

ing iodine, aromatic acid or any corrosive agent, except muriatic acid. It answers the same purpose as gold or platinum, being non-corrosive, soft, pliable and clean ; can be bent or formed into any shape and only costs a trifle.

Aluminum wire is very useful for many other purposes in the dental office, such as strengthening rubber plates, pinless teeth, making canal points, etc. I have lately had made to order, some aluminum wire gauze for strengthening rubber plates—it works nicely ; by covering the model with gauze and packing rubber over it we can make much stronger plates, the rubber is tougher and more evenly vulcanized, and what is better, it is not such a non-conductor as an all rubber plate. This gauze is so soft and pliable that it can be easily fitted on any model by merely pressing it with the fingers.

### What Is a Man To Do?

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At the graduating exercises of the class of which I was a member, I was particularly struck with a few sentences used by the Dean of the Faculty, viz.: "There will come times of discouragement, times when everything seems to go wrong, times when receipts are small and expenses are large. *These are the times that try men's souls.*"

"But keep right along, and do not let yourself be tempted during these trying times to do anything unbecoming a dentist ; do not condescend to do unprofessional things in order to gain practice."

The advice was timely, and I have no doubt every member of that class has had more or less of "the times that try men's souls."

I don't suppose I meet more of such things than other practitioners, but I sometimes feel like "boiling over." A case or two will illustrate :

1. A short time ago a lady brought a little girl to me, about four years old. The child's upper lip was badly swollen. The mother said that the lip had been swollen for about ten months. The usual "gum-boil" was there. She had taken the child to a "Doctor" some months before ; he gave her something to rub on, to take the