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DESTROYING THE NERVE AND FILLING THE ROOTS OF THE TEETH.

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For a good many years I have been in the habit, when teeth were presented to me with exposed nerves, of destroying them, and afterwards filling both roots and teeth. I have met with a great measure of success, and have, at one time or another, adopted nearly every manner of performing the operation, which has been promulgated. At the present, and for some considerable time past, I have been endeavouring to preserve the nerve alive in as many teeth as possible, of which, I propose to have something to say in a future number. So far, I have not been able to save the vitality of the nerve in every case of exposure that has come into my hands, or at least, I have not thought it advisable, under the circumstances of the case, to make the attempt, and have, therefore, in some instances, resorted back to the practice of extirpation of the nerve, and root filling. In this paper I propose to make a few remarks on the manner in which I perform these operations, on such teeth, as it appears to me, can be preserved *better* by this operation than by attempting to save the vitality of the nerve, being the conclusions which I have drawn from many years practice.