

To complete the operation, No. 4 cohesive gold foil, 1,000 fine, is used. After trying several kinds of gold, I find Hubbard's equal to any of them. Divide the sheets in thirds in this wise: a sheet is moved one-third out of the book; the book is then closed to hold the sheet, and the piece is torn off the way a piece of paper is torn on the sharp corner of a desk or table. These strips are then loosely rolled into ropes, and cut into pellets suitable to the case.

As the pellets are taken up, they are passed two or three times through the flame of a spirit lamp, bringing them up to a red heat each time. To pack and condense, the automatic mallet is employed, using at first a light blow, then a medium, care being taken not to mallet directly against the enamel margin, but always letting a pellet of gold precede the fine plugging point, which pellet of gold should be malleted against the preceding piece or pieces until the filling is flush with the margins of the cavity. With a foot plugger additional pieces are malleted on, running the gold over the enamel margin, so that when the filling is dressed down, there will be a thin film of gold over the margin, which will prevent the fluids from getting between the filling and the margin. For polishing, a medium grade disk is used for taking off the mass of gold, followed by one made from the finest pouncing-paper. This will produce a good polish. Nevertheless, a higher lustre should be attained by the use of a strip of chamois well chalked. For this, the best material is what is known as "whiting."

A Bridge-Work Impostor.

By ONTARIO.

There is bridge-work and bridge-work. A lady came to me with a mouthful of loose, pus-discharging, offensive roots, fistulous openings over six of them, and the gums bearing all the evidences, by odor and appearance, of mercurial administration. There was not a single root that was not loose, and each one, to use a Hibernicism, was "worse than the other one." To suggest crown and bridge-work, in my opinion, was like building a house on the shifting sands, or shaving the head to treat softening of the brain. Therefore, I advised extraction and the usual temporary set.