

mechanical turn of mind to become a successful dentist there should be fascination when once engaged. There is nothing really unpleasant about the mechanical work and fees are relatively much higher.

CHRONIC ALVEOLAR ABSCESS WITH COMPLICATIONS.—Dr. Truman W. Brophy, in a paper under this heading in the *Dental Review*, makes an instructive tabulation of the complications to be met with in practice. Abscesses failing to respond to ordinary careful treatment are pretty certain to have some complication. It may be in the form of an apex denuded of its pericementum by suppuration. In many cases the fistula may be at a most unexpected point, as into the nasal passage or antrum in case of an upper tooth, or as low down as the clavicle or the nipple in case of a lower. Where the pus enters and fills up the antrum of high-moore the opening into the nasal passage may close and the floor of the orbit be pressed up, and great pain be caused by pressure on the infraorbital nerve, or pus may dribble from the eye. This condition may deceive even a skilled ophthalmologist. Pus does not always escape at point of lowest resistance, as for example pus formed at roots of incisor teeth may burrow along to hard palate, loosening the periosteum from bone, which condition is very dangerous as it may result in necrosis or caries of bone. Another complication frequently met is where the pulp dies in one or more roots of a tooth, and remains alive in another. The live portion of the pulp responding to heat applied as a test will mislead the operator unless he is on the lookout for such a condition. In concluding his paper Dr. Brophy makes a plea for very careful diagnosis, as very serious results may come from alveolar abscess.

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Stop the Manufacture!

To the Editor of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :

I think the DOMINION JOURNAL displays common sense and courage in unselfishly advocating some curtailment of the present crowding into our profession. Other professions are raising their standards, and it is queer that while Quebec has a matriculation far in advance of ours, and a much more difficult course for its students to travel, the premier province has not, legislatively, given