

lady presents herself, an old tooth having given way. D. P. Q.—“Very bad work; this filling also very roughly done; this one abominable,” and so on. Patient only replied, “Will you kindly attend to the broken-down tooth first.” This finished, paid her guinea, and went to her family dentist when she returned home, who found everything in order. Patient, to his surprise, renewed the request for a careful inspection. Dentist of excellent and deserved repute, assured her that everyth^g was in perfect order; and then the patient related how this usurious “brother” wanted to remove all his fillings in order to make money, knowing that he could only do this by first ruining the reputation of a highly respected practitioner. The writer quotes instances of dishonorable and unprofessional dealings in this way with other men’s patients that can be paralleled in Canada.

Items of Interest, November.—Succeeds each month in crowding in a lot of useful items about all sorts of things from all sorts of sources, mostly extracts from all the journals. Dr. J. C. Story says there is an inconsistency in a State granting a charter to a dental college, embodying the power to graduate students and confer the degree of D.D.S.; and then, in the very face of this Act, pass another authorizing the appointment of a dental examining board by the governor or a district judge, whose duty it is to pass on the qualification of all who desire to practise dentistry. This board may be composed wholly, or in part, of men who never saw inside of a college, and who are as innocent of the great fundamental principles which underlie the science of medicine, as ignorance well can be.

Platina.—Many suppose the termination of this word should be *um* instead of *a*. This is a mistake. It is a Spanish name, meaning small silver, and not a Latin word, which would be indicated by *um*.

Odontographic Journal, October.—The visit of Dr. W. D. Miller, of Berlin, to the United States is duly honored by our genial friend, the editor, Dr. J. Edward Line. Dr. W. C. Barrett tendered Dr. Miller a reception at his residence in Buffalo, inviting medical