

In using a corundum wheel it is necessary that the surface be kept constantly moist, otherwise the wheel soon loses its grit. To secure this result without flooding the wheel small lathe-boxes can now be purchased containing a moist wick which is kept constantly in contact with the wheel. In the absence of such an arrangement, however, a wide-mouthed bottle filled with water, with a sponge in its mouth, will answer the purpose, and will be much better than the plan pursued by many dentists of picking up a sponge and moistening the wheel whenever it becomes dry.

The keeping of the hands in a presentable condition or the ability to make them so at a moment's notice is of considerable importance to a dentist, who may be called at any minute to leave the dirtiest work of the laboratory and go into the presence of a lady patient. While a dentist should not be too fastidious about such matters, the use of an old pair of gloves when handling dirty flasks and doing other disagreeable work will do much towards keeping the hands clean and preserving their natural softness. Almost any stains of the laboratory, however, can be removed by the use of a little baking soda, followed by a good rubbing with soap; and stains which cannot be removed in this way will always yield to a thorough rubbing with warm oil and powdered borax.

An Old Dentist's Advice to Students.

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I remember when I was a dental student in the dark ages of the profession, my tutor was giving some good advice to a patient about the care of the teeth, showing her how she might manage to preserve her natural teeth to old age. Suddenly, the young lady laughingly said, "Now, why do you give such advice if it is perfectly correct, because if everybody followed it, 'Othello's occupation' would be gone, and you'd have nothing more to do in dentistry?" "I will tell you frankly," he replied, half jokingly; "just because I know it is perfectly certain that the advice you get in one ear to-day will be out of the other before you're a day older."

Now, in the gossip of an experienced practitioner I here purpose