

can satisfactorily fill all classes of teeth and roots, no matter how badly decayed, how long diseased, or what their position may be ; that a syphilitic or scrofulous diathesis of the patient does not prevent his putting all the dental organs into a healthy condition, and that in short, all dental lesions yield to his conservative treatment. Is anything more needed to convince anyone of Dr. Morrison's high standing in the profession or his ability as a dentist?

Now, although the article in question abounds in ridiculous statements and extravagant language, it is quite harmless, and would be unworthy of special notice were it not that there seems to be a tendency on the part of some practitioners to "show off" at dental meetings. They talk so familiarly about the use of matrices when inserting gold fillings into cavities that are almost inaccessible, that those of us who in such cases are glad to work in a little amalgam with a burnisher are ashamed to say anything about it ; they have "been so very successful in their treatment of pyorrhœa alveolaris," that we don't feel like standing up and reporting that of the half dozen cases we had last year, we only succeeded in curing two ; in the treatment of roots they find so little difficulty in filling every root canal to the apex that we feel as though it is all our reputation is worth to say that more than once we have probed around for half an hour without being able to find a canal at all. The result of all this is that many refuse to take part in the discussions, because they have nothing wonderful to report, and much valuable information is lost to the profession. It is true, it requires courage to report failures, and discuss their probable causes, but the really progressive and scientific men are not ashamed to do it, and those who for the sake of notoriety make pretensions to ability they do not possess, should be treated with the contempt they deserve.

Dental Dots.

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It is the duty of every dentist to call the attention of his patients to the state of their mouths ; to impress upon them the great importance of cleanliness, etc.

To drill or enlarge the hole in pivot crowns I use a copper mandrel in engine with corundum powder and glycerine.