

HEARING WITH THE TEETH.

That faculty which we call "hearing," can be as well conveyed to the mind by means of the teeth as the ear. Curious as this assertion may appear it is easy to prove it by the following simple experiment; Lay a watch upon the table, glass side downwards; then stand so far from it that you cannot in the ordinary way hear the ticking. Now place one end of a small dead stick (say six feet long) upon the back of the watch, and put the teeth to the other; with the fingers close each ear, to exclude all external noise; the beat of the watch will then be as audible as if placed against the ear. All other sounds can be conveyed in the same manner, no matter how long the stick is; for instance, if one end is put upon piano forte, in the sitting room facing the garden, and the stick is thirty or forty feet long, extending to the farther end of the lawn or walk; now if the instrument is ever so lightly played, "the tune" will be instantly distinguished by any person applying the teeth to the opposite end of the stick.

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