

At first sight it looks like taking an unfair advantage of the animal, if not treating him cruelly. But it is probably just the reverse, as it affords him an opportunity to feast longer on his rich beverage without giving any noticeable pain. If carefully kept in clean water the same leech may be repeatedly applied, and incised at intervals of days or weeks.

GOLD FOIL.—An important item in preparing the foil for filling is to avoid contact with the fingers; to do this, with heavy shears cut the book of foil into two or three parts, then with the pliers lift off the successive leaves of paper and foil, place the latter upon a napkin or piece of linen, a piece of well worn table linen is perhaps the best; this should be folded into a strip about four inches wide and eighteen inches long, having six to eight thicknesses; lay the foil upon this strip, then take in the hand the distant end of the cloth and bring it over upon the foil, and, by an adroit backward movement, the foil will be made into a uniformly dense and beautiful roll, any desired density being attainable in a moment. The roll is then taken up with the pliers, and passed through the flame if thought best, but we scarcely regard it necessary, and cut into pieces of the proper size.—*Dent. Register*.

A CASE OF SUNSTROKE.—The *St. Catherine's Journal* says: A few days ago, during the hot term, Mr. Peter Fowler was prostrated by an attack of sunstroke. Singular to say his gums commenced bleeding at the eye teeth, and bled profusely for about three hours. Becoming alarmed at the hæmorrhage, he consulted a physician, and was informed that the bleeding probably saved his life, although a similar case had never before come under his immediate observation.

DENTISTRY, A.D. 1612.—"Common Barbor Chyrurgions doe commit great errour in plucking out of innumerable teeth which might well serve—and too much curiositie in rubbing the gummes, and taking away the flesh at the roote of the teeth—is a frequent cause of toothache." [Peter Lowe's "Chyrurgie," 4to. p. 189, A. D. 1612.]

EQUINE DENTAL HYGIENE.—An elderly lady in the upper Province owns a magnificent span of horses, and one of her daily recreations is to go out into the stable and polish their teeth with an old nail-brush. The horses rather enjoy it, and the old lady is proud of their ivories.

EFFECT OF ALCOHOLIC STIMULANTS UPON THE ACTION OF ANÆSTHETIC AGENTS.—*The Amer. Jour. Dental Science* says that the anæsthetic condition is brought on more rapidly in the use of all general anæsthetics if the patient is in a state of partial intoxication, and suggests the administration of a small quantity of brandy or whisky pre-