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Aseptic treatment means to preserve a clean wound from septic infection. It is purely preventive.

Antiseptic treatment means the prevention of further extension of existing trouble. One method prevents the fire, the other extinguishes it.

In cases where it is difficult to apply the rubber dam above the gum, tie a knot on the silk, this will aid in carrying it under the gum; a double knot is sometimes necessary.

In some cases where it seems almost impossible to either hold or apply the dam to lower molars, I have found it a capital plan to take fine binding wire, double once or twice, twist about half an inch at the double end with a pair of plyers, run the free ends each side the tooth, to be enclosed at the necks near the gum—always from the lingual side,—twist the ends on the buccal aspect of the tooth, and cut off the wire about half inch. The rubber can now be looped over each end of the wire and held secure. This is better than any rubber-clamp ever invented for some difficult cases, as there is scarcely any tooth in the mouth, no matter where situated, if the wire can be applied, but the rubber can be put on by using it.

A flattened pin is also very useful for applying the dam in many