

did not brush their teeth much in those days, and decided colours were the fashion. I came to the conclusion to try "Old Alport," for the colour did not matter a straw, as my friend smoked all day long, and for all I know, perhaps half the night, and his teeth consequently as nearly approached a beautiful (?) coal black as could be. I put in a set of them and sent him off assuring him that he was all right now, but as I had told him that several times before, he shook his head doubtfully. A year or so after, I met the old gentleman in the street, when he exclaimed without preface, "Eh, mon, but they's the teeth. I can chaw onything wi' 'em, why did ye no' gi me these 'afore?" He is wearing them yet and will continue to do so for the rest of his natural life, and I believe he will never succeed in breaking one of them. So much for the manufacturer of the past generation! What have we to say for those of the present day? One day in looking over some old papers, I came across a pamphlet which bore the title "Catalogue of Dental Goods," sold by Messrs. Ash & Son, London, England. How it had come there I did not know, but upon looking through it I saw amongst other things, artificial teeth of all sorts and descriptions, certainly a little higher in price than we had been in the habit of paying on this side of the water. Suddenly an assertion on the part of the advertisers caught my attention, and the more I thought of it the more I was inclined to think there was something in it. "Artificial teeth that are not porous" was the sentence that attracted my notice. I exclaimed, "this thing must be looked into directly." Therefore, straight to London went a note, with the cash, to purchase a sample of these curiosities. I mention "with the cash" because it seems these Messrs. Ash & Son are pretty "uppish" about the sale of their goods and chattels, not even being satisfied with cash, on delivery, but must have it before. A comfortable way of doing business no doubt. On the arrival of these teeth, I proceeded to put them to the test, and a few of the results I will now give.

In order to test the quality of the porcelain of which these foreign teeth were made, I took one of them and ground a deep groove, right in the face of it; then I subjected this ground surface to a good polishing on the "buff" wheel on which was a mixture of emery and oil. The result was a beautiful bright polished surface, fully equal in every respect to the surface that had been ground off. In fact it was proved by experiment that these teeth of "Ash & Sons" could be ground all over the face of them, cutting them into any shape you wanted. Then all you had to do was to sand-paper them, put them on your polishing wheel, and lo, and behold! they were re-enameled as bright and beautiful as if they had just been taken from the furnace. The advertisers words were