

A DOMESTIC REMEDY.—“If this was an upper tooth I could cure it myself,” said a patient for whom I was treating a lower molar the other day. “I cured my cousin’s tooth and lots of others.” “What is your cure?” I asked. Said he, “I *red-hot*ted a one-pound weight and put on it about equal parts onion seed and lard, then covered it with a funnel and held his mouth over it, and *the maggots came out something awful*. You wouldn’t believe the like could be in a man’s head.”—*Geo. S. Martin*.

An engine cord may be made at a cost of three or four cents from a pair of ordinary round twilled corset laces. Cut one of the brass tags off, and by means of the tag on the other lace telescope one lace end over the other one or two inches. Take the other ends, and, after measuring, cut off one to the proper length and proceed as with the other ends. The tags may be passed out through the sides and cut off when inserted far enough. A few stitches through the telescoped ends will hold them secure.—*Geo. S. Martin*.

Before the First District Dental Society, State of New York, Dr. John A. Daly, of Washington, D.C., exhibited his gold lining for rubber plates. It consists of a pure gold foil, smooth on one side and crystalline on the other, of a thickness of No. 50 to 60. When the case is ready for packing, the model is varnished with sandarac, then a coat of Damar varnish is placed over the sandarac, and after waiting for five minutes for the varnish to partially dry, the model is entirely covered with the gold cut into small pieces, allowing the edges to overlap. The rubber is then carefully packed on the lining, and the flask brought carefully together so as not to disturb the gold. The case when vulcanized has a smooth gold surface on the inside. Dr. Daly claims that the gold will last as long as the rubber plate, and that it cannot be separated therefrom.—*Cosmos*.

DEVITALIZING PULPS.—The method of applying the paste has much to do with the result. There must be access and exposure. I always see the pulp either direct or by reflection. Then I thoroughly dry the cavity and apply directly on the pulp two or three small crystals of hydrochlorate of cocaine, waiting for exudation from the pulp to dissolve the crystals; then put the arsenic in direct contact with the pulp, a little pressure not giving pain because of its anæsthetized condition. Cover the paste lightly, filling the cavity with dry cotton and sandarac varnish, letting the paste remain ten hours. If those practitioners who insist on two or four days’ application would try the ten-hour plan on a direct exposure, they would have less peridental inflammation. The reason for desiring a good exposure is because, when there is inflammation of the pulp, there is swelling, which gives rise to the intense pain following the ordinary application of arsenic. Remove one of these walls and you mitigate the pain.—*Georgia Practitioner*.