

Pyorrhea Alveolaris and Catarrh.

Dr. E. T. Darby says that there are some constitutions in which pyorrhea is incurable, that no one need expect to cure every case, and that the dentist who succeeds in saving fifty per cent. of the affected teeth is unusually successful. He says, further, that he never knew a bad case which was not accompanied by catarrh.

Sensitive Dentine.

Dr. Williams obtunds sensitive dentine by allowing a simple solution of chloride of lime to remain a short time in the cavity. For the general obtunding of sensitive dentine he has the patient rinse the mouth with dilute lime water, not strong enough to be caustic. He claims to have used these before ether was thought of for that purpose, and says he has obtained good results from them.

Dark Joints.

Dr. W. W. France says, in the *Items of Interest*, that he packs the joints of his vulcanite plates with about a quarter of a sheet of gold foil, and that he has never had a dark joint since he commenced its use. Where the space is small, one thickness of the gold pressed in with the edge of a penknife blade is quite sufficient. Tin foil will do equally well.

Phosphate Fillings.

While valuing phosphate fillings, especially in the preparatory treatment of children's teeth, and as a non-conducting flooring under metallic fillings, I never insert them in deep cavities of living teeth without applying on the region overlying the pulp a protective film of mastic or carbolized resin. Such a proceeding reduces to a minimum the pain often produced by the introduction of the filling, and, I believe, prevents the ill-effects which otherwise may arise from the near contact with the pulp of the cement.
—Dr. L. Matheson, in *The Items*.

What He Thought of It.

One of our practical country practitioners from one of the upper counties of this State was recently on a visit to New York, and, among the other wonders of Gotham, took in one of the gynecological clinics. It was one of the professor's field days, and at the conclusion of a brilliant clinic, he asked Dr. F—— "What he thought of medical matters in the metropolis?" Dr. F—— replied: