

Abstracts.

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DR. H. C. REGISTER says that in bleaching teeth he uses, after thorough desiccation of the tooth, tincture of iodine, followed by an application of ammonia water.—*Cosmos*.

SENSITIVE DENTINE OBTUNDER.—At a recent meeting of the Stomatological Club of San Francisco, Dr. M. W. Leokowicz made an exhibit of a saturated solution of potassium carbonate in glycerine for correcting sensitivity of the dentine.

ONE of the most useful things for cleansing the hands when they are soiled by laboratory work is Gold Dust washing powder. It will at once remove stains left by vulcanizer flasks, and is widely useful for general laboratory detergent purposes.—*Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*.

THERMOMETERS.—“Before purchasing a thermometer, invert the instrument; the mercury should fall to the end in a solid ‘stick.’ If it separates into several small columns the tube contains air and will not register accurately. Nine persons out of ten think the mercurial column is round, but this is not the case; it is flat, and the opening in the tube is as small as the finest thread.”—*Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*.

THE “busy man” who is your patient, in his rush for dollars, will insist upon visiting his dentist at a time when he cannot do anything else. He wants an hour very early in the morning or late in the afternoon. “Can’t come any other time,” he says. Do not let this man have his way. Have your office hours and keep them, but do not let any man run your business, or get in your office out of office hours, except in an emergency.—*Western Dental Journal*.

CATAPHORESIS FOR OBTUNDING SENSITIVE DENTINE.—Dr. Henry W. Gillett, of Newport, R.I., describes in the February *Cosmos* his method of obtunding sensitive dentine by cataphoresis. A twenty or thirty per cent. solution of cocaine is placed in the cavity on cotton, to which the platinum-pointed positive electrode is applied, the negative wet sponge electrode being applied to the surface of the body, such as the neck or face. It has enabled him to say to his patients that he can prevent all pain in preparing sensitive cavities.