

permanent teeth are put in to restore the face to its natural shape.

In some cases gold, in others platinum is the best for inserting artificial teeth upon; rubber is used to a great extent owing to its cheapness, and its being more easily manipulated; while it is lighter than either of the previous mentioned bases.

There is a new material for artificial dentures called Pyroxyline, which promises very favorably, it is a base that is about one half the weight of rubber, can be made a great deal thinner than rubber, and is a clean semi-transparent base, so strong and elastic, that it is almost impossible to break it. It is much easier kept clean than rubber, as the food has no tendency to adhere to its surface. This base is beginning to be used in the States a great deal, and while visiting some of the Dentists in Boston, they spoke very highly of it. I have had considerable experience with it, and can safely recommend it as one of the prettiest and most durable bases for artificial teeth.

Great care should be taken in selecting a set of teeth for a person, that you get the size, shape, and color, suitable to the person. There are over three hundred patterns of artificial teeth, and from such a variety, a Dentist should be able to make a very good selection.

Now there is very nearly as much expression in the teeth, as there is in the face, and to have a natural set of teeth the Dentist should judge the character of his patient, and then select the teeth to compare with the character. There is the generous, the shrewd, and the miserly tooth, which in many cases show as