

half an inch apart, make a loop of heavy brass wire, insert in these holes from the inside and rivet in place. If the loop projects half an inch into the plaster it will not interfere with the denture, and will save you considerable annoyance.

Instead of soldering small strips of gold to clasps to retain them in position on rubber plates, use two platinum pins from a broken porcelain tooth. The clasp is held firmly to the plate, and the plate is not so liable to crack as if the strips are used.

A convenient rubber heater is made by taking a piece of asbestos an eighth of an inch thick and eight inches square; put a tin rim on it to strengthen it, dip it in water, wipe the surface, lay the rubber, ready cut, upon it, and place over the vulcanizing lamp for a minute or two before packing.

Dark joints, in repairing a denture made with gum sections, are produced by the charring or burning of particles of food, etc., with which the joints have become filled. This cannot be prevented unless the sections are removed from the plate and the adjacent ends dressed on the wheel.

When filling a number of cavities with gold at the same sitting, put on the rubber dam before you begin to prepare the cavities; remove the rough decay from all, then complete the preparation of the one you suppose will give the least pain, and fill it. By the time you have it completed the other cavities will be so thoroughly dried out that they can be excavated almost without pain. Try it.

Time as a Basis for Charging.

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"How much do you charge to fill a tooth?" is perhaps a question which your readers have heard before, and one which indicates to the operator that the questioner has a pre-conceived idea firmly fixed in his mind, that every dentist has an unalterable tariff of charges, and that every operation has a definite amount as payment for its performance.

I had a case not a year since where a lady who had previously never had any other work done than simple plugging of cavities, grew righteously indignant, when her account showed her that for treating and filling one tooth alone, I had charged three or four times as much as for any of the other single fillings she had hitherto had inserted. Had this patient reflected that the work in question had occupied, if the time at different sittings were summed up, about three hours, she would likely have had a little compassion