

PAINLESSLY DESTROYING PULPS WITHOUT THE USE OF ARSENIC.

To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—I have been requested to write you regarding the method I employ to devitalize exposed pulps. The method is exceedingly simple and very effective. It is not original at least as I now practise it. Formerly I used the method to do away with the pain which still remained in the small particles of the pulp which were left in the roots, the greater part of the pulp having been devitalized by arsenic. However, as a method has been lately discovered to devitalize the pulp as easily as I did the remaining particles, I resolved to try my method on the pulp, and it worked like a charm. Here it is: Dry the cavity out after having removed as much of the debris as practicable without giving a great deal of pain; then take a piece of *soft* spunk, dip it in alcohol (absolute alcohol is the best) and then dip the alcohol laden spunk in crystals of muriate of cocaine, place X in the bottom of the cavity and press a piece of unvulcanized rubber against it quite hard for from one to three minutes, then take out and remove the remaining lairs of decay till you thoroughly expose the pulp and repeat the operation when you will find the pulp has lost all sense of feeling and you can remove it without the slightest pain.

Be careful to remove all the pulp before filling as sensitiveness does not return for from ten to fifteen minutes.

Yours truly,

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QUACKS AND QUACK ADVERTISING.

To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—I'm sorry you abandoned your exposures of quack advertising, because things are getting worse instead of better. The JOURNAL did good service to the profession in this way as well as in other ways, and deserved strong support.

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[Sorry for you.—ED. D. D. J.]