

in this country and in Europe in the past few years. In looking for a young man to take care of my office, I found that it was a current belief among those with whom I corresponded or came in contact, that the high standard of their ability should be inferred from the fact that they could make bridge-work. I would consider it much more satisfactory evidence of a man's attainments if he were to assure me that he could "stop toothache." For this is therapeutical, and the "bedrock of the profession. I do not wish to convey the idea that I am opposed to inserting bridges, for I have made a great many that are doing good service, but let it be understood that this class of work is merely adjunctive, and one of the simplest operations in dentistry.

Let a man seek with heart and mind the knowledge necessary to enable him to diagnose, following the accomplishment of this art, with the ability to apply or prescribe the remedies indicated.

I would classify attainments in the following order :

1st. Therapeutics.

2nd. The selection and insertion of the proper materials for arresting decay in carious teeth.

3rd. The selection and artistic arrangement of a set of artificial teeth.

4th. If he is able to judge of favorable conditions for a bridge—make it.

While in the office of a neighboring dentist a few days ago, a lady called to consult him, or rather to have him relieve her of a \$200 bridge that had been mounted a few weeks before, on six or seven diseased teeth and roots, by another dentist, who styles himself a bridge-workman. The mechanical part of the work was good, but a maker of artificial limbs might, with as much propriety, cement a wooden leg on a gangrenous stump.

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