

work their alloy all alike, then and not till then will you get uniform results.

One more question and I am through, and that is, Does amalgam fillings injure the health? This is a question that I should like to have looked into by this society. I know that it injures the dentist who mixes it in his hand—I have proof of that; of course it does not serve all alike. It is the same with a great many things; take tobacco, it poisons some while others grow fat upon it; strawberries poison some people. Now, we should not expect everyone to stop eating them because it poisons a few, neither should we expect dentists to leave off amalgam because it is poison to a few; however, I think it poisons more patients than you have any idea of, and it would be well to look into this matter. I know that my wife suffered for twelve years from a large amalgam filling; it was removed and gold substituted and she never had any trouble after; now, is it the mercury or is it the tin, or the combination of both, what poison does it give off into the system? I can't see how it can be the mercury; however, I am positive that it has a bad effect on a great many people. I would not have an amalgam filling in my mouth for any amount of money. I have had all the experience I want in that line; poison ivy will poison me if I go within ten feet of it. Why can it not be possible that a combination of the metals with mercury makes this poison from amalgam fillings? Possibly it will not be out of place to quote from a paper read by a physician before a medical society in New York a few cases he had.

Case No. 1: Miss F., in excellent health previous to an attack of la grippe four years earlier. Numbness of hands and stiffness of jaws led to examination of teeth. Found five amalgam fillings, which he believed had caused mercurial neurosis. She steadily improved on removal of the fillings, and had not been so well in five years.

Case No. 2: Miss E., whose sluggish gait, heaviness of limbs, and stiffness of jaws led to examination of the mouth and the finding of amalgam fillings; gold substituted, and she became animated and has continued to improve, although still suffering from the effects of the absorbed mercury.

Case No. 3: A young lady, restless, sleepless, irritable, hysterical, etc. All her functions normal; had sixteen amalgam fillings; several of the teeth contained gold fillings. The fillings were removed; the young lady improved, all her nervous feelings disappeared, and she manifested none of her nervous troubles after the removal of the fillings.

Case No. 4: Mrs. N., extremely nervous, with neuralgic pains