

I hold myself responsible in every instance for the appearance, and nice adjustment of the artificial piece to the mouth and gums ; which is absolutely necessary in order to insure success in final adaptation and use, as well as appearance.

I would say to those having cleft palates or defects in the palate, that I can so adapt an artificial one by Dr. Kingsley's patent, that they will be able to articulate in a very short time without difficulty. I have seen several of these soft rubber palates worn, and have taken considerable trouble to learn how to make them, and I now have great pleasure in saying to those afflicted in this way, that I can make an artificial one which will enable them to speak properly and without difficulty.

DIGESTION OF FOOD.

Although the purpose of this work has been to present considerations relative to the care and preservation of the natural teeth, it may be interesting to add for reference the following table, prepared by Dr. Beaumont from actual observation of the time required for the digestion of food of ordinary daily use. The table was prepared from observation in the stomach of Alix St. Martin, a French Canadian Soldier, his stomach having been laid open to view by a gun shot, and although it became so far healed that its functions could be properly discharged, it never closed.

The average time for the digestion of ordinary food was as follows :