

*A Practical Treatise on Artificial Crown and Bridge Work.* By GEORGE EVANS. Third edition. Revised and enlarged, with 631 illustrations. Philadelphia: The S. S. White Dental Mfg. Co., 1893. 346 pages.

This is one of the most practical and perfectly illustrated books brought before us for a long time. The fact that imposters deceive the public, and that there is enough malpractice in this line to condemn it, were there no better to commend it, cannot in any way affect the value of the work, which Dr. Evans has demonstrated on paper almost as clearly as it can be in clinics. In fact, no excuse can be offered for complete, or even comparative ignorance on this subject, when such a volume is open to the inquirer.

The preparatory treatment of teeth and roots for crown work is carefully, though not elaborately, given—the chapter on chronic alveolar abscess being, perhaps, insufficient for the average operator who does not get fuller information elsewhere. Evidently Dr. Evans aims to confine his work as fully as possible to the practical features of the mechanical, and in this he has succeeded admirably.

Part II. is devoted to a thorough illustration of all the porcelain and gold crowns and attachments, with and without collars, their application and advantages. There is no part of the instruction neglected, unless we except the many improvements in methods, furnaces, etc., of Dr. Land, of Detroit, which Dr. Evans seems to have overlooked. For instance, on page 144, an illustration is given of Dr. Land's Midget furnace, and no mention made of his bi-muffle gas furnace, which absolutely overcomes the liability of gassing, and in all respects is very superior to any other. It does not seem to us as if sufficient credit was given, as to priority of invention, to Dr. Land for various improvements which are mentioned in this book. This *en passant*.

Part III. beautifully illustrates the construction of bridge work, removable and u: removable. Part IV. gives recipes for plates and solders, and simple advice as to moulds and dies, soldering, etc.

The work is creditable in every respect to the author and publishers, and will no doubt have a very extensive sale in Canada, as it is sure to have in the United States.

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They do these things better in England than they do on this American continent. At the annual dinner of the Dental Hospital of London, under the presidency of Sir Richard Quain, allusion was made by Mr. Morton Smale, Dean of the School, to the necessity for a new hospital. He said that an expenditure of £40,000 (\$223,750) would be required. The staff and two or three friends of the hospital had promised £3,000. "A dental hospital never receives the