

crates refers to fixing the teeth, probably some dental operation. In the sixth century, Celsus and others had vague ideas of the treatment of the dental organs. In 1747, dentistry was practised by John Hunter, and in 1786 by Bourdett. In 1800 it was practised more commonly. During a visit to Washington, D.C., in the year 1865, I examined a set of teeth made for and worn by Geo. Washington, the first President of the United States of America. The case represented a complete set of human teeth on bone plate, to which were attached gold spiral springs. The work had been done somewhere between the years 1782 and 1792, as Washington was born in 1732, inaugurated President in 1790, and died at the age of sixty-seven in the year 1799, and we may conclude that the work was not less than at least 100 years old, or made about the year 1792.

In 1800, barbers, watchmakers and cheap mechanics practised upon teeth for simply the money to be obtained for a livelihood, and decoyed many, like the spider and the fly, by advertisements and circulars, by inviting them to walk into their parlors, where all kinds of work was done at the cheapest possible rate. In 1851, while on a visit to St. Louis, my attention was directed to a sign on one of the principal streets, which read as follows: "Cupping, Leaching, Tooth Pulling and Barbering done here;" and in front of the sign was the barber's pole. Coming down still later, in the year 1890, a gentleman passing along one of the principal thoroughfares in the great city of New York, had two handbills presented to him, which set forth the qualifications and abilities of the first as a professional boot-black; the second, the dentist, as a business man.

The first circular read as follows: "Professor Johnson, specialist, begs to call your attention to his parlors on 49 Cortland Street, N.Y., where you may have the encasements of your *pedal* extremities illuminated or lubricated for the Infinitesimal sum of five cents, in a truly scientific manner. The place is lighted throughout by incandescent light; the boys are polite, and work with elastic rapidity. Your valise, bag, cane or umbrella checked at all times; try me." The second circular, headed "Dentistry," was as follows: "Dr. W. F. Nistop, Dentist, No. 999 15th Avenue, N.Y., for nearly twenty years with Dr. Dear, of this city, begs to announce that he has established himself at the above address, with every facility for doing a first-class dental business in all its various branches, at the following low rates: Teeth extracted, 25 cents; Gas, 50 cents; Gold fillings, \$1 upwards (with gas 50) according to labor. Best artificial sets at cheapest rates, only the best material used, satisfaction guaranteed. Fresh laughing gas daily. Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays all day. Call and get my prices before going elsewhere." One would almost imagine that some of the advertisements seen in our Dominion papers