

Case 1.—Mrs. M—, aged about 70, had worn a loose upper plate for many years. It would only remain in place when held with the tongue. The ridge, from centre to about second bicuspid on each side, was a mass of flabby tissue. From the lip, in each canine fossa, hung a flap of mucous membrane about the size of a dime, but a little thicker. When the lip was drawn up it presented somewhat the appearance of a small bat. I explained that she need never expect to have a plate, however well fitting, to remain steady on so much soft tissue. I suggested its removal, making as light of the operation as possible. She consented, and I made a few injections of a local anæsthetic. With an ordinary pair of tongue forceps an assistant picked up the ridge-fold at one end. With one hand I held the lip out of the way, and with a pair of curved surgical scissors in the other, it was a very simple operation to remove the whole fold. We immediately removed the flaps from the lips in the same way.

Case 2.—A lady about 35. Considerable absorption in the centre, with large fold on each side extending back to about space of second bicuspid. Injected and amputated.

Cases 3 and 4.—Man and wife, aged about 50. Man's case similar to Case 2, and woman's very similar to Case 1. Treatment as in other cases.

In neither case was the operation as painful as the extraction of an ordinary tooth. The after-treatment consisted of merely rinsing the mouth frequently with salt water. Teeth were inserted after about six weeks for Cases 1, 2 and 4, and seemed as solid as artificial teeth ordinarily are. Case 3 has not yet had his made, though his gums are in good condition.

All these cases were the results of wearing upper sets of artificial teeth, with only a few front teeth in the lower jaw. This would indicate that we should encourage patients to have lower grinders inserted where such may have been lost, and warn them of the result of neglecting to do so.

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### “A Terror to Evil Doers.”

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*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :*

SIR,—I understand that you have made it a rule not to send the JOURNAL to the daily press, not even to the weeklies, lest some one might accuse you of making use of it “for advertising purposes.” That feeble excuse is really a great wrong, for if the public knew better what we are doing to promote our own education and protect the public from the imposture of quacks and “cheap jacks” we would be more thought of. Every other professional