

A STITCH IN TIME.

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Who is there in the dental profession that has not often wounded himself? The left hand is generally the victim, as the right hand holds the instrument. These little mishaps are very annoying and troublesome, particularly if not immediately attended to. If it is a cut, and to any great depth, I allow it to bleed freely as there will be less inflammation. I keep a fine needle, with a white silk thread in, well waxed. A small wad of bibulous paper saturated with four per cent. of cocaine is placed upon the wound, and a finger on the same hand can hold it there for ten minutes, after which it can be sewed as easily as if it were leather. It will heal by first intention. The parts being brought together, the bleeding will cease at once and you can resume work. This has saved me much pain, inconvenience, time and money.

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Selections.

THE INFILTRATION METHOD OF ANÆSTHESIA.*

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Just six months ago we brought to the notice of the medical profession our† conclusions obtained by following out the line of experiments instituted but a few months before by Schleich,‡ of Berlin, relative to the anæsthetic properties of water, and its application in surgical practice. The experimental stage has been passed and we are now able to substantiate some of his statements made in our first article, which at that time were not yet proved.

A brief resumé of Schleich's experiments may be advisable. This investigator was employed in research for the production of a better and less harmful method of local anæsthesia than that which

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† "Explanation and Demonstration of the Infiltration Method of Anæsthesia." *Journal American Medical Association*, Dec. 29th, 1894.

‡ Schleich, "Schmerlose Operationen," Berlin, 1894.