

tooth becoming loose with slight swelling of the surrounding tissues, accompanied by great pain. Living in the country, some distance from the city, she applied to the family physician, who lanced the gums immediately above the tooth, telling her that would remove the difficulty, and sent her home. However, the pain and swelling increased, and when she came to me her features were fearfully distorted, and the state of affairs mentioned before existing. I immediately removed all the teeth on the left side, getting a great discharge of pus. Upon probing I found the bone was also diseased; but as the diseased portion was not yet separated from the living, dismissed her for a week, giving her a wash of boracic acid, 1 oz. to a pint of water, with instructions to use frequently in order to keep the mouth clean. In a week I again saw her, and found the diseased bone still firm, and the discharge of pus still undiminished. Dismissed for another week telling her to still use the same wash.

On January 2nd, I next saw her and found the diseased bone had become separated. A physician was called in, chloroform administered, and the bone extending from the central to the first molar removed. After thoroughly cleansing by syringing with warm water and carbolic acid, 1 in 40, the cavity was plugged with lint saturated in boracic acid, and the patient dismissed with instructions to change twice daily. Saw her again in a week and found everything going on nicely. Healthy granulations had been thrown out and every indication that healing would be rapid. She was then told to discontinue the use of the lint plug and simply syringe the cavity twice a day with the boracic solution. On the next visit she complained of pain in the region where the central had occupied, and upon probing I found a smooth, pointed surface, which I concluded was a tooth, but as I could not under the circumstances arrive at any definite conclusion, she was asked to call again in a week, which she did, and I found a fully developed right cuspid occupying the position which the offending central had occupied. This was extracted. Healing went on rapidly after this, the cavity filling up with healthy tissue to such an extent that a casual observer would scarcely believe that such a large piece of bone had been removed. An artificial denture was inserted, and when I last saw the case, May 28th, there were no indications of any return of her trouble. No doubt exists in my mind but that the cuspid endeavoring to erupt was the exciting cause of the disturbance.