

engaged in work which required long-continued and severe use of the eyes, he was suddenly attacked with a violent pain, localized at a certain point near the root of an upper second molar. He consulted a dentist, who assured him that there was an abscess at the root of the tooth and advised extraction. He refused at first, but after days of suffering, finally submitted to the extraction of a perfectly sound tooth. He then took to his room, and after remaining a week under the influence of morphine, learned that his eyes were weak, and that their severe employment induced a return of the pain. After a rest of several months he recovered, but even now, any severity in the application of the eyes if continued for a few days brings back the pain to the old spot.

Anchored Dentures.

The December number of the *Transactions of the Odontochirurgical Society of Scotland*, contains a remarkable paper, read by Dr. Wm. Dall, of Glasgow, on "A Method of Preventing Upper and Lower Dentures from Slipping Forward." His method is to fasten two gold pins to the denture, and have them enter either holes made by drilling into the jaw, or the sockets from which teeth have been extracted. Before drilling he painted the part to be operated on with a 50 per cent. solution of cocaine, and takes care to have the drill thoroughly aseptic. In the case of the lower jaw he drills somewhere between the mental foramen and the symphysis, the upper jaw he says may be drilled at any point, care being taken not to pierce the floor of the antrum. After the holes have been drilled, one on each side, the patient is supplied with an antiseptic mouth-wash and told to return the next day when the holes are thoroughly syringed out. On the third day the impression is taken, with pins inserted in the jaw as in the case of pivots, and the denture is constructed in the ordinary way. The pins do not appear to irritate the tissues, and Dr. Dall says that the first patient upon whom he tried the experiment was a lady from the country, who to this day does not know that the operation was in any way unusual. In the case of pins entering the sockets of extracted teeth his mode of procedure is very simple. The impression is taken the day after the teeth is extracted, and pins are attached to the model in the position they are expected to