

reason for the occurrence. I set to work again, and with tubing, hammer and anvil soon fitted another band to the root, and this time filled it with oxy-phosphate, and find it giving good service and no apparent inclination to give way at any point. Can anyone give a satisfactory explanation of the destructive agency in the first case? If so, I, for one, will be pleased to consider it, and thank him for his trouble.

SELF-CONFIDENCE.

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Whenever I hear that expression I am reminded of one of my classmates. He was an honest fellow, a good student and a hard worker, but was deficient in that quality, self-confidence.

He held pessimistic views, and was always fearful of being plucked.

He often said to me, in speaking of graduation, "I'll never believe it until I get my diploma in my hand."

Final examinations were over, and he had passed in every branch. The day of commencement exercises was at hand, and we all assembled at the opera house to receive our reward. The diplomas being still in the hands of the lithographer, rolls of blank paper were substituted for presentation.

In turn, my friend went up to receive the long-coveted prize. At last "he had his diploma in his hand," and his joy was complete, but only for a moment. He peeped inside the roll and saw only a blank. A thousand evil forebodings rushed through his mind. Surely he had been plucked after all, and the faculty, not wishing to hurt his feelings, had allowed him to go through the ceremonies, substituting a blank for his diploma.

And so in that hour, when all others were in the height of enjoyment, our pessimistic friend was in the depths of despair.

Abstracts.

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DR. S. O. SAWYER, Traverse City, Mich., drills cavities in artificial teeth without the use of diamond, by pulverizing worn-out carborundum wheels, and using with oil on a small bur, ground to a three faced drill, first cutting out as much as possible with a small carborundum disc.—*Ohio Dental Journal*.