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FATAL CASE OF CORROSIVE ULCER.

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By the following report of a fatal case of corrosive ulcer, I wish to impress upon the minds of all practising dentists the fatal consequences which may attend an operation improperly done. In this case, however, the trouble originated from a bad fitting plate, but as like fatal results may, and do follow other dental operations, our duty lies in effectually accomplishing all we undertake professionally.

Three weeks ago I was requested to visit a lady suffering with alveolar abscess. I found her in great pain with it, face much swollen. The flesh was sloughing off from the alveolar ridge and roof of the mouth, so as to leave bare the bone from the centre of the hard palate to the external side of the affected alveolar process; pulse one hundred and fifty; two natural teeth extracted easily with the fingers, showed no decay of the crowns.

About ten years ago while in California, a partial denture on rubber plate had been fitted to her mouth, which, in consequence of not fitting properly in the region of the natural teeth above mentioned, kept up a constant inflammation of the mucous membrane, causing the gums to recede from the necks and roots of the teeth, and finally ulceration at the roots. Three years ago she called at my office to ask some questions regarding the case, but had nothing done, promising to call again. She retired to her bed about four weeks ago with severe pain in the side of the face, intending to visit the dentist the following day, but was confined to her room until her death, which occurred in less than two weeks, subsequent mortification having taken place. She was under the treatment of Dr. Flemming of this place, by whom I was requested to see her.