

But someone else advertised, that no matter how bad the roots are, he could treat them and utilize them for "artificial teeth without plates." The credulous lady was induced to go there. In two weeks she had a "perfect set" fastened on four of the roots.

Yesterday, five months after, she came in to see me. I heard that she had got the bridge made, and the following conversation ensued before I looked at her mouth.

"Well, how is the bridge?"

"Oh! it never gives me the least trouble."

"Does it never stir?"

"No, not in the least—I never feel it in my mouth."

Well, thought I to myself, my diagnosis of those roots was bad, yet I was puzzled.

"Let me look at it?" I said.

"Oh! I have not got it in my mouth. I was ill for two weeks after I got it in, and my face was dreadfully swollen; I was very sick, and the four roots were discharging matter, and one side of the bridge loosened and I pulled it out. So you see it 'never gives me the least trouble,' and it 'never stirs,' because it is in a little box at home."

Sensitive Dentine.*

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A society of savants was once organized in Germany, with the explicit rule that every paper read before it was to be absolutely and infallibly original. It met twice, then died for lack of material. It occurs to me that if we were gathered here upon the same condition, my paper, at least, would be unconstitutional, as it is almost impossible, without being impracticable, to contribute anything new on the subject of Sensitive Dentine. And yet are we not apt to forget that some points may be, or must be new to somebody, and that even old facts are never too often repeated, if they have not been sufficiently learned. Were dentine no more sensitive than enamel, or were it possible, speedily and safely to render it as insensible, what a boon it would be to our patients,

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