

mark left is only transitory, he had frequently used it ; but preferred chloride of zinc, for obtunding sensibility and stimulating the gums to grow around the necks of denuded teeth. A formula like the following had answered well in some cases :

Zinci chloridi, grs. x ;
Aquæ Destillatæ,
℞i. sol.

It is used by soaking a piece of raw cotton in it, brushing lightly over the gums and around the necks of the teeth, three or four times daily for a month or so. Of course the salivary calculi must be removed and the denuded portions of the teeth kept perfectly clean. He requested gentlemen to experiment with this and to report upon it at some future meeting. The success met with from its use in practice led him to advise others, as he himself had been, to try before condemning it.

It would now be his purpose to investigate the effects of the nitrate of silver ; at one time he had thought of applying it to the teeth of one of the lower animals ; but the only thing that it would be likely to show there would be the discoloration and softening, if any followed.

The distilled water in the above prescription might be perfumed, to make it more agreeable.

If but one well-authenticated case of discoloration of the dentine was reported, it should be received with all the weight accorded to positive, in contradistinction to negative testimony.

In using this remedy, he thought it would no doubt be well to wipe it off carefully with bibulous paper (it discolors like indelible ink, and would ruin the appearance of a napkin,) and then wash with water, finally removing, as far as possible, every trace of it with some alkaline fluid, as the aqua ammoniæ. This should be done to save the teeth and the instruments from the effect of the nitric acid.

Dr. Breen said that he had on one occasion used the nitrate of silver, and had had considerable discoloration result almost immediately, but he could not answer as to its permanency.

The patient, who had just met with the accident, had some of the incisor teeth fractured so severely as to expose the pulps, which were highly sensitive and bleeding at the time he first saw them. The lunar caustic was employed to serve as a styptic and obtund the sensibility. He noticed that the small portions of teeth left standing