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### Pharisaical Dentists.

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In reading the reports of dental conventions held in various parts of the United States and Canada, we have noticed that there are two men who rarely fail to put in an appearance on these occasions. They possess a little more than ordinary professional ability, and have a reputation for doing "high-class work" which they are anxious to extend. They do not usually take very much part in the discussion of those physiological and pathological problems that are just now agitating the minds of dental scientists, nor do they condescend to favor their professional brethren with suggestions of new methods or clever devices whereby the routine of every-day office work may be made a little less irksome. When they do rise to read a paper, however, or take part in a discussion, it does not take them long to convince their hearers that they are not like other men, and that the class of work done by ordinary dentists would never do for *their* patients. One of these gentlemen is the dentist who seldom inserts plastic fillings, and never uses anything but gold as a base for artificial dentures; the other is the dentist who rarely, if ever, finds it necessary to extract a tooth. Our attention has been called to one of these latter gentlemen by the publication in the *Archives of Dentistry* of a paper read by Dr.