

*Dental Cosmos*, November.—The Editor reprints from the "American System of Dentistry," his interesting monograph on "diseases incident to the first dentition." A finely illustrated article on the correction of irregularities, by Dr. Jackson, of New York. Dr. Milton writing on obtending sensitive dentine, advocates the introduction of oil of cloves into the valve of the hot-air syringe, placing it over the lamp, and thus vaporizing the oil, and blowing it into the cavity being prepared for filling. Remove the oil from the cavity with alcohol. The peripheral tubuli and contents become embalmed. In all cases of inflamed and aching pulps the vapor of chloroform gives immediate relief. After extracting a tooth having an abscess, the same vapor blown into the socket gives relief. In removing calculus, the same vapor is useful. The monthly bibliography of dental literature continues to be a most interesting feature of the *Cosmos*.

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*Dental Record*, London, Eng., November.—A case of alleged swallowing of artificial teeth is reported, the plate consisting of a complete upper set. The patient, who evidently had a lively imagination, began to suffer from dull aching pain in the umbilical region. The pain persisted; food could only be taken in small quantities. There was obstinate constipation, and the patient lost flesh. Sleep was only obtained by opiates. Vomiting occurred about ten minutes after food. The suffering increased. Laparotomy was performed; the abdomen was opened by median incision above the umbilicus. The pylorus was found perfectly normal, no foreign body could be detected. The surgeon attributed all the subjective and objective symptoms to the domination of a great fear, of which the operation relieved him. This seems a rather far-fetched excuse for the operation. Any fool ought to be made to understand that a full upper set could not be swallowed, and if a fool persists in believing he actually did swallow such a set, he ought to be fooled out of it in some other way than by a surgical operation. If a fool worried himself into illness under the belief that his skull had no brains in it, would you trephine it to give him proof? The editor puts in a plea for ambidexterity in dentistry. A correspondent discussing the ethical question of dealing with another man's patients, makes several good points. A