

"How do you do in a case of a single tooth, say a lateral incisor, where the space is so narrow you cannot get strength from a rubber attachment? What do you do in close bites where you cannot put any rubber at all?"

Simply this, I line and solder the tooth, and let a tail of gold plate extend beyond the line of the bite; I punch large holes through the tail, or solder a little loop or two to the end. I then rivet this to the aluminum, and there you are.

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### How are We to Get Our Fees?

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The question of fees, of cash and of credit, must always remain a *bete noir* among us, until enough of us take the bull by the horns and insist upon being treated as business men. I have never been able to explain or to get explained, the reason why we dentists are so constantly imposed upon, much more than medical men. It may be that when people are ill enough to call in a physician, their conscience becomes tender; and as life and death are more associated with medical than dental practice, patients want to keep on the right side of their physician. Moreover, there is a great deal of demeaning advertising among us, and the public, looking at the amount of it done even by respectable men, begin to think that dentistry must be more of a trade than a profession, as they do not see this done by respectable medical men. They then argue, that just as one shoemaker is perhaps as good as another, one dentist is as good for them as another, and they shop around, and they beat us down, and they ask credit.

Now, I believe that we must have dentists for the poor as well as the rich. We must let young beginners and struggling men charge lower fees, if they will, than men who have an old-established practice. I have no opinion at all to express as to a tariff, because I believe it is impracticable in a country like Canada, occupied by a population most of whom are not overburdened with superfluous cash.

But there is one feature upon which we can all agree, if we would. In face of discordance of opinion upon many points, as to whether this man or that man should be on the Board, or in the College, etc., we surely have no one to dissent as to the opinion, that whether our fees are low or high, we should have a business method of getting our money. No matter what each one's qualifications may be—all that aside—how are we to get the money we earn?

Now, while admitting that the question is a difficult one in the