

The dentist or surgeon who communicates a disease, syphilis perchance, to his patients, by the use of an impure instrument, has a burden of sin upon him greater than which there are but few. Besides, exquisite cleanliness and absolute freedom from germs, constitute half the battle in many operations in dentistry as well as in surgery. (Millar).

The ambition of every dentist should be to preserve the natural teeth, and we sometimes see dentists advertising "The preservation of the natural teeth a specialty." Their usual practice is more in harmony with the announcement, "The destruction of the natural teeth a specialty." What say the Vibrator advocates? See Canadian circular of testimonials. Some of these dentists, and they are spread all the way from Galt, in Ontario, to St. John, in New Brunswick, boast of having cleaned out over a dozen mouths in one week (this is preservation with a vengeance), and state that they hope to do a great deal more of this kind of wholesale slaughter by the aid of this electric machine. Some of these same machines, which cost seventy-five dollars, after a few weeks' use, are now offered for sale for a mere trifle. Only last week I had a call from a travelling dentist, offering for sale another wonderful local anæsthetic. Only twenty-five dollars for the secret (not worth twenty-five cents). He demonstrated for me, and left with the secret in his pocket, and I kept my money. Dentists who subscribe for, and read carefully, a good dental journal, ought not to be caught by these glib-tongued gentry.

Buy a sheet of carbon paper at any stationer's store, and cut it up into strips three or three and a half inches long by three-quarters wide; this makes just as good articulating paper as any you can buy at the dental depots, and not one-twentieth the cost. There is a red kind which I use, and find very useful in certain cases. In fitting teeth and crowns, this carbon paper is almost indispensable for getting nice adjustment.

To clean wax get any old tin or skillet, put all your waste bits of wax, cards from artificial teeth into it, put a couple of inches of water in to keep the wax from burning, boil till all the wax is melted, then pour a pint of hot or boiling water into a washbowl or other suitable vessel, empty the contents of the skillet into this and let it stand till next morning. All the sediment will have gone to the bottom. Scrape this off, and should the wax not be clean