

Be careful of your promises. Young dentists, especially, are liable to be sanguine, and many patients expect too much. By the way some talk, we would suppose a tooth, after being filled, ought to be better and last longer than one that has never been decayed; and by the way some dentists boast of their work, patients are led to believe they have improved on nature. Both are unreasonable, and neither will be realized. In your warrant, be modest and moderate. At first you may be misunderstood, and some of your patients may be inclined to go to one who will give a better guarantee; but if your work proves a little better than your guarantee, your reputation will be better than your promises, and this will establish you as an honorable man and a conscientious workman.—*Items of Interest.*

Dr. Jas. Truman, of Philadelphia, read an interesting paper on "The Relative Penetrating Power of Coagulants" before the Academy of Stomatology. By a series of elaborate experiments, using the principal coagulants and essential oils on a preparation of albumen in glycerin in sealed tubes of less than a millimeter in diameter, he has arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That coagulants do not prevent by their own action the diffusion throughout the entire tube.
2. That the penetrating power of such agents as creasote, carbolic acid and zinc chloride, those most frequently used, varies materially. That creasote is a very poor coagulant when compared with carbolic acid, and the latter, for this purpose, is not to be compared with zinc chloride or silver nitrate.
3. That in proportion to the coagulating power of the agent will be its penetrating force, independent of gravitation. These experiments have more than ever confirmed Dr. Truman in his opinion of six years ago, "that coagulants placed in the central canal will permeate the tubuli and coagulate the contents."—*Dental Cosmos.*

Progress should be the watchword of every man who has the good of the profession at heart. Every man who has made a success of any specialty deserves at least open recognition and the thanks of the profession entire. That some men should meet with a greater degree of success in any particular branch of dentistry is not strange; it is usually found on investigation that they have excelled by dint of patience, perseverance and hard work. Every progressive man's theory is entitled to respect, and he who gives his time and talent freely to the profession is entitled to much credit. Jealousy is the product of little minds. "He only advances in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker." The weakest among us may have a gift which is peculiar to himself, and which, freely given, will benefit the profession. Such help as we can give each other in