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TREATING WOUNDS IN THE MOUTH.

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Wounded or tender projections of alveolus after extraction: cases of traumatic injury to the gingival margin from ligatures, clamps, badly-fitting crown and bridge work, rubber plates, regulating apparatus, etc. The slightest touch even of soft food making the patient wince, and rendering it impossible to tolerate the presence of even a perfectly adapted plate. What are we to do?

What do we do? Cut away the portions of the plate which impinge upon the tender parts; paint the tender parts with iodine; instruct the patient to leave the plate out of the mouth for a day or two—an inconvenience at best. Run the risk of having to renew the set, not to speak of the annoyance and loss of time to the patient.

A very simple and effective method, for instance, with a vulcanite plate pressing too much upon a sore part of the ridge, is to lay a thin layer of "quickcure," or any other efficacious paste, on interior of the plate in the spots corresponding to the sore places. It is at once soothing and healing; at the gingival margin, in hypertrophy, it is a capital thing to pack into pockets, even into flesh wounds. The olibanum has a wonderful healing power.