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WHAT IS THE VERDICT?

THE DENTAL ENGINE.

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In propounding this query I shall offer some considerations bearing upon correct judgment in the answering.

Let me first advance the statement that dentists are human beings, and consequently given to lying, cheating, and many other devices of Satan. Also that dentistry, as applying to filling of the teeth, not to speak of the other specialties of its duties, calls for more *unseen and unappreciated* honesty than any other work that is attempted in all the wide, wide world.

The uninformed confiding patient opens wide his mouth, and too often with many dentists try to fulfill the Scripture promise, "that it may be filled," and with this new dispensation of "filling made easy," the patient is not let depart till the utmost farthing has gone into the treasury. These latter days show so many minute fillings, always in a nice place for a drill, that we older members of the profession begin to think that the teeth are not as they were when we were young.

Now such being the truth of the premises, and no one will, I think, deny, what, I again ask, shall be the verdict as to the benefit the Dental Engine has laid upon the profession, and still more important to the confiding public.

That there are dentists with convictions of right and wrong, I would not for a moment deny—men who could not be tempted by any paltry consideration to a dishonest act, whose mainspring of action is the greatest