

smoothed as before. The superior cuspidati were very painful when instruments were applied, but this was easily relieved by the application of nitrate of silver (stick).

"The experiment proved a success and gave encouragement to both patient and operator. * * * I proceeded, at intervals, for three days, dressing as at first; the lunar caustic never failed to give relief, and time has proved that it did no injury.

"The walls and portions of the grinding surfaces of some of the bicuspidi and molars were seriously effected; these, in addition to the process before described, I brushed with the polishing materials.

"Advised equal portions of pulverized silex and prepared chalk to be used freely for four or six weeks, after which the use of ordinary tooth-powder was sufficient.

"Prescribed a dilute tincture of arnica, to be used several times per diem, and pressure on the gums with the finger, to be regulated according to their condition.

"After several days had elapsed, I was notified that the lady was suffering very much from the tenderness of her teeth. This was giving her trouble, both from touch and any change of temperature.
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"Upon investigation, found the teeth previously cauterized were not at all sensitive, and consequently treated them all in this way.

"About five years after date of treatment, I met my patient, with her health perfectly restored, and the teeth were, to all appearances, as perfect and free from defect as could be desired. She assured me that she had not experienced one moment's discomfort with these organs, since my last application of the nitrate of silver. At conversation distance, no one could detect the loss of enamel.

"About three weeks since I met with the husband of this lady, and questioned him concerning the present condition of her teeth. He informed me that they looked very well, and he presumed they were so in reality, as he had not heard any complaint about them.

"So was treated and so terminated one case. I now have two patients (first cousins, male and female) under treatment for the same condition in a modified form. * * *

"The matter of surprise to me, in the above case, is that none of the teeth have decayed since recovery from the typhoid fever, contrary to the almost universal experience—I mean an extra degree of decay, more than follows any other disease." * * *