

In this case it being impossible to construct a suction plate I fitted strong gold clasps to several of the teeth which still remained in the jaw, and to these clasps I soldered clingers which were retained in the vulcanite plate. The plate was constructed of rubber and in such a manner as to supply as near as possible the place occupied by the bone which was destroyed, in order to give the lip, nose, &c., their natural appearance. Almost immediately after the plate was inserted, I noticed a decided improvement in his speech; in fact I could understand him without any difficulty. I have not seen the patient since I inserted the palate for him, but some of his friends told me a few days ago that it continues to give him the best of satisfaction.

The following is a short extract of a letter I received from him about nine months after I saw him.

"I am glad to let you know that the artificial palate you made for me answers a great deal better than I expected. I did not think it would have done near so well as it has done; I have not the least trouble with it, I could not do without it."

It affords satisfaction to know that such operations are acknowledged with gratitude by those for whom they are performed, and that our labours are so well appreciated.

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Journals, like every separate individual existence, must live upon a pabulum, the preparation of which brings death and destruction to the bodies upon which they feed, in the process requisite to fit them for this appropriation. Therefore, permit me to advise that you avoid the folly of attempting to bring forth a journal of full maturity, and of wisdom, above all that has ever been. For this has been the covert or expressed promise of nearly all the professional periodicals and schools at the time of issuing their prospectuses.

This is to be a Dental Journal. Let it reach far and wide for the material with which to enrich its doctrines and practices resultant upon them. But test, with iconoclastic energy, all the doctrines, old or new, and sweep them, as but stumbling-blocks and rocks of offence, out of the way, if they are not proved and provable. Better, far better is it to have a few central truths around which to rally your forces, than to be overborne, as all professions are now, with false records and false conclusions, accumulated and accumulating to an intolerable burden, as the result of