

them. Not infrequently persons drop in to have one or more of the incisors ground down to match the rest; to expedite the work hold a wet sponge against the wheel, and then you can work right along without interruption.

An especially convenient chisel is one rather broad, and the end-cutting edge ground out fish-tailed. The two sides may also be brought to a levelled, sharp edge. Try it.

Shave down silver nitrate and dust this over a freshly exposed pulp, when the patient is enduring great pain and will not tolerate the usual application at once.

When applying the cord, and it persists in slipping back into the cavity, make the knot secure, then carefully push up both it and the dam to position, when it will usually remain.

I have much faith in, and therefore disinfect every cavity immediately before filling.

Keep an oiled wool cloth to finish cleaning instruments, and they will always remain bright.

For use under anæsthetics, one pair of universal forceps should be a part of every set; in fact, these are never to be despised, if well made, and with curving beaks so to pass well over all crowns and bring the pressure well up on neck of the tooth. I am especially successful with those weak and broken down lower molars, frequently so trying, by taking hold well down or cutting through on to the anterior root, which is the curving one if at all so.

#### AT THE BENCH.

With certain varieties of flat mouths, score the model close up and around the air chamber, also several more across those soft portions of the palate, usually found on either side of the median line and back from the chamber. When smoothly done, these raises on the palate surface of plate do not seem to irritate the mucous membrane.

Occasionally a sharp, deep groove extends back along the same median line; use soft palate rubber over this.

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#### Hints.

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If the rubber dam is punctured during the process of filling, dry it thoroughly and touch the spot with a thick solution of chloro-percha, such as is used for nerve canals, and allow the chloroform to evaporate before proceeding with the work. This will effectually exclude the moisture.

If you are troubled with the top plate of the flask coming off while packing, drill two holes near the rear end of the plate about