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MERBURIUS VIVUS.

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Some year and a-half or two years ago, Dr. H. S. Chase, now of the *Missouri Dental Journal*, called the attention of the profession, through one or more of the dental journals, to the efficacy of the Homœopathic preparation of mercury, called mercurius vivus, in the treatment of periostitis. It was a new thing to me, and as I, in common with most of the dentists of the Province, was, and am frequently troubled with patients returning and complaining of more or less tenderness about the roots of teeth, after having had the nerves extirpated, and the roots filled, thus indicating that inflammation of the periosteum had supervened, I resolved to test Dr. Chase's prescription. Accordingly I called at one of the Homœopathic Pharmacies and asked for the drug. On being told for what purpose I wished to use it, the person in charge replied, "We have employed it for tenderness of the teeth for years, with marked success." I procured two ounces of the third decimal trituration, enough to last long enough to test the thing thoroughly, and waited for the first patient. For the purpose of giving the result of my treatment of this vexatious disease, and of inducing others to try this remedy, I give a short history of a few cases in which I employed the drug.

August 7th, 1868.—Filled the roots and crown of the first left superior molar, for Mrs. E. M.—, aged about 25; strong and