

ful of carbonate of soda (common baking soda) and rub the hands thoroughly *out* of the water till we think the stains and dirt have all been removed, when we wash them in water. A little perseverance will always accomplish its object. In cold weather, when there is danger of the hands chapping from the use of the soda, we mix enough glycerine with it to make it into a paste and use it in that way. Try it.

A CASE OF HÆMORRHAGE.

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A number of years ago, a patient of mine called in to see me, bleeding from the gums, having been treated without avail for three days by his physician, who could not stop the hæmorrhage. The blood oozed out slowly from around the neck of a *perfectly sound tooth*, which was neither decayed nor diseased. This was peculiar, and to me, a novel case. The gentleman was so weak that he could hardly stand. He came to me as a last resort, thinking as it was from the gums that it might be within my scope to stop the bleeding. I suggested as the only possible remedy, the *extraction of the tooth*, and afterwards plugging the socket; but I refused to do it unless his physician was present, as the condition he was then in did not seem to justify me in assuming any extra risk, without the presence of his medical attendant.

The next day he returned alone, not being able to get his physician. He had made every arrangement to die; the bleeding had continued all night. The physician advised him to submit to my proposal and he decided to do so. I concluded to take the risk rather than let him perish, and I must say that never in my practice did I feel so great a dread of consequences as on that occasion.

I extracted the tooth—a molar—and the blood spurted out in jets ominously. I immediately plugged tannin and gold foil into the socket—the best things I had at hand,—in ten minutes a clot was formed, and the bleeding had ceased. The blood evidently was arterial. I hardly know how to account for the spontaneous hæmorrhage. I question if any other means than those I adopted would have saved this gentleman's life.

TEETH AT BIRTH.

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A few months ago a child was born in Montreal with lower central incisors, and, having read of the anomaly in the city items of an evening