

"gum-boil" away. But, strange to relate, it did not go away. Some hard substance appeared through the gum under the lip; this, the Doctor told her, was a new tooth. When I saw the little patient I noticed that the crowns were off both centrals. Alveolar abscess, with fistulous opening, had resulted. Some pressure had probably forced the root up into the alveolus, and the apex came out through the opening. The end of the root had entered the lip, and was gradually working its way through, causing excessive pain and swelling. With an excavator I removed the root, and the trouble disappeared.

2. A young lady, sixteen years of age, was troubled with a lower molar. She went to a Doctor, who, on examination, saw that the tooth was badly decayed. There was some slight swelling. He advised her to poultice it, and she did so. The abscess broke externally in the region of the sub-maxillary gland, and to-day there is a large cicatrix, which looks very bad.

Such cases as these cause a man to ask himself, "When will medical men learn that there is a profession called Dentistry?" Can medical men not afford to say, "We don't know very much about teeth, you had better go to a dentist?" If medical students were advised by their lecturers and professors to leave teeth alone altogether, much of the injury done might be averted.

Of course, in such cases, a poor dentist dare not criticise the action of a general practitioner, and any advice he gives contrary to that already received from the Doctor is accepted with a good deal of suspicion. It would not be *professional* to tell a patient, "I'm supposed to know more about teeth than a general practitioner." Oh, no! we must just sit and listen, and give a patient (who says Dr. — told her this, that, or the other thing) to understand (by our silence) that Dr. — is all right, and we are all wrong. Mr. Editor, what is a man to do? The action of medical men is taking hundreds of dollars out of the pockets of the dentists of this country, making "receipts small," and almost forcing many young men to advertise "cheap extracting," in order to save themselves (from bankruptcy) and the people's teeth.

Do not say, "Time will remedy all these things," for "Life is too short, and time too precious."