

BLACKEN your hickory or orange wood wedges with your lead pencil and see if they don't go in between the teeth much nicer. Try it.—C. E. K.

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A PECULIAR case of blood-poisoning which caused quite a sensation among the dentists of Berlin. Dr. Bernheim, a dentist of Berlin, extracted a tooth for a lady and got his finger into her mouth, whereupon she closed her teeth with a convulsive firmness on his index finger. After a few hours symptoms of blood-poisoning appeared on the doctor's hand and spread so rapidly that even an immediate amputation did not check the spreading. He became delirious and, notwithstanding the efforts of two physicians, Dr. B. died the following day.—*Berlin Journal*.

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AMBLYOPIA CAUSED BY DENTAL IRRITATION.—Patient complained of headache, weakness and seeing specks before her eyes, and, a few days later, of a weakening of the sight of the right eye. Her vision was so impaired that she could scarcely count her fingers at a distance of ten inches from the eyes. The cause could not be discerned by an ophthalmoscopic examination. She was treated with iodide of potassium for optic neuritis, but her vision became dimmer. A physician suggested to examine her teeth and found five ground-off roots on the right side, upon which a vulcanite plate rested. The roots were extracted, and four days later her vision was better. In less than two months her eyesight was completely restored and remained so, as subsequent examination showed.—*Deutsche Monatschrift für Zahnheilkunde*.

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A CASE IN PRACTICE.—Some time ago I was called to the house of a lady who had been suffering from toothache for some time. When I arrived the lady told me that Dr. ——— had treated her for a length of time but could not relieve her of her pain, and finally told her that she was not susceptible to medicine, and that she would have to consult a specialist. Upon examination I found that the lady had a copper amalgam filling in the first upper molar, and first and second bicuspid badly decayed. I extracted the molar at once and found the roots abscessed, with a large sac on one of them. I expected that this would relieve her of her pain, but the following day she came to my office and complained of having the same pain. I now treated the bicuspid and dismissed her to come again at a certain time. The second following day she came with the same complaint. I removed the dressing from the bicuspid and devitalized the pulps, extracted them, and prepared the canals with an antiseptic dressing, intending to fill them the following day. (This was not done in one sitting; it