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MAKING GOLD FILLINGS OUT OF THE MOUTH BY THE IMPRESSION AND MATRIX SYSTEM.*

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The making of gold fillings out of the mouth would at first thought, perhaps, seem a little strange, yet in this case as in all others a title has no significance unless possessing merit and capable of doing some good. My excuse for being somewhat enthusiastic in this line of work is perhaps justified by the results obtained thus far in my own practice. I do not stand here in the presence of so many fine operators with a view of changing the good work you are doing at your chairs daily. I simply offer this method as accessory.

Any means whereby the burden of tooth-filling can be lessened to both the patient and the operator without losing the artistic effect and permanency of the operation seems to me both justifiable and commendable. In the special field for which this work is designated it has given pleasurable satisfaction; pleasurable because of the less tedious waste of time and vitality of both patient and operator, overcoming many annoying perplexities incident to the filling of inaccessible and large cavities. The preparation of cavities for porcelain inlays has been so well and thoroughly given in the recent dental journals that a repetition would seem unnecessary, as the details given apply equally well

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