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You may think me pessimistic in my views relative to the subject of dentistry, more apt to be looking on the negative side when I undertake to say anything.

The ignorance or indifference of many as to the value of their teeth, as well as the want of care of them, is deplorable. Many ignore the worth of their teeth, think little more of loosing a tooth than loosing a hair of the head. Much less do they think it necessary to keep their mouths in a clean, healthy condition; most people wash their hands and faces, but how many their teeth? Worse than all this is the disregard many show for the teeth of their children. If most of the teeth of our generation are past redemption, all the more reason why the teeth of the coming generation should receive proper attention. It may be in a large majority of cases that the want of means prohibit some from having much done on their teeth; but in these days of brushes, soap and water, there is no excuse for going with filthy mouths, and clean teeth will not decay. Along with this comes another evil: the having of a little done on the teeth and not completing the work. A little work on the teeth is like a little learning—dangerous. The cry then is that "dentistry does not pay," and surely it does not when done in that way, with dollars

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