

## Campho-Phenique.

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The rapidly developing importance of this peculiar combination of carbolic acid and camphor impels me to a presentation of its especial claims as, probably, the most remarkable medicament which has ever been offered in connection with dental therapeutics.

When it is known that it is a notable germicide, an efficient antiseptic, a non-irritant, a decided local anesthetic, non-poisonous, insoluble in water or glycerine, does not discolor or stain, is possessed of an agreeable odor and not disagreeable taste, and maintains an unchanged integrity, it will at once be recognized as wonderfully adapted to a large proportion of all dento-pathological conditions, from sensitivity of dentine, through the varying conditions of pulp-irritation, pulp-devitalization, pericemental irritation, alveolar abscess, and caries or necrosis of contiguous osseous structure, and that thus it must rank as one of the most, if not *the most valuable* polychrest which dentistry possesses.

During the past session of the college with which I am connected (since September, 1888) I have availed myself of the extended opportunities afforded for a decisive clinical record of this material, and the results have been so gratifying that it is with much satisfaction that I present its claims to recognition, and urge a prompt acceptance of the many benefits it has to bestow.

Where cotton is indicated as a wedge, and especially where marked sensitivity of dentine exists in connection with such cavities between teeth, both the discomfort attending separating and the pain attendant upon subsequent preparation of cavities are largely, and frequently completely, abrogated.

In cases of pulp-irritation, even of severe grade, its application, upon cotton, will almost invariably demonstrate its high rank as a "pain-obtundent."

In devitalization of pulps its use as the menstruum for the arsenic and acetate of morphia in our "devitalizing paste" seems to have already given evidence of its value as a local anæsthetic in that connection. As a disinfectant of tissue surrounding pulp-cavities and canals which have contained putrescent pulps it has made an excellent record, and has proven itself, by its variety of peculiarly acceptable tributes, to be one of the very best applications we have ever had for the purpose.

As a medicament, or ingredient of medicaments, for canal-dressings, either temporary or *permanent*, upon cotton, its combined characteristics of *antisepsis* and *insolubility* must command favorable recognition.