

a first-class patronage. If he was, he would certainly prefer it, but knowing his inability, his only hope is to get up an extensive practice among the ignorant, poor and penurious.

In cavities that are very shallow, the pulp not being exposed, but very nearly so, it might be dangerous to drill for retention of filling or otherwise shape the cavity, a sticky oxyphosphate placed in the bottom of the cavity, and a pellet of gold placed thereon and pressed into place, may be used successfully, the rest of the filling can then be built out, condensed and finished.

Antipyrine in solution applied to the cavity after extracting a tooth, is good to arrest the hemorrhage, and much more pleasant than perchloride of iron. I sometimes use chloroform in the same way, which answers a double purpose.

Bristles, such as can be had at the shoemaker's, are very useful for cleaning hypodermic needles, better than wire in many instances, as they do not corrode.

Other things being equal, a dentist ought to improve as he grows older, within certain limits; but some can learn more in one year than another would in a whole lifetime. But all can improve themselves in this age of reading and progress.

Iodoform oil is made by shaking amorphous iodoform into ten parts of oil of lavender. Very pleasant and useful.

Much of the unsatisfactory working of copper amalgam arises from ignorance in not knowing how to work it properly. The material should not be heated and thrown into a cold mortar and instantly chilled, but kept warm while being vigorously rubbed and worked with a pestle in a good-sized mortar. Small-sized glass or porcelain ones are utterly useless for preparing copper amalgam with any satisfaction.

No dentist is worthy of reputable patronage who is not master of his profession, a gentleman in his manners, cleanly about his office, free from demoralizing habits, honest in his dealings with his patrons, and of good moral character; while he may more reasonably expect to be more and more successful the more nearly he meets the requirements of modern, refined and intellectual society.

Save up all your old waste bits of lead and other soft metal. Melt into a round or square block by pouring into a collar-box or other similar mould. Very useful for striking up gold caps, etc.