

centre, on each side of the median line, and look like well-developed bicuspid, though not exactly perfect in shape.

I extracted the one on the right side, which most annoyed the patient. It was longer than an ordinary bicuspid, and slightly tortuous; and evidently formed to last. By their position, and the manner in which they have disarranged the other teeth, I judge that their growth has been antecedent to the permanent dentition; the centrals have probably been retained some time, while the laterals, finding no resistance, have come through almost regularly. The canines found their exit though the gum with great difficulty, and are entirely out of the proper arch.

At the time I took the impression, the patient was between sixteen and seventeen years of age. The rest of his dentition was regular and complete.

The reflection which is made now is, "How did the supernumeraries get into their present position, and being antecedent to the permanent how are they as well organized?" This is more than I can answer.

I can only say that my young patient looked healthy and strong, and that his features were not so much impaired as one might reasonably expect. Looking at the cluster of teeth, however, I thought of some constellation, and of the Thousand Isles on the St. Lawrence!

After extracting one of the teeth, I offered to correct the irregularity for a moderate charge. I being a beginner, and my patient being poor, which is almost the same, I had to decide that I could not do it just for the mere sake of his good looks.

CARBOLIC ACID.

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The remarkable healing and antiseptic powers of this invaluable remedy should be more generally understood by the members of the dental profession. Those who have used it, and observed with what certainty and celerity it will arrest the process of suppuration or promote the growth of healthy granulations, and hasten the healing process will not consent to be without it. Combined with the oil of cloves, it is, I find, an excellent article for obtunding sensitive dentine; removing foetid odours; arresting obstinate hæmorrhage; treating gum-boils and abscesses.

Some few months since a Mr. Abrams, an assurance agent of our town, came to my office with a chronic sloughing ulcer on the left side of his tongue. He had consulted most of the M.D.'s of this, and our neigh.