

A serene, conservative, eminent dentist in New York said, at a large public gathering: "I have never put in any bridges, *but I have taken out a great many*," which, to say the least, was very significant. Dr. W. H. Thomson, of New York, had a patient who had been completely prostrated from having a bridge put in. The dentist had charged \$1,750. I asked the doctor what his bill was for attendance. He said, "Oh, my bill was only \$300."

In this paper I intend only to give my way of making bridge work on vulcanite.

A case at hand: A patient had lost the entire left half of the superior teeth, except the roots of the front incisor and eye-tooth, which I found in a fair condition. The other side was good, the second bicuspid only being absent. The patient could not pay for gold, and wanted only four teeth to correspond with the opposite side. I filed the stumps close to the gums; drilled into the roots about one-third of an inch; put in tubes, with standards accurately fitted, allowing them to extend half an inch below the tubes, and the ends bent in the form of an L. An impression was then taken, the standards following the mould. The plaster was formed, and when separated, the standards were cut off, leaving only enough when flattened to catch in the rubber. Four teeth were selected; a plate of wax only about one-fourth of an inch in width, and it was ready for the flask. Before packing, I placed a wire the full length of the intended plate close to the teeth, and vulcanized for one hour. The wire was brass, tempered. When ready, it went at once to its place. It was light; the wire made it strong, and it could be removed at pleasure. I adopt this method sometimes for a single tooth, and I have inserted six and eight which have been worn for many years with great satisfaction. When the opening in the roots are funnel-shaped, fill around the tubes with amalgam.

Orthodontia.*

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In this dissertation I shall not lay claim to a vast number of new discoveries, or to the advancement of a thousand new theories, it

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