

## Reviews.

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*A Treatise on Pyorrhoea Alveolaris.* By JUNIUS E. CRAVENS, D.D.S., Professor of Operative Dentistry in Indiana Dental College, etc. Mrs. W. M. Herriott, publisher, Dental Depot, Indianapolis, Ind.

This little volume of forty-eight pages, the printing and publishing of which is a decided credit to the lady-publisher, is the condensed result of over twenty years' observation and study of this puzzling part of dental pathology, "a despair to conscientious practitioners and a humiliation to science." Dr. Cravens differs considerably from most authorities as to the etiology of the disease, and offers many interesting suggestions as to treatment. We shall refer to it again.

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## Editorial.

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### The Same Old Herring.

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Our friend, the editor of the *Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*, is a Master of Evasion. We do not know if he has also got that degree, but at any rate he is entitled to it "*without attendance at college.*" No doubt he enjoys it as a harmless joke. All the same it is not fair play.

We questioned from facts, the worth of dental education in the United States *twenty-five and thirty years ago*, and proved from facts that it was largely a travesty, and that the D.D.S., as then granted, in many cases after a few months' attendance upon lectures without matriculation, to Cubans and others who did not know the language in which the lectures were delivered, was a farce and frequently a fraud. In the same editorial we did justice to the *present* state of education.

Now, our worthy friend started out by editorially accusing us of attacking the American dental education *of to-day*; and by ingeniously omitting the context made it appear, as the devil is said to quote Scripture, that what we thought about the colleges over a quarter of a century ago is just what we think about them to-day!

The fun of the thing is this. We quoted Dr. W. C. Barrett against Dr. W. C. Barrett, and the editor of the *Practitioner* against the editor of the *Practitioner*, *from the same number of his journal!* We quoted exclusively American journals and American writers on the question of American dental education *in the past*, and we