

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

The natural teeth should never be sacrificed with the expectation of finding the artificial a substitute in every particular, although in some instances the looks are improved by the artificial; but their use is seldom, if ever, equalled. I do not wish to convey the idea that artificial teeth cannot be made serviceable, for the function of mastication can be secured in a very high degree, *providing the artificial piece has been constructed properly*. All I wish to say is, that many persons allow their teeth to decay, (when filling might have preserved them), with the expectation of finding the artificial superior in every sense. I simply wish to correct this idea. *Save the natural teeth if possible*, but should any one be so unfortunate as to lose his natural teeth, he can have an artificial set so constructed as to secure in a very important sense the appearance and use of the natural teeth.

Many persons suffer from indigestion, and poor health for years, when the principal cause is, the lack of some, or all of their back teeth, which are *very important* in masticating the food.

Teeth can be inserted with great success in two days after the roots are drawn, for then the cavities are open, and the points of the artificial will set in the openings, and look very natural for a long time, or until the gums have fallen away sufficiently to admit of the permanent or gum teeth. After the teeth are drawn the gums continue to shrink for about a year, and when they have become hard, the