

TO PREVENT BREAKAGE IN TAKING PLASTER IMPRESSIONS IN A DIFFICULT CASE.—Before the addition of plaster to water, add some fine cut fibres of absorbent cotton. A small quantity will thus give more body to the plaster in the event of breaking. The fragments will not separate entirely, owing to the presence of the cotton.—*Odontologie*.

A TECHNICAL ADVERTISEMENT.—On a sign at Buci we read, "Dental Pulpi Clinic."—*Odontologie*. What next?—ED.

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Root-Fillings and Alveolar Abscess.*

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This is, perhaps, the most threadbare, worn-out and oft-repeated subject in dental literatures; so much so that it must be a very taking article, and embrace some new ideas or startling proposal, to command a passing notice to those familiar with the current ideas, as put forth in the journals and as taught to the classes by our professors.

I am not expecting to advance anything new or reform existing methods, but to state a few facts and convictions which have found emphasis by experience and favor by success.

I shall notice, in the first place, the case which is most easily treated and most favorable for good results, which is—such pulps as may be removed and the roots filled at one sitting. Mostly these occur in the ten anterior teeth, with occasionally molars with anterior or crown openings, especially of the inferior maxillary. By the application of cocaine crystals to the exposed pulp, in a few minutes you are able to remove the pulp to the least extremity. You may expect a flow of blood, which is soon controlled either by styptics or plugging. My advice in such cases is to use as little drugs by way of washing and dressing as possible; avoid all drugs if you can.

When the bleeding is quite done a very fine shred of cotton, saturated with chloro-percha, may be carried to the point of the root and disengaged from the brooch and impacted there. The root is now ready for filling in its larger extent preparatory for a crown or crown-filling as may be required. There is nothing in

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