

## Correspondence.

*To the Editor of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:*

SIR,—In reply to query of "Practitioner" in the March number of your JOURNAL, *re* "the extraction of ulcerated teeth," permit me to have my little say.

I certainly believe "Practitioner" has the correct method. I have extracted a great many ulcerated teeth, and in no case have I hesitated on account of prospective "blood-poisoning" resulting from the extraction. It strikes me that some of the M.D.'s have a fad about "blood-poisoning," "heart failure," and a few other things, which serves only to cover up a certain amount of ignorance. When it is impossible to save by proper treatment, it is simply cruelty to suffering humanity to decline to remove an ulcerated tooth while it is causing its characteristic excruciating pain, and he who offers "blood-poisoning" as an excuse for non-extraction has either dirty instruments or does not know his business. I have never had a case of blood-poisoning from extraction that I know of. It is really dangerous to leave an ulcerated tooth that cannot be saved in the mouth, as the accumulation of pus is more liable to cause "blood-poisoning" than the extraction of the tooth. If instruments are kept clean there is not the slightest danger.

Yours fraternally,

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## Reviews.

*Catching's Compendium of Practical Dentistry for 1894.* By B. N. CATCHING, D.D.S., editor and publisher, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S. Copyrighted 1894. \$2.50.

This work is almost as necessary to the wide-awake dentist as his eyes. Any one of us would think anyone else an idiot who deliberately closed his eyes at a clinic. A starving man who refused to eat, or a thirsty one who refused to drink, deserves to die, unless he is insane, and then he should be forced. It needs no surgical operation to put the contents of this valuable book into the mind of any ordinary reader, and we are sure that the advantages to the practitioner will be largely shared in by his patients. The index comprises operative and prosthetic dentistry, crown and bridge work, orthodontia, dental medicine, oral surgery, miscellaneous. The book can be ordered by mail direct from Dr. Catching. It contains 306 pages. It costs \$2.50. It is well worth, at least, a dollar a page.