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THE PINS IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

Why do they pull out so easily? Twenty-five years ago the degeneracy in the manufacture of artificial teeth began. It was one of the coincidences of the curse of vulcanite. Anything was then thought good enough for a plastic. But the fact is, the rubber is not so much to blame as the tooth-material. The pins come out of the porcelain. Twenty-five years ago (See *Canada Journal of Dental Science*, Vol. iii., page 161) Dr. C. Brewster read a paper before the Montreal Dental Society on this subject, in which he described his experiments in pulling out the pins of American and English teeth, in which, in the former, the teeth went to pieces, and the pins came out whole and perfect, and in the latter the tooth could not be broken by the same strain, and the pin could not come out, but was broken off by sheer force close to the porcelain. It is well known that if we want to separate a gum-block, it can be divided with a pair of scissors easier than a caramel! The American artificial tooth-structure of thirty years ago was as much ahead of the modern in point of strength as a piece of steel is ahead of a piece of tin.