

Sometimes use a very thin piece of this tubing for putting over a zinc plastic filling to keep it dry for a day or two.

In filling the posterior cavity of lower bicuspid the six year molar being out, use a thin piece of Taggart tin or any similar material, pack it or reinforce it with modelling composition ; it then becomes an easy matter to fill it.

It often happens that while we are deliberating on the time to do anything, the opportunity for action is forever lost.

Gutta-percha, or Hill's stopping is very useful for retaining dressings, arsenic, etc., also useful when used as a matrice, packed in between the teeth when filling.

Any favor is much enhanced by being promptly conferred, while delay frequently depreciates its value, and often renders it useless.

We should always remember that the ends of very delicate tubules are exposed, and that the fracture of any mechanical injury to this tubular surface in the cavity of any tooth, is the first step in the long train of evils which may follow the careless filling of any tooth. Unless the tooth is dead these tubules contain living and very sensitive matter—tissues in which life's forces are constantly going on.

It is said that in the United States there is one dentist for every 4,000 inhabitants.

Gutta-percha should be kept in well corked bottles, as it contains more or less fatty matter which in time evaporates by exposure to the air, and thus deteriorates its value for dental purposes.

Amalgam was first used in 1835 ; it was simply coin filed up and mixed with mercury. A person named Crawcour first used it in New York.

Buy a small curved drop-tube or pippet at the druggists', put in a wick filled with alcohol, by removing the rubber bulb. Light with a match and you have a very handy little flash lamp, just as good as if you paid two dollars for the one that is on the market. Useful for setting crowns, repairing old gold fillings, removing crowns that have been set with gutta-percha. Any dentist can make it, and it only costs five cents. [We acknowledge receipt of one from Dr. B. It is simply perfect.—ED.]