

the teeth. Then the boss canvas man invited the horse doctor to step in. The horse doctor took off his coat and climbed into the cage where the wildcat was writhing in the bonds. The young man with the red hair and shoes passed the forceps to him, and after some parleying with the panther and dodging the sharp teeth that were occasionally driven at his hands, the doctor got hold of the tusk and began to twist it out. The big brute lay quiet for a minute, but then the roots dragged at the hard flesh with a sound like canvas tearing on a nail; he twisted and gnashed and tugged at the ropes until the muscles of the canvas men were strained to their utmost. After a while a piece of tooth as big as a wish-bone came away. Then another smaller fragment was dragged out, and then the horse doctor plunged in his probe and pried away the roots with some meat and a great deal of blood. He climbed hurriedly out of the cage, dodging a friendly swipe from a panther in the next apartment. The doors of the cage were locked and the panther released. There wasn't much fight in him. He looked weak and weary, and blood was gushing from his jaws. He was seven years old, and the tooth taken from his face was about five inches long.—*Chicago Herald*.

Smudged Gold.

The common method of annealing gold mats, pellets, or cylinders, by holding them over or in the flame of an alcohol lamp or Bunsen gas burner, is a practice which, while ordinarily successful, is liable to occasion defects in the fillings.

The resulting imperfections are not often observable in flush finished fillings, although some of these subsequently scale at marginal points on their surfaces; but elaborate building or contour work not infrequently meets with most disappointing disaster, due to the smudging of the gold by the incomplete combustion of the flame fuel. Yet the real cause of the calamity is unnoticed, and fault found with the gold, or the possible presence of a leak in the dam, or other source of moisture suspected, whereas the first thought following the surprising failure should be, "the flame is at fault."