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### Regulating Teeth.

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It is not my intention in a brief article to inquire into the causes of irregularities, nor how to treat them, nor even the devices by which they are regulated, but simply note some incidents, both of patients and operators. The late Amos Wescott, M.D., of Syracuse, one of the leading operators in western New York, used to say that the best way to treat irregularities of teeth, was to send them to some other dentist. I say if your patient is willing and another dentist is willing to undertake it, by all means give him the benefit, as regulating at best is tedious, vexatious and usually not remunerative.

Dr. Wescott, however, had gained such a reputation in this particular branch of the art, that a wealthy southern gentleman, with his beautiful daughter called at his surgery for consultation. On examination the doctor found a case of extreme contraction of the superior maxillary. The expanding of the arch was a new idea in those days, but the doctor being then in his best, and seeing a "fat fee" in prospect, did not do as he advised other dentists to do, by sending them to another office, but, nothing daunted, resolved "to try." He took an impression, laid a draft with the model before an ingenious jeweller, who constructed a