

Why He Could Not Make Copper Amalgam.

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He was a venerable member of our noble profession. He was not educated in any of our dental colleges. He professed before they existed. He was making a fraternal call. We chatted about everything in general, and dental subjects in particular. He suddenly lowered his voice and looked enquiringly into our face and asked, "I say! do you know anything about making copper amalgam?" We had to confess our comparative ignorance of the *modus operandi*. "Well," he continued, confidentially, "I read that if one would dissolve some sulphate of copper, and suspended an iron bar in the solution, metallic copper would be deposited, so I got some copperas and dissolved it, immersed my iron bar, got no deposit. What do you suppose was the matter?" As soon as we became sufficiently composed to speak, we explained what was the probable cause of failure in the experiment.

A Case in Practice.

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A gentleman called upon me about two years ago, suffering from sore throat on the left side, neuralgic pains in ear and side of face and head. His physician had been unable to treat the trouble successfully, or even to diagnose the cause. I found, upon examination, that he was biting his cheek severely between his wisdom teeth. I removed the upper one and dismissed him. A few days since he returned to my office and reported having derived immediate relief after the operation.

This time he had come to have another tooth extracted, as he was biting his cheek opposite his first molars upon the same side. Upon examination I found a tumor, about as large as a good sized pea, upon the inside of the cheek, opposite the teeth mentioned. His teeth were sound but worn off flat. The outer edges were quite sharp. His cheeks were fleshy, and as soon as he opened