

and if from any cause you do not get a perfect inlay the first time you can duplicate it without access to your patient.

This, gentlemen, in brief, is the way I make inlays. The method is easy, practical and artistic. I hope that you will take as much pleasure in doing this work as I have in imparting the results of my labor.

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## ARTICULATION AND ARTICULATORS.\*

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"All things I thought I knew; but now confess  
The more I know, I know I know the less."

The subject of "Prosthodontia," using Dr. Ottolengui's new word has received but little attention of late years from this Society, especially that branch relating to articulation of artificial teeth. I present it as a part of our work which needs vastly more attention than it has received from us, as the more one studies it the more we will find there is to know.

I have been at work on several different ideas pertaining to this subject for some time, and have arrived at this conclusion: The successful cases we have are more accidental than intentional. I will as briefly as possible summarize the work others have done in this line before I bring to your attention some things which I found were interesting to me and perhaps may be to you.

We all know of the life work of the late Dr. Bonwell on this subject; of his circles, equilateral triangles, etc. You will find many solid truths in his works, though there may be several things therein that are not essentially necessary to the proper articulation of the teeth, still there are ideas which, if rightly understood, will help us to be more certain in this line of work. There are certain laws which govern every motion of the human body, and the nearer we approach those laws when supplying artificial members to that body—be it teeth, eyes, hands, feet, arms, legs, or what—the more perfect the use of that substitute.

While Dr. Bonwell may have gone further than he need in some directions, he did not carry his work far enough in some others, as I will explain further on. I think the Bonwell articu-

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