

In a future No. I propose to give the method which I frequently adopt for keeping the mouth dry, when filling difficult cavities in the superior Incisors.

NECROSIS OF A PART OF THE INFERIOR MAXILLARY BONE.

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I give an account of the following case in order to stimulate the younger members of the profession to action, by showing how easily aggravated forms of disease, sometimes yield to very simple remedies.

I am well aware that we all feel timid at times, when we are called upon to treat, what appears to be an aggravated case, calling for speedy and effective treatment, and feel more like referring the patient to the medical man, than contending with it ourselves.

A thorough knowledge of what we have to deal with, and the means necessary to restore the parts to health, are highly necessary. I would not advise any one to grapple with what he does not understand; but would say in the words of the renowned Davy Crockett "be sure you are right, then go ahead."

On the 9th of February last, a German woman, of strong constitution and about forty years of age, was recommended to me to have an ulcerated tooth extracted, by her physician. I found upon inquiry, she had been suffering for five months, and that the tooth was free from caries or disease of any kind. I also discovered that the fangs of the inferior *dens sapientiæ* were remaining, having been broken by an unsuccessful attempt at extraction. There were two fistulous openings, one back of the second molar, and one in front of it, upon the side of the jaw, while the first molar was gone. The jaws could not be opened but remained fixed, and had been so for several weeks, the patient subsisting upon liquid food. I extracted, with difficulty, the remaining molar, and by an incision, exposed the bone, and after taking away the pieces of loose dead bone, the largest being an inch long, and three quarters of an inch wide, I injected a weak solution of Nitrate of silver, into the wound, and directed the patient to call in one week.

Upon the second visit the part gave a healthy appearance, the discharge had ceased, the mouth could be opened, patient free from pain, and to day enjoys good health.