

to a transposition of the dental germs in position, and owing to the distance of the normal centrals from each other, it was utterly impossible to bring them into juxta position or into any sort of harmony. The transposition of teeth might cause just such a result as the separation of the centrals. Fig. 1 well illustrates the case as it came to me first.

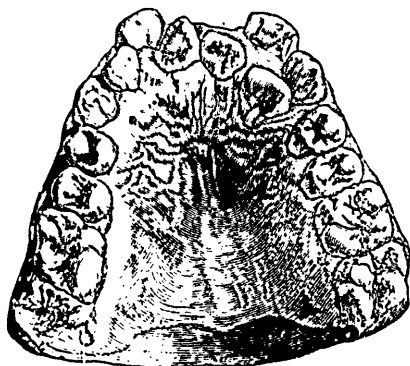


Fig. 1.

I first extracted the right normal central. It was too far out of the proper line, and too far from the median line to be brought into position by any mechanical means. Immediately afterwards I slowly turned the supernumary on its axis, as suggested by Tomes, bringing it to the "front face." Having previously prepared a plate fitting the roof of the mouth, I attached floss-silk

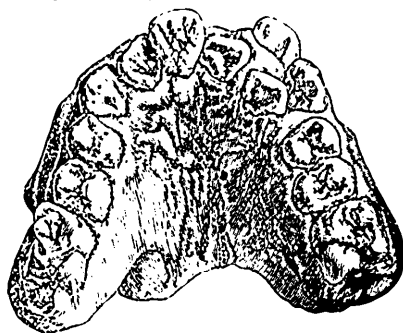


Fig. 2.

to the intruder, and drew it back in one day into line with the lateral. The gum was painted with aconite and iodine, and the patient instructed to keep the lips and gum cool with ice. In two days the tooth was firmly in line, and the ligature was removed. The case then presented the appearance seen in Fig. 2.