

I have consumed in the work. The lecturer looked as though, on this scale, the filling of a tooth would cost about \$75 or \$100.

The speaker now described the process of filling a tooth. It was very interesting. "Take," said he, "for instance, the second molar anterior, right proximo, cavity inclining towards the labial wall. First, cut away the fice, smooth down, saw out and leave strong angles. Now commence with No. 0, put down the point firmly and strike with the lead mallet; build up all around, carefully filling the lower and upper inferior and superior arches and the right anterior cavity, using tools Nos. 1 and 2. Lay on the gold with the seratius and advance to the proper angles and finish off carefully the ridges and valleys, promonteries and capes of the original."

This was clear and lucid; we began to feel like a dentist. The man is a wonderful one, thought we. At the end of the lecture we found ourselves standing beside a tremendous six footer from St. Louis. "Doctor," said we, "who is this doctor P—?" (the lecturer.)

"He is," replied my gigantic friend, "a gentleman from Ohio; one of those erratic geniuses who are so difficult to follow. Now, with the exception of a few minor points, perhaps, in what does his mode of operation differ from yours?"

This was a stunner. Yes, to be sure—what was the difference. We were plunged into a profound reflection. We revolved the whole subject from beginning to end. We have thought of it constantly ever since, and we pledge you our word, reader, we cannot up to this moment decide in what his mode of operation differs from ours. This is the penalty of being mistaken for a dentist. "In what —," why it may take years to solve that question."

EDITORIAL.

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