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Pulp Canal Filling.

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Almost every dental journal contains an article, and every dental association has a section, pertaining to the filling of root canals.

It is through this interchange of ideas that we arrive at the best methods for accomplishing our objects.

While my way of doing this is by no means new, I think that a description may be interesting.

After destroying the nerve, the first and most important thing is cleanliness. Every possible particle and fibre of dead tissue must be removed, and the canals made thoroughly antiseptic.

I say every possible particle, because it is impossible for the most skilful operator to remove everything, except in very accessible cases. The difficulty increases with the remoteness and tortuousness of the canal.

There is a tendency amongst dental writers to forget the practical limitations, and construct a very fine theory of perfect work on paper.

While I recognize fully the absolute necessity of a high standard of excellence, toward which we should constantly struggle, there is also present to me the fact, that the very best work in the treatment of canals depends upon the forms of the canals themselves.

I have split open many extracted teeth, and in a comparatively large proportion have found, that the canals were so constricted that theoretically, perfect treatment would be a very difficult matter.