

*Nitrous Oxide Gas Viewed from a Practical Standpoint.* By JOHN D. THOMAS, D.D.S., Lecturer upon Nitrous Oxide at the University of Pennsylvania. Reprinted from the *Cosmos*.

The experience derived by the author from exclusive practice in this department, makes his opinions orthodox. It was described at the time it was read, as "the best paper on nitrous oxide to which the members had ever listened." No higher praise is necessary.

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### Abstracts from the Journals.

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#### Divided Mercury in Thermometers.

In the *Dental Office and Laboratory*, Dr. C. H. Gilbert suggests a simple plan for re-uniting the mercury in the thermometer of a vulcanizer when divided. All that is necessary, he says, is to heat the vulcanizer with dry heat until the mercury fills the tube; as it cools it will be found to have coalesced perfectly.

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#### He Knew His Measure.

A dentist at Bristol, Pa., received an order for artificial teeth from a man in another town, with details as follows: "My mouth is three inches across; five inches through the jaw; some hummocky on the edge; shaped like a horse-shoe, toe forrard. If you want me to be more particular I shall have to come thar."—*Items*

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#### Keep Clean.

An unkempt, slovenly, dirty dentist is a nuisance. If you can't afford nice professional clothes, shut up shop and earn them at the anvil or in the potato patch. Look neat and clean anyway. Starve yourself if necessary, but look presentable. Keep your mouth