

### Re-setting Teeth.

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In the September number of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL, I read a plan of re-setting teeth, as outlined by Dr. E. H. Raffen-sperger, in the *Ohio Journal of Dental Science*. I have for many years practised that plan. The idea, I think, I got from my preceptor, Dr. T. J. Jones, late of St. Catharines, Ont., now of Victoria, B.C. I proceed as Dr. R. describes, only that before waxing my case I scrape the palatal surface, and generally drill a number of holes or pits. If I wish to be very particular, I scrape the lingual surface of the rim of rubber up to the teeth. When packing, I leave the old rubber attached to the teeth, unless the plate had been broken before re-setting. The new rubber attaches to the old, and seems to be as strong as if the old rubber had been removed, without the danger of breaking blocks, spoiling joints, straining pins, etc.

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### How Shall I Advertise?

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SIR,—My only rival in my town fills the local paper with great announcements, that he has just returned from New York and Boston "with all the modern improvements;" that he has "the only reliable article," etc. Now if he would tell the truth he would not say that, and if he would not tell lies in the paper, I would not object so much, although I think that a certain amount of decent advertising is necessary to reach the scattered districts, and to make known to the farmers out of the towns that their teeth can be saved. But country people are generally honest themselves, and they are likely to believe a good deal in the "honesty" of a quack who may really be the biggest liar out of jail. My humble card appears in the same paper. My dental education cost my father thousands of dollars, and I received a thorough college training. I have been a diligent student ever since; doing nothing else and thinking of hardly anything else but my profession. I am afraid I would come near to starvation before I would resort to the tricks my rival uses. I would rather leave the profession and go to town and drive a