

disturbance than late. Lancing the gums will relieve the tension and pain, but must not be done till the ridge is hard and white, showing that the teeth are near the surface, or a cicatrix will form, which will be harder for the tooth to penetrate than the gum uncut. The writer in the "American System of Dentistry" claims the opposite to be the case, and recommends frequent lancing, on the ground that cicatricial tissue being less highly organized than the gum it ought to be more easily absorbed. The incision for incisors and cuspids is in the line of the arch; the molars should have a crucial incision, running from one cusp to another, and intersecting as near the middle of the crown as possible. An oozing hæmorrhage has sometimes occurred after lancing, and may be due to sucking the gums. This can be prevented by keeping the mouth open for a short time (two minutes) by means of a bit made of linen or something soft. If this is not successful, a styptic such as alum or tannin may be applied. In constitutional disturbance as diarrhoea, constipation, fever, etc., it is better to call in a specialist in children's diseases.

The deciduous teeth are finally shed just before the eruption of the permanent, usually in the following order: Incisors about the seventh year; cuspids between the ten and twelfth year, first molars about the ninth and second molars about the tenth year.

Dental Fees in Canada.

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There is nothing I would despise more than money—if I could afford it. It is, indeed, "filthy lucre" when applied to Canadian and American bank-bills. Money ought not to be the chief aim of the honest dentist; yet, I would not affect that high-toned hypocrisy which pretends to sneer at the almighty dollar. It is a many-sided question to the dentist as well as to the doctor.

I do not know any character more despicable than the money-grabber whose soul is in his pocket, and who values his victims in proportion to the fees they can pay. But to no man so much as the honest dentist, is the question of remuneration more important. The quack or rascal can trim his fees to suit his dupe. He can plug or plaster with a conscience as mobile as wax; but at every step the honest dentist never thinks of dishonesty. To him the work at his finger ends is superior to the pecuniary result. Circumstances may force him to refuse his attention; but once it is given, the idea of profit becomes secondary. It is a fact to be proud of