

### Snow and Salt.

By B.

When you have no local anæsthetic convenient, chop up a little ice, or take some snow, mix it with salt, put it in a thin napkin, adapt it to the gums where you want to operate, and after about two minutes' application the gum should be "frozen," and you should be able to extract with little or no pain. In hospital practice, where you want to save poor people pain, this simple application can be used anywhere on the body. I have opened abscesses; I even found it useful in hypersensitiveness of dentine. I constructed a little cup or bowl on the end of a dental instrument for the purpose of carrying the snow-salt and applying it to the gums, but it is easily applied in an ordinary mouth napkin. If a pulp is exposed, close the cavity with cotton before applying the snow-salt.

### Why do Vulcanite Upper Plates Crack?

By BREVITY.

1. Because they are too thin.
2. Because they are too thick.
3. Because they are vulcanized too hard.
4. Because they are vulcanized too soft.
5. Because they are badly articulated.
6. Because the *dens sapientiæ* in the process of growth presses too much on the part of the plate which covers the tuberosities of the superior maxillary.
7. Because of the want of lower bicuspid and molars.
8. Because they are not worth a cent at any rate.

### Proceedings of Dental Societies.

#### Dental Association of Nova Scotia.

The third annual meeting was held on the 27th of last September, in Halifax, but owing to various circumstances there were not as many present as at the two previous gatherings. Vice-President, Dr. H. Clay, occupied the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. Clay, Pictou; 1st Vice-President, Dr. F. H. Parker, New Glasgow; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. F. W. Stevens, Halifax; Secretary, Dr. Frank Woodbury, Halifax. Executive Committee: Drs. A. C. Cogswell, F. W. Stevens, S. D. Macdonald, J. W. Angwin, J. A. Johnson, Secretary. Auditors: Drs. F. W. Stevens and A. W. Cogswell. The Provincial Board of Nova Scotia consists of Dr. A. C. Cogswell, President; Drs. W. C.