

I assured her they were the cause of her trouble. After some months' treatment without decisive benefit, she consented to have them removed, and gold fillings and a black rubber plate replaced the former fillings. Then *merc-viv.*, *cm.*, one dose, and *S. L.* was given. Within three weeks the enlarged glands were visibly diminished, health and complexion much improved. Six weeks later enlargement of glands diminished by half; complexion and health good; the lady well pleased and glands still diminishing at last interview. Within three months' more treatment the enlargement of the glands will be entirely gone.—*William L. Morgan, M.D., Baltimore, Md., in Medical Visitor.*

We give the two above choice samples of medical ignorance of dental subjects. The "Remarkable Reflex" was a simple case which the average dental student would have diagnosed, and treated directly, without any of the preliminary humbug which the wiseacre had to use before he made the "remarkable" discovery, that it was a toothache. The article on amalgam reads like a resurrected contribution of sixty years ago. "The enlarged tumor of some kind taken from the right side of the neck," etc., was evidently an equally fine exhibition of a surgical mistake. The doctor "assured her" that the cause of the trouble, the enlargement of the submaxillary glands, etc., were due to "large amalgam fillings and a red rubber plate." The innocent practitioner jumped to a silly conclusion, when he attributed the improvement to the removal of the amalgam, and the use of the black rubber. These conditions can be produced to order by the use of gold in certain diseased conditions of the teeth, as any student knows. We can easily imagine the "pathy" of that school which teaches such nonsense.—*ED. D. D. J.*

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## DENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

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*Requirements of Her Majesty's Naval Service as regards the Teeth of Candidates. Issued by the Medical Department of the Admiralty, April, 1899.*

(a) Seven teeth defective or deficient in persons under seventeen years of age on the day of entry, ten defective or deficient teeth in persons above the age of seventeen, will disqualify.