

### **"Nothing New Under the Sun."**

A paper by Dr. J. J. R. Patrick, read before the Illinois State Dental Society, incidentally mentions a fact, which has repeatedly recurred to us, and which we have pleasure in reproducing in full on page 59. Dr. Patrick says, "If the profession were properly represented in the courts on crown and bridge work, I have no hesitancy in saying, with the evidence before me, that the International Tooth Crown Company could never obtain a favorable decision. Artificial teeth have been constructed and attached more or less permanently many years prior to the inventions claimed by these patentees. . . . W. H. Elliott, Fellow of the American Society of Dental Surgeons, in his contributions to operative and mechanical dentistry, in the *American Journal of Dental Science*, Vol. V., 1844, describes a method of making the roots to two teeth carry three porcelain crowns, and illustrates with a wood engraving his manner of constructing them."

Dr. Elliott was a Montreal practitioner, and disposed of his practice to the late Dr. Van Buskirk. He was highly distinguished as an ingenious and liberal-minded dentist, a contemporary of the late C. M. Dickinson, A. Bernard, J. H. Webster, H. M. Bowker, Hon. P. Baillargeon, J. McKee, and our esteemed late President of the Board, Dr. Chas. F. F. Trestler. We have a distinct recollection, some years ago, of seeing in the mouth of one of his old patients, just such a piece of bridge work as is described on page 59.

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### **Delayed Matter.**

We regret being obliged to defer some valuable matter until next issue.

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### **What Dr. Willmott Said.**

We draw attention to a letter in this issue from Dr. Willmott, in which he repudiates the sentiments put to his credit in his address at the college dinner. Unfortunately for ourselves, we were unable to accept the kind invitation of the students to be present, and the report was taken from a Toronto paper by a correspondent who also was not present, and who was ignorant of the correction next day, to which Dr. Willmott refers. It was sent to us, and imme-