

they are offered fillings from fifty cents to a dollar, and at another from two dollars upwards; or artificial sets on vulcanite in one office for ten dollars an upper set, and in another for forty or fifty. This too, by the way.

We need a code of ethics, and a better understanding among ourselves as dentists. We know instances of unjust depreciation of a neighbors talents, unjust disparagement of a confrere's work, which, true enough, are not rare in the early history of any profession, but which go to show that we need a Code of Dental Ethics in Canada, as well as our brethren in the United States.

It must be apparent to the poorest established dentist, that to no one is the elevation of the profession of more concern than to those who have much to learn, and earn. If certain measures dignify the calling at which we labor, they dignify the members, and on the other hand, the respectability and high mindedness of the individual dentist reflects credit upon his calling. The surest and truest course to pursue to dignify the profession, is for each one, in his private and public character to dignify himself.

#### A MISCELLANEOUS ESSAY.

*Read by L. W. Bristol, of Lockport, before the gentlemen of the Western New York Dental Association.*

It has fallen to my lot to write an article upon miscellaneous subjects connected with Dental Surgery.

You have given me a "Roving Commission" covering a great deal of ground, a subject somewhat difficult to handle; there seems no place at which to commence, and then again, there are so many places to begin.

[At this point the Doctor struck some hard blows at those who have obtained patents for inventions pertaining to Dentistry; arguing that every Dentist should make all inventions and improvements pertaining to the Profession, public property, instead of "hiding them under the bushel" of a patent; so much of it, however, was so mixed up with matters purely local, that we omit most of it.]—Ed.

They patented Collodion and attempted to set teeth upon that, calling it by the beautiful name of Rose Pearl, although it would have smelled as sweet by any other name. Some dentists bought the right to use that, but it proved to be too "Flexible."

They patented chairs that turned every way, like the flaming sword