

what I designate as an open-face crown will last for ten years, and at the end of that time the tooth will be in just as good condition for cutting off and crowning as now.

I submit this with the thought that the method may be new to some of you, and that if it will, as I claim, add ten years to the usefulness of some teeth, it is worthy of your consideration.—*Chicago Dental Review.*

IMMEDIATE REGULATION.*

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Every member of the profession present to-night will agree with me in the argument that in the practice of dentistry it is necessary for the practitioner to give the greater portion of his time to the perfection of little details; giving his attention to this little thing and to that little thing, all of which are important, even absolutely necessary.

It has been my observation during the few years in which I have been in the practice of dentistry that the greatest mistakes and the largest number of failures result from the neglect of little things—not taking the time to finish fillings perfectly, or attempting to insert fillings without sufficient separation, or neglecting to trim enamel margins carefully; the inserting of gold fillings with the pulp in an inflamed condition, or not properly protecting the pulp. These and many other things which you could mention as well as I. But one more I must speak of, and that is, not thoroughly instructing our patients how to take care of the teeth, or more plainly speaking, how to keep their teeth *clean*.

In cases of orthodontia no doubt the majority of you have felt, as I have, the need of some method by which the painful and long drawn-out process of bringing the teeth into their proper position might be abridged. A partial solution of this problem, I believe, lies in immediate regulation by surgical procedure. Certainly, all cases are not amenable to this treatment, but in many instances a single malposed tooth standing inside the arch can be brought into perfect alignment by this method at a great saving of time and patience to both operator and patient.

It is needless to dwell upon the trials attending even a single case of regulating with appliances.

In selecting the cases for immediate regulation the operator

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