

Gruff manners often grow out of thoughtlessness, but they often seriously militate against the dentist's influence.

So long as the tooth is alive, any foreign body that may chance to come in immediate contact with the dentine will irritate it more or less. Where there is plenty of living matter, as in deciduous teeth, this irritation will be more intense than upon a filling of some protective and non-conducting material.

Untidiness at the dental chair is dangerous as well as disgusting, and should not be tolerated or allowed by any respectable dentist.

A lesion in either the soft tissue or hard tooth tissue differs only in degree, and the same law of rational treatment will apply to both.

How often do we find well dressed patients come into the office wearing fine clothes and bedecked with jewellery, asking us to use the cheapest material for their filling; and a majority of the weaker sex will spend more money in one year with their milliner than with their dentist in the course of their whole life, yet they will complain and feel the tax of the dentist the heavier of the two.

By using a fusible metal that melts considerably below the boiling point of water, I can take an impression with modelling compound, pour the melted metal directly into the impression, and have a model for use in less than five minutes. It is as hard as zinc. I always melt it in water; this prevents it oxydizing and keeps it bright and clean, and no danger overheating the metal. No matter how long it is left on the gas or fire, the metal pours nicely at about 160 Fah. Uses: In crown work for getting cast of root and surrounding parts, for immediate work, no waiting for material to set. For quickly making a mandrel for forming ferule. For quickly making die or counter die for striking up a small piece of plate for repairing or strengthening a rubber plate. Excellent for regulating cases, giving us a very hard model to fit and bend piano wire and fit clasps accurately, without having to send patient away till plaster model sets. It can be poured into a plaster impression without waiting till it dries.

A piece of rubber tubing slipped over a tooth is good to keep in a dressing when the shape of the cavity is such that it is not retentive, especially when the tooth is isolated or standing alone.