

he was glad that the discussion had taken the form that it had, as he feels that it is a matter of great importance that as many teeth should be preserved alive as possible.

Dr. Squires asked Dr. Southwick whether he used the os-artificiel immediately after applying the creosote, and whether the nerve would be found in a healthy state if examined at a future time.

Dr. Southwick said that every tooth treated as he had indicated could not be saved, but a large majority could. He related a case in which a tooth had been treated in this way, in which the nerve was perfectly healthy at the expiration of two years.

At the close of the discussion, there being a half hour before the time fixed for adjourning, Dr. Geo. B. Snow, from the Buffalo Dental Manufacturing Co., exhibited several old vulcanizers which had exploded while being used. In one a small piece had been blown out about two and a-half inches from the top. A longitudinal section had been cut out of it, which showed that the copper had been dissolved away till it was not much thicker than a sheet of paper. This thin part of the section was about an inch and a-half long, and when placed back into its original position, showed that the dissolving had taken place at the water-line.

Dr. Whitney said that he believed more or less sulphuric acid was generated in the vulcanizer, which in process of time would destroy the copper at the water-line so much that all would be liable to explosion. He urged every one present to use the greatest caution, as when vulcanizers are old, allowing the thermometer to rise too high would be attended with great danger.

Dr. Hayes expressed himself with great earnestness, with regard to the care necessary to be exercised while using vulcanizers. A man might as well place a loaded bomb-shell with the fuse lighted, in his laboratory, and go away and leave it, and not expect it to explode, as to leave his vulcanizer without care while the steam was up. Adjourned.

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## SELECTED ARTICLES.

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### CAPPING EXPOSED PULPS.

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The delicacy of this operation must be apparent if we but note the