

peroxide of hydrogen. The patient should be instructed to use a sterilizing mouth wash (electrozone is probably the best) every half hour, if possible; then apply tincture of iodine sufficient to flood the wound around the roots. This treatment should be continued every two or three days until the wounds are healed. Care should be observed to avoid blood-letting while treating the wound lest it become infected.

The period of treatment is usually from one to two weeks. The fixation of teeth should be done as early as possible after the first operation by means of a splint, as devised by Dr. Wm. L. Fish. Proper occlusion of the teeth is essential to prevent undue pressure on any one, and to facilitate mastication. Never use acids nor mercury. Operate on a small part at a time. Stop treating the wound when it is healed. When the disease is so extensive that little attachment to the root remains, the pulp being vital, the extirpation of the pulp and the treatment of the canal, if septic, should be done. Instruct the patient to return when any irritation of the gum or jaws is noticed, and every three to six months for examination. It is not always easy to impress upon the patient the importance of this advice. The irritant that caused the disease will reproduce it.

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FRICTION PLATES.*

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I have no doubt that my methods of constructing these plates will be quite familiar to most of you, and perhaps inferior, in many respects, to yours. Still there may be points which would suggest improvement or be of value in special cases. It is in the details where the operators are likely to differ, and in the comparing of which we may acquire information. We all know that a close attention to details is an all-important factor in the construction of a perfect apparatus of any kind, and I may be pardoned if I devote some considerable portion of this paper to them.

By a "friction" plate is meant an artificial denture which is held in place by means of mechanical contact with some of the natural teeth remaining in the mouth. In this catalogue might be

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