

He had found a brace to be of service, where there was a tendency in the plate to tilt or drop at the back ; this he arranged so as to come in contact with the posterior surface of the natural molars, and thus counteract on the force applied to the plate by the biting.

In fifteen years' practice, he had not known of one, two, or three incisors mounted on suction plate that would perfectly answer the purpose of mastication ; he thought but few cases could be successful except where a bicuspid or molar was attached to the plate.

Dr. Harris' whole experience has been against the adjustment of plates by means of bands around the remaining teeth ; whether wide or narrow, the same results are produced. A degree of irritation is set up, softening, loss of tooth structure, and eventually of the teeth, supervene. Happily, as the profession advanced, the atmospheric pressure came to its aid. This gentleman had for years supported single teeth upon suction plates, and he thought that, if even retained by silk ligatures, the same consequences as from the use of the metal clasps would result, from the accumulation of food. its consequent decomposition, and general interference with the healthy functions of the teeth.

He had seen the teeth worn by Washington, a set of both upper and under, each adjusted by simply a half-round wire with spiral springs. From the time these were constructed to the present, a gradual increase in the width of plates has been made. until now the whole roof of the mouth is covered, adding much to the comfort of the individual and the usefulness of the denture.

Another point to which he wished to call attention was, that as the absorption of bone progressed, the plate receded, and the lateral pressure of the bands very frequently raised the natural teeth from their sockets, thus first impairing their use, and finally causing their entire loss.

Although there is at times much more inconvenience occasioned, at first, by the introduction of atmospheric plates, than by those attached with clasps, the recollection that "patience and perseverance overcome all obstacles," may encourage the wearer to persist and thus surmount the difficulty of retaining the former. He narrated a case where the death of a husband had caused the wife to forget the minor trouble occasioned by a plate, and before she was aware of it the artificial teeth had become a great comfort. Sometimes the dentist is subject to sad disappointments. He remembered one of his own that seemed worth giving. A lady, who had worn a narrow plate for several