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Bridge Work.

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Over forty years ago I made bridges, which differed only from those made at present in the manner of their attachment to the roots. They were permanent, and, of course, had the same objectionable features of all bridge work, viz., uncleanness, and I abandoned them. No refined, cultured or sensitive person can long endure the strong, fearful odor which is inevitable, I care not how well the fixture has been adjusted. There will be a lodgment which no brush or silk floss can reach, however dexterously or thoroughly used. No new departure (and we have had many) has been fraught with more dissatisfaction than this "new craze." Many, if not all, who were most enthusiastic at first, have long since abandoned it, and some have pronounced their anathema *maranatha*. A dentist at Albany, who was a most sanguine advocate, now loses his temper if you only mention bridge work. Is it at all surprising, when some in their zeal, without wisdom, allowed their avarice to overrule their judgment, and build infirm, insecure foundations, which in a very short time gave way? Not only did they suffer in reputation, but those who had charged \$15 for the first tooth, and \$10 for each additional tooth, began to realize that it was not all gold that shone so bright at first, particularly when they had to make amends as best they could.