

ANTIQUITY OF TOOTHPICKS.—Toothpicks were in common use in the time of the Cæsars. Martial tells us that those made of a chip of mastic wood—*Lentiscus*—are the best; but, if you run short of such timber, a quill will serve your purpose.—See Lib. xiv., Epgr. 22.

## DENTISCALPIUM.

*Lentiscum* melius; sed si tibi frondea Cuspis  
Defuerit, dentes *penna* levare potest.

In another epigram he ridicules an old fop, who was in the habit of digging away at his gums with his polished *Lentisks*, though he had not a tooth left in his head.—Lib. vi., Epigr. 64.

## AD ESCULANUM.

Medio recumbit imus ille qui lecto,  
Calvam triflem semitactus unguento,  
*Poditque tonsis ora lax: lentiscis;*  
Mentitur, Esculane:—non habet dentes.

LEGISLATION IN OHIO.—The law compelling dentists to get a diploma from a Dental College, or a certificate of qualification from the State Dental Society, or some local society, now exists in Ohio. It does not operate on those now in practice until 1873. A similar bill was before the Indiana Legislature last year.

DENTAL COLLEGES.—There are now seven Dental Colleges in the United States, one in England, one in Germany, and one in Canada. 226  
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THE LONDON (Eng.) DENTAL REVIEW has ceased to exist after a valuable career of ten years.

DR. JACOB GILLIAMS the oldest Dentist in the United States, if not in the world, died in Philadelphia, on 4th of February at the age of 85.

A METHOD FOR REMOVING AMALGAM FILLINGS.—Dr. J. Payne gives the following method for removing amalgam fillings which may save much time and labor: "I have two instruments made of silver, or silver points, somewhat resembling pluggers. One of these is straight and strong enough to bear considerable pressure. The other is smaller and bent at an angle of about forty-five degrees, so that it can be introduced between the back teeth. The points of both are flattened. When I wish to remove one or more plugs, I scrape the surface bright