

operating chair. The teeth were extracted, and in less than half an hour he was back in the bank of which he was the worthy president. The size and shade of his old teeth was so accurately followed that, on informing his teller and cashier that he had just had his four front teeth extracted, they were staggered, and asked him when. He replied, "Less than half an hour since." The mystery was then explained. He wore those teeth for two years.

Let us suppose a case. The patient we will suppose young, just entering the twenties; the incisors and eye teeth past saving, some ulcerating, and the pulp exposed in others. Suffering and mortification had at last driven the victim to seek relief. To destroy the pulps and treat the ulcers will require time, be expensive and tedious. Unless the parties are abundantly able and willing, the result will be to extract. Then comes the question, "How soon can I have the new teeth?" "To-morrow, if you wish." "Well, out with the teeth." But I take the impression, and do not remove the old ones until the new ones are ready. If a young lady, she will probably say, "Oh, that will be lovely." The impression is taken, and we will now suppose an accurate model is before the operator.

With a pen-knife it is dressed, *as it would be if the impression had been taken after extracting*. Select teeth at least one-third longer than if the gums were healed. Allow this extra length of tooth to run up in the opening left by the old tooth, and you will be surprised what a perfect fit you will have. When using nitrous oxide, have the new teeth convenient, but unobserved by your patient, and when the old teeth are out, put the new plate in before the effects of the anæsthetic has passed off, and when full consciousness returns you will see a surprised and happy patient.

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Where a cavity is found to contain deep-seated caries, and it has been found necessary to leave a portion remain, pressure upon the nerve may be prevented by applying a solution of chloro-percha to the remaining debris after it has been thoroughly treated with antiseptics. Allow the chloroform to evaporate, and a firm lining is found which is both non-conducting and non-irritating.