

If there be inflammation and the patient suffers pain, after removing the tartar I order emollients to relieve the pain before scarifying and employing the sublimate. Cure is not yet obtained in this degree of the malady. I continue the treatment until all suppuration has ceased, and the teeth have become almost immovable. It is possible to get these patients to masticate with comfort who have had the severest suffering, and in whom the slightest pressure occasioned almost unbearable pain.

As to the fourth degree, which I define to exist when the teeth are altogether loose, the same treatment is to be employed, although a satisfactory result is rarely obtained. I have had some half-cures for a time, but it is only in persons with abundant patience ; usually the patient becomes wearied before experiencing the slightest improvement.

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Selections.

Reputation vs. Character.

Most of us are very sensitive of our reputation, as well we may be, for as Shakespeare says, "He that steals my purse steals trash, but he that steals my good name steals all." There are few things in which we should use more caution than in keeping our own reputation unsullied, and that of our neighbors a little better, if possible, than they may bear, especially if he is an enemy or a competitor. The effort will improve our own reputation as well as his.

If we were more careful of our character, our reputation would take care of itself, or, at least, we should have less trouble with it. We are usually rated for as much as we are worth. It may be, if our neighbors could look into the windows of our heart, it would not at all increase their estimate of us. No wonder we leave the blinds up so often. But even if we are really better than people believe us to be, time will generally bring things right. Therefore, those who have trouble with their reputation will do much better in mending it by putting things to rights at home than by going about seeking its improvement abroad.

Christ compared us to a wheat field. We fear, however, some of us have the field without the wheat. It is no wonder, therefore, the fields grow up to tares. But even if, in spite of our best efforts to raise a crop of wheat, some enemy sows tares among it while we sleep, it will require much caution if we would root them up. We have had a little experience in that. Our wheat field has been sown with tares, though we thought we were very careful in pro-