

take gas to have some teeth extracted. The dentist addressed the gentleman, "Step this way, doctor, if you please." He, being flattered at being called doctor, stepped up to the chair and witnessed the extraction of the teeth. After the operation, the lady withdrew from the surgery. "For your kindness," said the dentist to the gentleman, "I will now attend to you before those in the waiting-room who were here before you." "For what kindness?" asked the gentleman. "You see, we have so many patients, particularly ladies, who will not take gas unless there is a physician present. So I always call in any gentleman that happens to be in the waiting room, addressing him as doctor, and pocket the extra ten francs."—*Zahntechnische Reform*.

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NEW MODE OF ARRESTING HÆMORRHAGE.—Everyone knows that circulation of blood in the human organism has a pression higher than that of the atmosphere. Its pressure is maintained by the partition of blood vessels. The rupture of these partitions permits the blood to escape by the fact of its intra-vascular pression. According to a natural law, hæmorrhage will be stopped by a pressure exceeding that of the blood. For instance, if an hæmorrhage takes place after extraction of teeth, proceed as follows: To increase the atmospheric pressure is to puff the cheeks very energetically, and in a few minutes the blood will have ceased to flow. The explanation of this is by the fact that the blood overflowing in the vicinity of the ruptured vessels has made itself another way, and the extremities of these ruptured vessels in which the blood is forced by this exterior pressure, will bring them together and form an enclosure, preventing the escape of blood. The same method may be applied for a cut on a finger. Place it in the mouth, and increase pressure of air in puffing the cheeks.—B. HOFFMAN, Amsterdam, in *Progrès Dentaire*.

DECORATED.—The *Journal Officiel* published the following on the 16th of January: "Joseph Peter Michails, surgeon dentist, Knight of the Legion of Honor, American citizen, ex-professor of the Dental School of Paris. The honor was conferred in consideration of gratuitous services given to the poor during a period of twenty years, and also for a valuable work on Prosthetic Dentistry."

A special dental library has been organized by Ash & Sons, the object being to enable dentists to have the loan of treatises on dentistry. The novelty of the scheme is that the subscribers will be entitled to take the works home.—*Odontologie*.