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Inoculation from Cancer.

The distinction which dental surgeons, such as the late Dr. Jas. Garretson and Dr. Truman Brophy, earned for themselves in the United States cannot be said to have many serious followers. The specialty is no doubt a precarious one, and yet if properly sustained, as it should be, by physicians and dentists, the science of oral surgery should be in every sense a profitable specialty.

We notice that in connection with the death of Dr. Burnette, of New York, from cancer, in which it appears to have been proven that the doctor was inoculated from a patient, Dr. G. Lenox Curtis has prepared a report on the subject. Dr. Curtis is a specialist on cancer; he studied in Berlin under Koch, and in Vienna under Virchow.

Dr. Curtis explained that Dr. Burnette shaved himself one morning and had cut his cheek. Later in the day he scratched the cut after putting his finger in the cancerous patient's mouth. In twenty minutes he felt a burning sensation. Some time after that he had a cancer on the cheek. This was treated, but not thoroughly cured. The cancer next appeared in the liver.

"After the medicine was taken by Dr. Burnette," said Dr. Curtis, "the tumor diminished in the course of ten days. The autopsy showed that the cancer was nearly dried up. He died from heat exhaustion. Had it not been for the hot spell Dr.