

Dr. Watt, This affection is easily treated; it is simply a hypertrophy of the cementum. By this growth, pressure is made upon the surrounding parts, these are absorbed, and the growth goes on and oftentimes branches of nerves are impinged upon, and neuralgia occurs. I have found nothing better for treatment of this affection, than iodide of potassium. This agent acts especially upon abnormal growths, breaking down and destroying them. Healthy tissue resists the action of this agent correspondent to the vigor of the vitality, while abnormal tissue is acted upon in almost any case. Iodide of potassium may be taken in from 10 to 30 grain doses three times daily.

There are cases of exostosis, doubtless, in which extraction of the affected tooth or teeth is the only remedy.

Dr. J. Taylor, I have found patients who could not tolerate iodide of potassium.

Dr. Watt, Bromide of potassium may be substituted for the iodide. It may be taken in 20 to 30 grain doses twice daily.—*Dental Register*.

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### ALVEOLAR ABSCESS.

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### IODINE AND ITS TINCTURES.

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Iodine is an elementary non-metallic substance, having some resemblance to chlorine. It was discovered in 1812, by a soda manufacturer of Paris. Sometime after this its therapeutic properties were discovered, since which it has gradually come into general use, so that at the present time it is universally a standard remedy. It is found chiefly to exist in the kelp of sea weeds, in the animal, and mineral kingdom. It is also found as an iodide of sodium in several mineral springs of the United States, and in some minerals in other parts of the country. As a therapeutic agent, iodine is used as an absorbent—it excites absorption in the alveolus, and in erysipelatous affections. In glandular enlargements and malignant growths, its use is more beneficial than most other stimulants, in bronchocele and other affections of the throat, and thyroid glands iodine is considered invaluable. As the Dentist is not expected to treat such diseases,