

vapor at all. The amount that might be inhaled would be so insignificant that it would not do any mischief, as it would be carried out of the lungs again, even if it passed the entire rounds of the circulation.

Workers in quicksilver are short-lived, owing to the fact that they are constantly in an atmosphere charged with these vapors, which, no doubt, keeps their systems saturated during their working hours, which in a few years causes a total lesion of nutrition; the hair and nails fall off, the hard tissues become saturated, the perosteum fails to nourish the bones, and the poor wretches die from exhaustion.

The insignificant amount of this vapor escaping from a fine amalgam filling could produce no injurious effect. The vapors will salivate when sufficient has been inhaled, which is the first effect of almost all forms of mercury, however introduced into the system. Mercury, in its action, is an irritating stimulant to the glands, more especially the liver primarily and the oral secondarily.

All the specimens have now been in the acids forty-eight hours. None of them are in the least affected, except that in the nitric acid, which is nearly all decomposed, with some precipitate of tin, I suppose, at the bottom. It will be seen that in twenty-four hours there was scarcely any action at all by the nitric acid, and now none at all by any of the other acids. I think these conclusions are sustained by demonstrable facts as given above.

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### Impression before Extracting.

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A prominent M.D. of our city complained of his superior incisors having become elongated, hence unsightly, and occasionally giving him trouble, but he could not spare time to have them attended to, would not be without those teeth one day for twenty-five dollars—could not see his patients. I told him it would not be necessary, as I could take the impression before extracting, and the new ones would be ready the moment the old ones were removed. He exclaimed, "Can that be done?" I assured him it was even so. "When will you do it?" An appointment was made, and the next day after, at the same hour, the doctor was in the