

## ART OF DENTISTRY.

It Was Practiced by the Ancients  
Thousands of Years Ago.

It will surprise many persons to learn that false teeth, gold caps and fillings and dental bridges are by no means modern creations. Six thousand years ago and probably long before the dawn of Greek civilization the skill of the dentist had reached a high degree of perfection.

Cicero in his treatise "De Natura Deorum" ascribes the invention of tooth drawing to Aesculapius, third of that name. The first mention of dentistry, according to the British Medical Journal, is found in Hippocrates, who in several parts of his writings has a good deal to say about toothache. From the Phoenicians the art found its way to the Etruscans. At the international congress held in Rome in 1900 Professor Guerini exhibited several specimens of dental art which proved that something very much akin to bridge work was practiced in ancient Italy so efficiently that it has lasted thirty centuries.

Artificial crowns have also been found in Etruscan tombs. Artificial dentures go back to a remote antiquity. Dr. Denelle states that in the museum of the University of Ghent there is a set of artificial teeth found in a tomb at Orvieto with jewels and Etruscan vases. He gives their date as from five to six thousand years before Christ.

In a collection of antique surgical apparatus made by Dr. Lambros there is an artificial denture found in a tomb at Tanagra, near Thebes, which is believed to belong to the third or fourth century before the Christian era. Teeth stopped with gold have been found in Greek tombs. In the temple of Apollo at Delphi there was, according to Erasistratus, a nephew of Aristotle and physician to Seleucus Nicator, king of Syria, 354 B. C., a leaden instrument which was used in the extraction of teeth. Obviously an instrument of lead could have been used only for loose teeth.

In the laws of the twelve tables made by the Roman decemvirs in 450 B. C. it was expressly forbidden to bury or burn gold with dead bodies except when used for wiring the teeth. In the construction of false teeth recourse was had by the ancients to bone and horn. Sometimes human teeth were employed. Benzoni found in some mummies artificial teeth made of sycamore. In the first century of our era false teeth were very common among the Romans.

Dentistry shared in the decay of the arts during the middle ages, and we read that when St. Louis died in 1270, although he was only fifty-five, he had but one tooth in the upper jaw. French surgeons, notably Ambroise Pare, took a leading part in the revival of dentistry. Louis XIV.'s dentist used only instruments of gold in operating on the teeth of his august patient. From the time of Pare onward the highest dentistry was in the hands of surgeons, extraction being left to barbers and quacks.

### Roy and His Mistress.

Roy was one of the noblest dogs that ever lived, so everybody agreed who knew about his once saving his little mistress' life. On the shore close to where he lived was a high bluff of some twenty or more feet, very steep and composed mostly of sand and gravel. One afternoon Viola was missed from the porch where she was playing with Roy. Her mother and nurse looked all over for her, but could not find her. Mrs. Vanderver, Viola's mother, went to the barn and told the hands to look for her over the farm. When Bob, the watchman, came to the bluff he heard Viola's voice: "Try a little harder, Roy, darling. Pull hard, and I will hold on tight." Bob, leaning over the rock, saw Roy and Viola. The little girl was hanging on to Roy's tail, and he was trying to pull her up to safety.

### Light Producing Trees.

Several well known trees furnish good materials for light. There is the Japanese wax tree, for example, which bears bunches of fruit, growing like grapes, and containing a kind of wax out of which candles are made. Another tree, found in the Pacific islands and known as the candle nut tree, bears a fruit that is full of oil. The nuts themselves are used as candles and will burn for some time. Still another is the candle tree, the fruit of which is three or four feet in length and about an inch in diameter. The fruit hangs from the tree so as to present the appearance of yellowish white candles in a chandler's shop.—Chicago News.

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