

EXTRACTING TEETH.

It is a great mistake to have a tooth extracted the first time it aches, unless the crown has all decayed and left nothing but the roots, for in all cases of simple tooth ache the tooth can be restored to proper health with but little pain. We would not cut one of our fingers off if it pained us, or because it was inflamed, but would put something on it to reduce the inflammation and heal it. Then why not treat our teeth in the same manner, are not the teeth of as much importance as any other part of the body. People say that when they lose their teeth they will get new ones that will look better, which will not ache; but they are only substitutes, and in my estimation the natural tooth is far superior to the artificial.

There is no need of extracting a tooth, unless the whole crown is decayed away, the tooth ulcerated, loose, or the process absorbed, so there is no possibility of the tooth becoming firm again, *but in all other cases* the tooth can be restored so that it will be a useful organ for years to come. But in all cases when the tooth cannot be saved it should be *at once* removed. Persons suffer poor health for years, they experience much nervous and rheumatic pain about the face, head, and shoulders; facial neuralgia or tic-douloureux, or inflammation of the ear; are afflicted every few weeks or months with swellings and ulcerations of the jaws; have poor appetite; are tortured from indigestion, &c. These are a few of the diseases caused by such teeth. Ulceration of the jaw, and sometimes cancer are directly caused by these teeth.