over the side of the inferior maxillary bone, some distance behind the corner of the mouth. Although his nose was bleeding in a stream, not a single drop was lost after I put my thumb there. I showed the young man where to place his thumb or finger upon the artery should the bleeding occur again, and he has had no difficulty in preventing his nose bleeding since that time. By pressing upon the artery where it passes over the inferior maxillary bone for a few minutes, the vessel which supplies the nose will contract and the blood will coagulate, and consequently cease to flow. The operation is easily performed, and in perhaps many cases, may save life.

Some eight years ago, a cousin of my own bled to death from hemorrhage of the nose, although two physicians who attended him did everything within their knowledge and power to arrest the bleeding and save his life. Notwithstanding all their efforts the blood continued to flow for twenty-four hours, until death terminated his life.

Since that time I have deeply regreted, and frequently thought it