

In illustration of this I may state that, soon after the introduction of the os artificial, as a material for filling teeth, I was called upon to remove some roots of teeth of which scarcely anything remained but cementum, and from some of which abscess had formed. To avoid as much as possible the danger of breaking, on account of their extra frailty, I cleansed and filled the root with the os artificial and dismissed my patient with instructions to call again, allowing sufficient time for the filling to harden, that their removal might be accomplished without fracture. On their return in a few days, to my surprise I found the discharge from the abscess had ceased, the periosteum assuming a healthy condition, and the supposed worthless roots of great value for mastication. I have used the os artificial extensively since then, in similar cases, with uniform results. This, to me at least, accidental discovery, through efforts to avoid unnecessary suffering, has enabled me to save for years of usefulness, many roots and shells of teeth, long since condemned, for which I have received remunerative fees and the warmest expressions of thankfulness. Taking these facts into consideration, then, are we justified in deforming (for I can call it by no other name) the human countenance by the wholesale removal of teeth and roots, simply for the convenience of the mechanical dentist, who, at the best, can but partially supply the loss? I think not.

I have now, for some years, been using the os artificial, in my efforts to preserve frail shells of teeth, and teeth with exposed pulps, and devitalized pulps. For this purpose, as well as for fang fillings, I consider it the best material now in use, and when fully hardened and protected with gold, it affords the best support that has yet been obtained.

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EXTRACTING TEETH.

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It has often occurred to me that it would be amusing, at least, if not profitable, were practitioners of long standing to give their experience of extracting teeth. I do not mean the manner of doing it scientifically and successfully, but the scene and doing of patients and operations.

For the present I will relate a very few out of the thousand and one that I might give.

1. An Irishwoman came in to have a tooth extracted. She took the chair crying and exclaiming, "Oh, dear doctor, you will murder me!" I quieted her fears and in an instant her tooth was out. She bounded from the chair and asked, "Is it out?" I exhibited the offender to her, till in the grasp of the forceps, when she raised her hands and eyes to