

material they buy at the time of purchase. The barber is the worst pay, the dentist next. What a sad commentary on our profession.

Pheno-camphor is easily prepared by dissolving three parts camphor in one part of carbolic acid. It is a good deodorizer, antiseptic and disinfectant, and prevents suppuration.

Cases have occurred in the experience of almost every dentist where a lady was going into a decline, with every appearance of consumption, who, as a last resort, has had a mouthful of old snags and diseased roots and teeth removed, and a comfortable set of artificial teeth inserted, who has completely recovered her health and strength, and has lived happily many years.

Take an ordinary watch crystal, such as can be obtained of any jeweller, set it in a lump of plaster of Paris, trim neatly and paint, color or bronze, to suit your taste. This makes a very handy and cheap little tray for holding amalgam or other fillings at the operating table.

Cast a little dome of lead or other soft metal somewhat in the shape of half a walnut, this will answer for a stand, insert a piece of knitting needle three inches long, sharpen the top, cut bibulous paper into little squares, say two inches or less, fill the wire full, one square at a time. This will be found handy on the operating stand of every dentist, as a square can be easily picked up with the plyers, and is much better than cotton.

Any dentist can sharpen his burs and drills when dull. There is no excuse for any one using dull instruments and inflicting unnecessary pain on his confiding patients. Take a thin corundum and rubber disk, such as is used for separating teeth: this will answer for all the medium and larger sized burs.

For sharpening drills, excavators, chisels and other small cutting instruments, use Dr. McLean's method, by making a disk of tin two inches in diameter, laying thereon a disk of cardboard and on the top of this a round piece of fine cutting emery paper, fasten them on an engine mandrel. There is nothing better for sharpening fine-edged small tools. I keep a dozen different sizes and grades of emery disks on hand all the time. No dull instruments used in this office. By using a leather disk similar to the above, you can make your excavators and chisels so sharp that they will split a hair.