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Reviews.

A Practical Treatise on Artificial Crown and Bridge Work.—By GEORGE EVANS, Lecturer on Crown and Bridge Work in the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Fifth edition. Revised. 625 illustrations. Pp. 336. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co. 1896. Price \$3.00 net.

Nothing has been a greater drawback to the correct practice of crown and bridge work, than the temerity of impostors on the one hand, and the distrust of ethical men on the other. The former pretended to achieve results of a permanent character, which time proved to be failures, and which exposed their ignorance of the first principles of diagnosis, as well as their disregard of moral law. The latter hesitated to follow any lead of the advertising fraternity, and instinctively suspected the value of anything which that fraternity so loudly extolled. The truth lay midway. The quacks quacked, and their imitators cooed. The journals discussed the questions *pro* and *con*, and the decision must be declared, that the very first requirement for the correct practice of crown and bridge work, is personal honesty and common sense. Indeed it is the very first requirement for dental practice. The author of the above work is an expert of the first water, and one who does not find it necessary to use or hire out his name, to trumpet a reputation. As a master of the art, his opinions are reliable. The preparatory treatment of teeth and roots for crown work is fully discussed. We cordially commend these five chapters to our purely "practical" men. There is up to date, nothing known worth knowing in relation to artificial crown work which the author has not touched upon, and while he succeeds in defending the hygienic objections to collar crowns theoretically, we believe that practically these objections are too often unanswerable. Predisposing, structural, local and constitutional objections are numerous. The collar or ferruled crown is a physiological intrusion. The chapters on bridge work are very thorough. Whatever may be said in defence of some of the suggestions offered by various writers, they are