

it in the carbolic acid, then with a small excavator, smear on the saturated cotton a small bit of the arsenious paste. In applying to the pulp, care should be taken, not to allow the cotton to touch the lips or cheek or gums, and it should be so introduced as that the paste shall come directly in contact with the pulp. These conditions fulfilled, the cavity is sealed with cotton and sandarach, and as a rule, left for a week, before any further operation. I am aware that some operators proceed to extirpation in twenty-four hours after making the arsenious application, but personal experience (in all cases the safest guide) must determine for each individual practitioner, this, among many other matters of practical detail.

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### DENTAL BROTHERHOOD.

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MR. PRESIDENT, AND GENTLEMEN:—There is an old nursery rhyme, familiar, no doubt, to you all, that has been ringing through my head since receiving our Secretary's invitation to prepare something for the general good of our Society. It begins thus:—

“Will you walk into my parlor,  
Said the spider to the fly—”

I feel to sympathise deeply with the poor fly, which found itself placed in such an unfavorable predicament by simply accepting the polite invitation; however, I can only hope that my fate may not prove quite so disastrous, and that I may not be altogether “gobbled up” by your superior talents and experience.

In attempting to address you for the first time, I have chosen the subject of “Dental Brotherhood,” not from necessity, but from choice, as no one of our numbers—to my knowledge—has heretofore touched upon it. I have long felt it necessary that something should be said to draw our attention to this important question. There are many practical subjects which I might have taken up, but am quite willing to leave their notice and discussion to older heads.

Others may not be so unfortunate as I am in composition. I acknowledge it, at any time, an unwelcome task; and I think you will all agree with me, that no one has an idea, but he who has made the trial, what an effort it is to take up, and transfer to paper, the most trifling subjects. But, if we have a proper regard for ourselves,