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### A LITTER OF SUPERNUMERARY TEETH.

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A patient aged 21 years, with a history of a full set of deciduous teeth and no extraction of the permanent set, presented herself, complaining of pain and some swelling in the jaw near the symphysis. Examination revealed the absence of the inferior left lateral incisor, the left central being slightly loose and tender on pressure. A slight space intervened between this and the cuspid, the cusp of which was tilted forward and the apex well back, encroaching upon the bicuspid. Suspecting an unerrupted lateral, a shell probe was passed through the gum and periosteum until a glistening subject resembling enamel was reached. The patient was so highly sensitive and hysterical that further examination was deferred until the time of operation. An incision in the gum was made directly over the tumor at the apex of the root, the periosteum was opened and laid aside so as to expose the contents. Here were found seven teeth nestling together in a cavity about the size of a denuded peanut. The roots were like the spokes of a wheel radiating outwards, some almost penetrating the gingival margin of the gum projecting above, while others were close to the lower border of the jaw. The cavity in which they were confined was perfectly smooth and without a soc. The roots of the teeth were pointed like tacks and were from one-sixteenth to a quarter of an inch in length. The crowns uniformly being an