

of iron. Our cement will set quite as hard in the mouth as on the glass slab if we can maintain similar conditions.

I am pleased with Canada balsam for lining cavities, it's a good starter for gold. Sometimes it is desirable to place a smooth layer up against a frail wall, and this, I find, always holds it there. Try it. If still using gold in tapes, first anneal the whole sheet at once, fold up with paper-cutter and cut in strips as long as you like—it's a time-saver. Before making injections with the hypodermic always hold the needle upwards and force all the air out; and, after using, never permit yourself to lay it aside without making it thoroughly aseptic. Have met with several serious cases from this very neglect. To transmit a disease should be felt as criminal.

When using rubber for separating teeth I find it best to secure this with a cord to one of the teeth; then when the patient fails to fill appointment, but comes up later on, the rubber is still there. Having occasion to place a bicuspid crown, and having a single post (Davis) only on hand I adapted this one, then soldered a smaller branch to the shoulder for the palatine canal, when I had all I desired. If, after securing your dam, you find or make another hole, saturate a pledget of cotton with mastic or other varnish, place back of the hole and you are again happy and serene.

It is sometimes rather amusing to see how the local reporters get our titles mixed up. In our own town the local man tacks on D.D. at one time, D.S. at another, more often L.D.S.; but the last noticed was V.S. It does seem a good stride from Doctor of Divinity to Veterinary Surgeon. Possibly, we "professionals" are partly responsible for this variety of letters because some are so impetuous for a string of titles that they lead off at random, as witness: "——— L.D.S., M.C.D.S."

If a dentist dreads the labor on an extra piece of work his best cure is to become thoroughly interested in that thing. It's no trouble for a child to play; you will notice it even runs in its enthusiasm.

It seems passing strange that we Canadians neglect our own literature so much. Not that I would patronize foreign periodicals less, but our own more. We have a Canadian profession that needs our constant supervision, and an uplifting element. To do this most effectively requires live dental societies, and a home literature of our own, especially adapted to ourselves, and through which we may communicate and otherwise keep posted as to what is being done in the several provinces. If we could but grow into a reasonable appreciation of our one dental Journal something like we all do of our local daily paper, we would find ourselves more brotherly and better Canadians. That word "brotherly" reaches