

utterly indefensible on conservative and even hygienic principles, especially with the knowledge we possess to-day of the bacteriology of the mouth. Dr. Evans frankly admits this and offers the very best advice an honest writer can give. The common practice of sacrificing sound cuspid crowns to obtain foundations for posts, ought to be condemned as malpractice. It is a professional felony. There is no other work in existence which is more useful to the practitioner who practises crown and bridge work. While not in any way depreciating the merits of the work, we deplore the barbarous taste, or rather want of the theory and philosophy of taste, which prevails so widely in our profession on this continent, and which is doing so much to disfigure the human mouth. If the height of art is to conceal art, we cannot but be ashamed of the libels on the science of æsthetics, which so many of our dentists are making in their practice. This does not in any way detract from the value of the standard work by Dr. Evans. He has eliminated obsolete methods, has reduced unimportant ideas to briefer terms in the description, and has incorporated not only many new methods and suggestions, but he has given very plain and critical advice, by which faddists could profit, and the best of practitioners instructed.

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Professionally, these proceedings are full of interest. Politically, the golden color of its cover seems to hoop it up for the golden standard, which, we are glad to say, has buried its silver rival—we hope, forever.

*Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.*—Continuing his series on the Racial Geography of Europe in *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* for March, Prof. William Z. Ripley discusses "The Shape of the Head as a Racial Trait," showing with the aid of maps how the "long-headed" and "short-headed" peoples are distributed.

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