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TOO MUCH HASTE IN EXTRACTION.

General surgeons formerly emphasized the importance of rapid operations. Mere expedition has yielded to the much more important consideration of thorough cleanliness and asepsis. It is by no means unimportant that the dental surgeon should be guided by the same experience. It is too commonly thought a feat of skill to extract a large number of roots in a few seconds. One consideration was to avoid the accumulation and possible escape of blood into the asophagus; but by the use of sterilized sponges this is easily obviated. The dangers from rapid extraction include fracture of the crowns on their roots, fractures of the outer plate of the alveolars, destruction of the alveolar septa, injuries to adjoining sound teeth, injuries to the gums, lips, tongue and cheek. Abnormally firm teeth, where exostosis or ankylosis is suspected, should be slowly turned or moved in their sockets, then left alone for a few seconds before the final attempt at extraction is made. Among the contribution to our collection of the brutalities of dentistry a large number of teeth, with large slivers of adherent alveolar, stands as a reproach to two of the dental abbatoirs of Montreal. No skill is needed to extract the large majority of teeth rapidly. But a knowledge of the anatomy of