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## Original Communications

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### HINTS.

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I claim no originality for anything I possess, excepting original "sin." But I give these hints as I've gathered them from chats with my confreres. They were new to me. They may be new to others like myself, who accept good ideas no matter where they come from.

1. DARK JOINTS.—If your set has dark joints dip a sharpened point of wood into aromatic sulphuric acid ; put a few drops into each joint, let rest a few minutes, wash with water.

2. Do not hammer plaster impression out of your impression cup. Cut off overhanging surplus ; hold the cup over a flame, the plaster will fall out.

3. To get a correct bite make patient lean his head forward ; depress his chin until it touches his breast, then bite.

4. To get good impression with wax, wax and paraffine, or the compound, take impression as usual, but not fully ; then remove and gently soften surface over a flame and re-insert, press into place, let it cool.

5. Cotton twisted on the mandrel of the lathe can be made to reach any hole or corner in polishing plates.

6. When you have grey spots in black rubber, try Dr. Barrett's plan of rubbing them with carbon bisulphide.