

them publicity, as well as the particulars connected with each, the means resorted to and the result.

I have to add another to the list of accidents in the above direction. The following was caused entirely by the patient wearing the denture when it no longer fitted the mouth, and had become quite loose from the loss of several natural teeth.

This may be a warning to many who wear parts of sets, as well as remind those of our profession, of the necessity of impressing upon their patients the *danger* of retaining such when they become so loose as to fall in almost every act of speaking.

As we occasionally meet such persons, the *desire* on our part is to give them good advice, but unless they call upon us professionally, our *gratuitous* advice or suggestions to have the defect remedied, may be taken as a desire on our part to solicit the patronage of said parties, and hence little thanks for unasked for advice and premature caution. The looseness of dentures may not always be from loss of teeth to which the plate has been attached, but frequently temporary sets are worn when the alveolar ridge and gums have shrunk and absorbed, so as to cause a general looseness of the plates, as well as imperfect fits at the time they are inserted. Parts of sets may be *carried* in the mouth of the patient during the day with less risk than at night, but when in a recumbent position, and folded in the arms of *Morpheus*, or *some other arms*, the risk is too great, and the danger of swallowing them quite obvious. The following accident occurred some three months since: The lady had the denture made in London by a Mr. Webb. The roots, which several of the artificial teeth covered at the time the plate was inserted, had worked down beyond the margin of the gum, preventing the plate and artificial teeth from fitting accurately, causing the plate to become quite loose, and for some months previous to swallowing it, it was a constant source of annoyance by falling almost in every act of speaking, and causing the patient to keep it in its place by the use of the tongue, and a strong effort to draw it upwards by exclusion of the air, but which no sooner was released than it again became loose. This partial denture contained originally five teeth, consisting of two laterals, cuspid and two bicuspid on vulcanite plate. It was held *in situ* mostly by the laterals fitting accurately between the centrals and cuspid teeth. The width of the plate from right to left side, was about two inches, distant from the incisors across, three quarters of an inch. No clasps. At the time the plate was swallowed, several of the teeth had been broken off close, leaving the four platina pins projecting from the rubber. From the time it was first swallowed, it occupied some five hours in passing into the stomach, pro-