

conscience were caused by this hardly defensible course were more than compensated by the success of the operation.

The next case was that of a young lady whose broken English gave evidence of undoubted French Canadian origin. She came in fear and trembling like a lamb to the shambles, and asked for extraction "par electricity." With the previous case as an example, and my battery being out of order, I attached the handles to a couple of wires that were near the chair, and extracted the tooth, a somewhat difficult one, to the utmost satisfaction of the patient, and so scored another brilliant success for the omnipotent electro-dental vibrator.

Most of you are aware of what great advantage the injection of even external application of pure water to the gum of a hyper-sensitive patient is in the prevention of pain. Applying the same principle to the vibrator, I leave you to draw your own conclusions. In lancing I found the vibrator slightly more successful owing to its slightly though superficial benumbing effect.

In the excavation of sensitive dentine and the removal of pulps the current is worse than useless. The appliance for this purpose, and with which I experimented, is here, and you may examine its truly formidable looking construction at your leisure.

To secure the highest degree of excellence combined with the smallest possible degree of pain, is the end to which operators and surgical dentistry strives, and the most direct though laborious route to this much desired end is through decision and skilful manipulation, and I am further convinced that electrical science at least can furnish neither method nor appliance which will enable the careless and unskilful dentist to escape from the results of his own unprofessional incapability. As as much has been said as time will permit—much has been left unsaid—I will here leave the subject with you, at whose hands it cannot but secure an unbiassed and intelligent discussion.

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