

my earlier years with Dr. Morton, of Ether fame, Dr. Colton, whose exhibition of "laughing gas" led Dr. Wells, of Hartford, Conn., to the experiments that culminated in ether and chloroform, and J. A. Cummings, who, through his agent, Josiah Bacon, was the best hated man in the United States.

In those earlier days great tact was required in receiving patients. There seemed to be a sort of disgrace associated with being obliged to visit a dentist. We had to avoid publicity in the office as well as outside. All sorts of stratagems had to be used to prevent two patients seeing each other.

Dr. Webster had some peculiarities of character, manifested in part by a desire to have almost a machine shop in his laboratory. He had been a gun maker, I believe, and I remember a fine machine lathe, and a drop-press which he used in swedging plates, letting fall about sixty pounds from one foot to eight, as he desired.

An incident occurred this morning which seems a fitting appendix to this paper of reminiscence. An elderly lady called to have two or three teeth removed, one, as she stated, being a root which several had tried to remove. I show you it as a perfect canine, superior, which had lain in the jaw for over sixty years undeveloped; and what to me is more interesting, is that this lady's experience with dentists goes much further back than my paper. She had Dr. Paine, predecessor of Elliot, and Scripture operate on her teeth, and is a link between a remoter "yesterday" and to-day.

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### **How to Procure an Impression, of the Mouth when Patient is Inclined to Nausea and Vomiting.**

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Get your druggist to make you some lozenges with one-quarter grain of cocaine in each lozenge. Before taking impression allow patient to dissolve one of these lozenges in mouth and swallow the spittle. If one is not sufficient, give patient another lozenge, allowing time enough for the lozenge to dissolve slowly, and you will find you can take an impression with plaster of paris without any inconvenience to patient or you self.