

can excel their imitation of the natural gums, for instance; and in all other respects I would give them the palm excepting on two points; strength and that peculiar resemblance to bone, that in our manufactures is altogether wanting, but which I find even in some old teeth made in Paris a century ago.

Our teeth look what they are,—stone! but the others I speak of, look as though you could take and cut them with a knife, so perfect is their imitation of bone. In point of strength we are even behind the plate teeth made twelve years ago.

CLEAN HANDS.

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In no other calling in life is it as requisite that a person should have clean hands as it is on the part of the dentist. His operations being mostly in the mouth, it is of the utmost importance that his hands should be spotlessly clean, if he would secure the respect of his patients.

There are many persons who are notoriously filthy in every respect, except about that which enters their mouths, who look with the greatest disgust at the dirty hands of the dentist, and although they may not like to say anything at the time, they are pretty sure to avoid him the next time they require to have their teeth operated upon. In these degenerate times, when most of us are obliged to spend a large part of our time in the Laboratory, it is of importance that we should have at hand something that will remove the dirt and discolourations from the handling of flasks, lead, and moulding sand.

This subject was brought very forcibly home to us the other day while on a visit to a professional brother. We found him at work in the Laboratory with his hands, of course, very dirty. After a few minutes a lady called to consult him, when he went to the basin and attempted to clean his hands with soap and water, but as might be expected, the stains from the flask still remained. He attended to his patient, and after she was gone we remonstrated with him for going to the operating chair with his hands in such a state. He said he regretted very much being obliged to do so, but really he knew of no way by which he could avoid it. He had tried many things for removing the stains but could never find anything that would do it effectually. We told him what we have been in the habit of using for several years with perfect success, and as there may be many others troubled as our friend was, we will tell it to them. We first put as much soap on our hands as we usually do when washing them, and then take about a teaspoon-