

that they can reach all crevices, and the use except occasionally, of dental floss is almost superfluous. Even though these instructions be carefully carried out salivary calculus (tartar) *will* form to a greater or less degree, and cavities *will* arise in spite of all that one can do.

The services of a dentist should therefore be sought regularly every six months for the purpose of examination. It does not follow that the dentist will find anything to do but he is the best judge as to whether his services are required.

The cavities in children's teeth should be filled as soon as they appear, for the following reasons: To prevent pain; to preserve a proper masticatory surface; to secure retention of the temporary teeth until the proper time for their exfoliation and bring about a proper development of jaw-bone, so that when the permanent teeth appear they will have sufficient room to erupt in their proper positions. Thus the child will have a regular arch which, it is hoped, by following directions presented in this article, it will be able to retain through life.—*Pediatrics*.

