

of the young the first permanent molar is frequently found to be largely decayed, with commencing cavities on right and left, originating cavities in the contiguous teeth. It is obvious that the removal, with an anæsthetic, of the first permanent molar rids the mouth of three cavities, and by exposing the commencing cavities retards or arrests their further decay, and, what is equally important, renders their treatment by filling easy and effective, and obviates the pain, of which the young are naturally intolerant, of the preparation for filling of cavities difficult of access between crowded teeth. As there are four first permanent molars, their removal rids the mouth practically of twenty cavities. Overcrowding and the disfigurement of prominent and projecting front teeth are much modified by the removal of these molars in youth.—*W. Whitehouse, L.D.S.Edin., Consulting Dental Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, etc.*

Abstracts.

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WHY do some dentists dress in imitation of the barber or the bar-keeper? Give it up. Some things are as hard to understand as the Scotch dialect.—*Western Dental Journal.*

DANGER IN CATAPHORESIS.—The danger of cataphoresis lies not in its application to the patient, but in the ease and boldness with which the dentist can operate. If he be careless he could easily penetrate or expose the pulp, not eliciting any pain; he might be careless and not protect the pulp.—*Dr. Buxbaum, Dental Cosmos.*

STOP it, gentlemen, right off! We mean the manufacture of disks from paper whose sand or grit is made to adhere by means of fish glue. This kind of sand-paper is bad enough when used in the laboratory, but when heated, as are disks, in the mouth, it develops a rankness fully capable of driving a dog out of a tan yard.—*The Odontographic.*

TO REFIT RUBBER DENTURES.—Scrape or file the palatal surface of the old plate; use mixture of thin plaster and replace the plate in the mouth; close teeth tightly together with plate in place; varnish the impression as usual; flash, and pour the impression; separate the flash; remove thin coat of plaster; then roughen the plate and pack enough rubber to fill the space.