

been carried into the nerve than has flown out of it, thus causing the whole nerve to become swollen and painful, a condition which, unless speedily relieved, must prove destructive to the nerve. He does not believe that a nerve that has been in such a condition for twenty-four hours can be preserved.

Dr. Leach has confined his practice to a great extent to "doctoring up old teeth," that have been giving more or less pain. In such cases he removes the decay as much as possible from the walls of the cavity, but, leaves the softened dentine immediately over the nerve undisturbed, and fills with os-artificial. He endeavors to save every nerve alive if possible.

Dr. Bristol asked if a nerve might not, in some instances, change its nature and become a fungus?

Dr. Daboll has never seen a fungus inside the nerve cavity.

Dr. Hodge had a case recently, in which there was a fungus growth as large as a pea.

Dr. Bristol is positive that a nerve cannot be restored to health after congestion has supervened. In such cases there will be a fungus growth found on careful examination.

Drs. Barrett and Daboll are of the opinion that there can be no fungus growth unless the nerve has been destroyed.

Dr. Requa would not attempt to preserve the nerve in an incisor after it has been wounded; would destroy it and fill the nerve canal.

Dr. Beattie frequently wounds exposed nerves in childrens teeth to relieve congestion, and fills at once. Has been very successful with this method of treating such teeth.

Dr. Southwick asked whether Dr. Requa uses arsenic in the incisors?

Dr. Requa. Yes.

Dr. Southwick thought dentistry was too old now, to admit of employing arsenic in these teeth. He would remove the nerve with a broach. In most cases it can be done with very little pain. He would then fill the root at once, and thus preserve the color of the tooth. Does not destroy as many exposed nerves now as he was formerly accustomed to do. Now, when a tooth is presented to him in the above condition, he first fills the tooth with os-artificial, and when that has become hard he removes enough of it to admit the forming of a properly formed cavity, and fills it with gold. He said