

filled with gold, that it will be preserved; unless certain results are reached in every step of the operation the teeth will certainly decay afterwards, no matter what the quality of the tooth may be. Of course the decomposition will be more rapid where the teeth are poorly organized, but when the teeth have the finest type of structure it is absolutely essential that there be brought to this test, the highest order of surgical and mechanical talent in order to insure their preservation. For when the filling of the teeth is performed as it should be, their durability, usefulness, and beauty may be secured for many years, and the owner will be paid abundant interest for the money expended.

In most instances gold is the best material for filling the teeth, other materials are sometimes used which are less expensive; but the choice of the material should always be left to the Dentist, unless the patient cannot afford the gold. Certain teeth ought not to be filled with anything but gold, while others are so far gone that it might be as well to fill them with some other material less expensive, as the tooth would not be worth a gold filling, but *gold* is considered the best material that can be used.

People would save a great amount of pain and expense by having the teeth filled, while the cavities are yet small, for the nearer the decay comes to the nerves of the teeth the more liable to give pain during the operation, and the larger the cavities the more material it will take to fill them, and the more of the tooth that has to be substituted with the filling, the weaker the walls of the tooth will