

not always detect *exostosis* previous to extraction. The specimens presented, you will observe are sound teeth as a general thing ; there was no redness or swelling of the gums nor peculiar fullness, nothing to indicate the true cause of suffering ; percussion did not cause pain, but they described it as a "dull constant hard pain ;" the usual remedies were all resorted to ; blistering with Kreosote, as was so highly recommended by a member of this association one year since, not only in the mouth, but behind the ears, and medicating generally without avail, but extraction proved the cure. The bicuspid root was a very difficult thing to get out, the crown had been broken before the case came into my hands. The tooth with the binding wire around it was taken from a skull found at an Indian mound in the town of Cambria, the teeth were all sound, the number complete. I used to examine that skull with a great deal of interest, especially the teeth, for from my acquaintance with the Tuscarora and Onondaga tribes of Indians, I found their teeth very poor ; good, sound, beautiful teeth the exception. One day in examining it I saw a little enlargement of the process on the left second bicuspid, I cut it out and that is the tooth. None of the other teeth were effected in the least.

Why nature sets to work to manufacture a new deposit of bone on the fang of a particular tooth and not on them all is one of those miscellaneous, unaccountable cases that cannot be accounted for, unless we reply as did a peasant on the island of Corsica "it is a caprice of the eternal father." The treatment or prevention of *exostosis* of the teeth admits of no argument, no carbolic acid, no arsenical application, no drilling into or extracting the nerve, but simple, straightforward, good, honest extraction. Have a care gentlemen in extracting teeth with *exostosis*, they do not tumble out very easy.

OSSIFICATION OF THE NERVE PULP.—I have met with three cases of that description in the course of my practice, I regret that I have laid two of them away so nicely that I could not put my hand on them for this occasion, one I think I gave to Dr. Ford, and he placed it in the cabinet of the Dental College at Syracuse.

PHOSPHATE OF LIME.—A great deal has been said at our meetings upon this subject ; some, being disposed to treat it lightly and jokingly, apply the epithet of Dr. Phosphate ; that is all right, have your jokes and laugh ; I know of no subject discussed by the profession more interesting to me. I would not compel every one to feed upon lime, but when the indications are that it is needed, it is indispensable. If I were asked to state what the indications were where phosphate is