

some indestructible non-conducting substance (for the dentine was a non-conductor), the tooth can be filled and restored to its normal health and functions. But this operation is one that requires great care, for the nerve in a tooth is very sensitive, and the slightest unnecessary pressure on it causes intense pain.

Many Dentists claim that this capping of an exposed nerve is a thing that cannot be done successfully, and that they have tried and failed in almost every case; and have denounced it altogether; but in its stead they kill the nerve, then fill the tooth, crown and roots, and of course, the tooth will never ache from exposure again, since it is *dead*; but why kil' the nerve if it can possibly be saved in a healthy condition, and the tooth be filled? Is not a live tooth better than a dead one? Besides when dead they do not retain that healthy color that is characteristic of our teeth. This style of practice should never be resorted to unless the nerves are very badly diseased or dead, and the tooth ulcerated; then it requires great care to clean out all the decayed bone from the roots, or the disease is not checked; for the slightest amount of diseased bone will be an irritant, and cause a discharge sooner or later.

Dentistry has advanced more in the past ten years than it ever did before, and the one great point now is, *how to preserve the natural teeth in a healthy condition*; and within the few past years the profession has discovered a new process for treating the exposed nerve, (instead of killing it), and in the hands of the skilled Dentist, it is a perfect success.