

as much as it can be without injuring the tissues. A portion of the paste should be directly applied and covered with a layer of dry cotton, or some other material, and seal with warm compound, wax, or gutta percha, care being taken not to exert pressure.

If a little more time was expended, and a little more trouble taken, we would not have so many patients returning with the story of how they suffered intense agony, for some more or less lengthened period, but the pain would, in nearly every case, be reduced to the minimum.

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Selections.

Dental Boards.

By PROF. J. FOSTER FLAGG.

There is an incentive to pass and graduate men who are utterly unfit. They come to us, they work with us, and they get around us in some way—I don't know how—and the result is that some young men who are utterly incompetent go out from our schools. Do we know it? They work hard; they are present at every lecture; they are in the seats with their eyes wide open and their mouths wide open, drinking it all in, poor as it is; we see them every day, and we get to know those boys, and we hope that when they come up for examination they will pass well. What do they do? They are required to make a set of artificial teeth, and they take an impression, which is a wretchedly poor impression; so they say to some fellow-student who is able to take a good impression, "Here, I am going down-stairs a minute; you just take this impression for me, and I will be right back." So the good man takes the impression. Then the poor man swages up a plate, and it is the poorest kind of work, and he gets another man to swage up the plate for him. He sets it in plaster, and where the single teeth are to go he sets them, but where a few teeth are to be ground up together he finds he can't grind them up, so he gets another