

all London dentists of repute. After the retirement of Professors Moffatt and Shepherd from the Dental Department of Harvard, Professor Fillebrown was called to fill the chair of Operative Dentistry, and has held it for some dozen years. While we have some twenty dental schools, not all of them are favored with men of marked ability as teachers. This state of things is more possible in a new and over energetic country than one that is founded in such depths of antiquity as old England. We hardly need to inform the dentists of England that more than ordinary prestige is given to one that is so fortunate as to secure a position under the patronage of Harvard. Americans *are* ambitious, and a quiet demeanor often overrides the avarice of the "boss politician,"—for we have them among dentists.

Professor Fillebrown has had a second honor conferred upon him of late, that he has creditably filled. We refer to the position of President of the new National Dental Association that convened at Omaha, Nebraska, for the first time during August last. This body has taken the place of the former American Dental Association, which was known to embrace most of our prominent practitioners of the older class, which are now fast becoming fewer each year. This new body, it is hoped and intended, will reach a larger area of our rapidly growing country, both on the Pacific coast and the extreme north-western portion, whose boundries lie contiguous to your British dominions. Doubtless another year will greet a delegation of dentists from all the former Spanish possessions that have so suddenly come into our possession. It would be a pleasant coincident that many of our English brethren might join with the session of 1899, which convenes at Niagara Falls, the marvel of the New World.

The story is told (we do not vouch for its truth) that an Englishman and a Yankee met at Mount Vesuvius, and the Englishman said to the Yankee, "Can you match that in America?" With an assurance that never leaves a Yankee of the manor born, "Why, we have a 'water privilege' that could squirt that thing out in five minutes!"

We have referred to the over energy of some of our calling in things that do not always commend a healthy ambition, but a large percentage are prone to pursue lines of healthy reaction, and our country is richly endowed with abundant outlets for all kinds of tastes. As wheeling is quite universal, we will pass to some of the most prominent fields that afford an abundant outlet. While cricket, tennis, and lastly, golf, are much indulged in, there are characteristics in the geography of our country that invite a larger diversity of out-of-door sport. This is found among the mountains and lakes and their various tributaries. To be sure much of the primitiveness of our country has been invaded by the