

one brick upon another; to be obliged to play the detective and watch for cribbing, shows that the average student is too eager to get into practical work, and too anxious to do without theory.

The matter is not one difficult of remedy. The freshmen should not be allowed to divert themselves from their books and dissections. It will take them all their time the first session to do justice to anatomy, physiology and chemistry. Our indentureship system is an excellent one and affords the student the best possible opportunity to get a minute, practical knowledge of laboratory work. But the principle of letting students dabble in operating in any shape or form is wrong. The best dentists have been generally made from the young men who have had a thorough training in theory and laboratory work before they went to the chair. There is no greater nuisance about an office than the youth of one or two seasons' studentship, who flatters himself that he knows it all, with respect to prosthetics, and that nature designed him for an operator. These kids generally discover their mistake when they have got their license.

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### A TRIP TO EUROPE.

Nothing restores the worn and weary dentist like an ocean voyage, and there is no route from America to Europe to be compared with that by the St. Lawrence. One can spend a day or more in historic Quebec, and embarking there, enjoy an inland journey of three days of the seven through the picturesque scenery of the river and the rugged scenery of the gulf. One has a chance to get accustomed to the surrounding of the vessel; to know the passengers, and brace up generally if he is not a good sailor. And by the St. Lawrence route there is no line as pleasant to go by as the *Dominion*.

We write from a good deal of experience. It is easy to say that one line is no better than another; but take, for instance, railway travelling—will anyone pretend to deny that the entire organization and the conduct of the employees to the public on the Canadian Pacific Railway is superior to that of other lines in Canada? The same management pervades the Dominion line. The new vessel, the *Canada*, which will leave this season, is the largest and finest steamer that ever entered the St. Lawrence.

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### AN INGENIOUS COAL OIL HEATER.

Mr. Thos. Mason, hardware merchant, 2445 St. Catherine Street, Montreal, showed us recently a neat and convenient arrangement, suitable for the laboratory or office of a dentist where the use of coal oil is necessary. It is a very handsome and solid oil stove, of