

is not the reason why it adheres with such tenacity. It is because the soft tissues were expanded by the heat of the plaster, making a perfect adaptation of the surfaces of the one with the other, and you get the pressure of the atmosphere of fifteen pounds to the square inch. Negatively, that enlarging the tissues here crowds the plaster, or compresses it, and the result is that you have not a perfect impression of the mouth. My plan to overcome this difficulty is this: I take a tumbler of ice water and give it to my patient, and tell the patient to hold it in the mouth until it gets benumbed and chilled, and while this is being done I go into the laboratory and prepare my impression cup, which had been previously prepared somewhat with reference to that mouth. I prepare the plaster in no hurry, letting the patient take the icy water, and when it is warm, throwing it into the spittoon and filling the mouth again. I then put in my plaster and I get, as every one present will admit, a smaller impression than if taken with the mouth in its normal condition. I succeed much better in that way, and have made sets of teeth that the patients could not remove from the mouth, and after they had worn them three or four days, came to my office, claiming that I had cheated them by putting teeth in that were not intended to be removed. Another method I resort to sometimes to overcome that expansion in the mouth is this—let me, however, go back a little before I give it. A professor in Philadelphia has published a treatise upon the manipulation of rubber. He tells you that you should not varnish the plaster impression, but that you should coat it over with a thin coat of soap or soapy water, where the soap has dissolved with some little consistence; then put in your plaster, and claims that you get a cast more firm, and a better impression. I admit that it is so, but deny that it is necessary. I take the cast or impression and give it, if time, two or three coats of gum shellac, taking care to apply it evenly, with a view of shrinking the cast I get from that impression, and making it smaller.—*Dental Register*.

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