

Possibly may have been the exciting cause, but, we think, not the primal. Why were the other teeth, equally exposed, not equally affected? The pulp had probably been devitalized by some injury, as, for instance, a blow received from injury, or in a collision while at play, and which had passed and been forgotten. The dead pulp remained passive, waiting for some cause to excite the inflammation, which usually comes sooner or later in such cases, and which, in this case, seems to have been the exposure to severe cold while driving. A lady recently informed us, in all earnestness, that in the North-West, where she lives, "people's teeth freeze solid, thereby becoming very brittle." It could scarcely have been so in the case under consideration, as the lady did not live in the North-West. It would be interesting to the readers of the JOURNAL if the querist would give us his treatment of the case and the result.

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15. Q.—Miss J.; aged about 25; general health good; teeth ordinarily sound; enamel gone from palatine surface of six anterior superior teeth; surface hard, but dull; very unlike general appearance of notches often found on labial surface of anterior teeth. To such an extent had the wasting gone on that an amalgam filling previously inserted in the palatine fossa of left central incisor, but which had not been affected by the abrasion, stood out like the pin of an artificial tooth. 1. What caused it? 2. What remedy?

The data given do not show that in this patient—"aged about 25; general health good"—the condition arose from constitutional causes. Neither would it appear that the usually assigned causes—abnormal acidity of the oral secretions, etc.—would produce a condition "very unlike general appearance of notches often found on labial surface of anterior teeth." Has the palatal mucous secretion nearest the affected tooth surfaces been tested for acidity? Has she been in the habit of sucking lemons, rhubarb, tomatoes or other acid fruits or vegetables, lemon drops or candy flavored with tartaric or other acids? It seems to me that proper investigation would prove the cause to be local. My treatment would be porcelain veneers, restoring the natural shapes of the teeth.

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Questions.

18. Q.—A lady, aged 20; health good; teeth kept in good healthy condition. About two years ago the right superior central began to protrude and elongate until it stood about one-fourth inch beyond the line of the arch. The tooth is sound and healthy; no crowding in the arch and no diseased teeth in the mouth. What is the cause and treatment?