
previous to the day of the Engine, when hand work alone was the rule. During the past year I have had more than a score of cases come under my care of teeth *lost* by the using of the Engine, not to mention the fillings to be replaced, owing, as I believe, to the *rubbing down* of the softened dentine by the burr, instead of being cut away.

To such an extent has this been the case, I almost always ask, was the whirligig used on this tooth? and as often the reply is, "Yes." Now, if the case is that stated, what shall the verdict be? That it now has a strong leaning against the use of the Engine seems to me to be proved in the many attempts to apply cooling blasts or showers, checks, stop motions and all the paraphernalia of a well furnished machine shop. That it has a place—a small place—near the operating chair, I will not deny; that it is an excellent adjunct to the laboratory is readily proved, and will largely take the place of files and scrapers in finishing plate work.

Finally, should it be given first place in our colleges and schools, will it not tend to dwarf the cultivation of the hand, not to say anything about the readiness with which small and easily filled cavities may be discovered by a new hand, who has his "rent to pay and two small mouths to feed," notably on the lingual face of the superior incisors where the drill will bite so readily.

It was told a person a few weeks since that his teeth were in need of just such, but a most careful examination by another, good light and keen eyes could not find the least defect. The first uses the Engine constantly, it is his "*strong hold*," the other uses it but seldom.

Such cases are not unfrequent here, but how many are snared no one can tell. Unfortunately dental literature is not much sought after by those to whom the Engine is a weapon of evil, and little good may come from the discussion of the question, but I do most earnestly invite the opinion of our elders—those who can look upon fillings of twenty, thirty, and even forty years ago, fresh and bright as the stars. I have some in my own mouth nearly thirty years.

How say you, greyheaded gentlemen, are you ready with the verdict?

THE TURKISH BATH.

As a therapeutic agent I believe the Turkish Bath will yet become one of the popular sheet anchors of the medical profession. I have had a personal experience of it for over seven years, taking it not less than once a week and