

I never failed with it, and never depended upon anything else, so so far as alveolar hæmorrhage was concerned. Several cases of spontaneous bleeding from the gums were arrested by packing it into the interdental spaces. A few years ago Dr. Klotz in one of his "Translations" gave us an account of its use by a surgeon of Edinburgh. Some years ago a fatal case of spontaneous bleeding of the gums occurred in Montreal. A dentist was called in who could think of nothing more ingenious than extracting several teeth and trying to plug the sockets with plaster of paris! After a final surgical resort of ligaturing the carotid the patient died. I have had several cases of vicarious bleeding from the gums, which the lycoperdon arrested. It is found in the fields, especially on sandy soil, in the fall of the year.

Dr. Brewster found the greatest virtue to lie in the genus lycoperdon bovista, which is smaller and scarcer than the genus giganteum. The doctor conceived the idea of medicating it with camphor and carbolic acid to remove certain objections. The theory of the effects of the fungus is explained by the excess of phosphate of soda, the styptic properties of which were once in repute.

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To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—A remark in the *Review* impressed us as worthy of attention. It was concerning the spirit of the members of the Odontographic Society of Chicago. "Its entire elimination of politics, and recognizing no faction, etc." Good fraternal feeling is something of emulation in all bodies. We congratulate Chicago and the West that such is the fact. We are not emphasising anything but another fact when we say such is not the spirit of New York City proper. The division of the Odontological Society is much regretted by many of the *best* members of the profession of the city and its surroundings. It is more and more felt that it was *never* a necessary step that was taken, while it will be admitted that not a little did there arise that nettles human nature; but, over against all that, there were very many reasons why a higher element should have prevailed and saved the repute of the associated portion of the profession of such a city as New York certainly is, from a stigma that more and more deepens a shadow over the future possibilities, of creating an atmosphere for progressive efforts among the coming portion of those that are to take the place of the present generation. If it is to become a more noble and self-sacrificing,