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### Dental Dots Distilled.

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Any dentist can draw the temper of his separating files by passing them through the flame of a spirit lamp till blue; they will then be nearly equal to the new flexible files lately brought out, and can be bent into almost any curve desired.

Get three or four pieces of hard wood turned to fit your lathes; have one round like a marble, the others cone-shaped, size to suit yourself; give them a thin coat of Spaulding's glue; sprinkle emery all over them while wet; lay by till thoroughly dry. These, made with different grades of emery and used dry, last a long time, and are easily renewed; they cut a plate down rapidly, and are much safer than burrs.

Celluloid disks, used at the back of sandpaper disks, serve to stiffen and keep them in shape, and adds to their cutting qualities. Any dentist can make them out of thin celluloid sheets, to be had at any milliner's store. Strips of the same material, used with fine corundum powder, make the strongest polishing strip I have ever used; the celluloid should be the rough or unglossed kind, as it holds the powder much better than the glazed or highly glossed.

A piece of aluminum wire makes a very handy carrier for convey-