

be—like the postscript of a lady's correspondence—its most important feature.—*From the Marvellous Increase in Gold Production*, by A. E. OUTERBRIDGE, jr., in *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* for March.

Question Drawer

Edited by R. E. SPARKS, M.D., D.D.S., L.D.S., Kingston, Ont.

Q. 47.—A lady having the right upper canine broken for five years, it had become entirely covered by gum tissue. She complained of pus oozing around the margin of the gum. She came to my office to have it extracted. I lanced the gum to admit the alveolar forceps. Upon pressing the forceps up to get a grip upon the root I found no resistance, and the root was pushed up under the wing of the nose, perhaps under the turbinated bone. It was impossible to extract it, except by a long operation, which would come under general surgery. What was the cause of the displacement of the root, and the non-resistance of the alveolus? And am I not right in sending the patient to a surgeon? D.D.S.

A.—After you found that the bone around the margin of the root had absorbed, had you enlarged the opening in the gum, and taken a large strong spoon excavator, passed it up into the cavity and above the root, with a downward pressure, you would probably easily have dislodged it. Then curetting, packing and sterilizing the cavity with iodoform gauze, and continuing this dressing until the wound had filled in by granulation, you would readily have accomplished the work without sending the patient to a general surgeon. If, however, you did not feel equal to this, you did the right thing in referring her to a surgeon. The absorption of the bone was probably due to a cystic tumor resulting from a septic pulp in the root, or from osteitis, which resulted in suppuration. The treatment in either case is the same.

DR. G. LENOX CURTIS, New York.

QUESTIONS.

Q. 49.—Please give me the thermometrical (Fahrenheit) heat and time for vulcanizing elastic rubber?

Q. 50.—According to the programme of the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Dental Society, Dr. Moyer was to painlessly remove a pulp. Will the doctor kindly describe the operation in detail in your department of the Journal, for the benefit of those of us who were not fortunate enough to attend the convention and witness the clinic?