

in the chest and palpitation of the heart. Examined her teeth and found one large amalgam filling in a lower molar. On its removal immediately she felt better. She concludes a letter to the doctor with these words:

"Oh! Doctor, how I wish I had taken your advice last spring and saved myself the sufferings of the summer and fall! I wish I had never had it put in my mouth. No dentist would put in another for any amount of money. I want to thank you with all my heart for insisting upon my having that filling removed, and bringing brightness into my life. I only long to feel entirely well, and trust as the poison passes off that I shall."

Case No. 5: Mrs. H., twenty-six, very excitable, afraid to go out alone in the street and stores lest she become unconscious and be taken to some hospital; stiffness of jaws; left side of head and ear numb; large toe of right foot numb; nine amalgam fillings believed to be the cause of her condition removed, and replaced with gold or "bone;" in one week she improved, and in three weeks hardly believed to be the same woman. Gained twenty pounds in weight after the removal of the amalgam fillings. Nine physicians had previously treated her.

Now, gentlemen, there is no use to laugh at this physician: there is no question but what there is truth in it, and would it not be as well to go a little slower on amalgam. It is being used more and more every day, in fact, if the same amount of gold in proportion was used to-day that was used in 1875 there would not be gold foil manufacturers enough to make it; everything then was gold, now a larger part at present is amalgam and cements.

AMALGAM ALLOYS AND THEIR USES.*

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This is a subject from which some wheat and much chaff has been winnowed in the past. The writer who claims that he has any new facts to present in regard to it is either a very wise man or a fool, for only the one would be capable of fulfilling his claim, and a failure to do so would relegate the claimant to the second class. With an inner consciousness that I am not the former, and a trusting faith that the latter designation will not fit, I present a

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