

It may therefore be said in conclusion that the legitimate use of inlays is quite narrowly restricted to those exposed surfaces where artistic effects are very important, and to the cases where the tooth tissue is so extensively broken down as to make the insertion of a foil filling too great a tax on the patient. To employ inlays outside of these indications is either to misconstrue their true function, or to let enthusiasm overbalance judgment.

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### IN SEARCH OF A DENTIST.

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Having to remain for a day in Liverpool waiting for the steamer to leave, I thought to call upon some of the dentists. Starting out at 8 o'clock to look around the city I first went through many business streets, and saw but one sign, but the surroundings were such I did not venture in. Then I tramped through many residence or mixed residence and business streets and still without success. I went into a drug store and inquired. The proprietor said there was one near by, but I failed to find him. After walking a considerable distance and seeing no evidence of a dentist but a shop window filled with specimens and prices ranging from two shillings (25 cents) and upward per tooth, I again called upon a druggist in a good residence locality. He said he "pulled teeth." Told him I wanted to find a *dentist*. He said he knew of none anywhere within two miles. Went back to a business section where I had not been, and again called upon a druggist. He said on a certain street I would find several. I did so, found four offices, but the dentists had not yet come, as it was not time for them, and yet it was ten o'clock. At last I found one in. He came forward and I handed him my card. He looked at it and said: "Well what do you want?" I replied that I simply was making a friendly

call. "Well, will you tell me just what you want of me?" I replied, "Nothing, but had *expected* to meet a gentleman," and left.

This was my experience in a city of 800,000 population. I wondered whether here was not a good opening for some of the surplus dentists of America now so rapidly accumulating.—*L. P. Haskell, in Dental Review.*

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## OBITUARY.

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### DR. CHARLES WELCH.

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Dr. Charles Welch, of Wilmington, O., died September 9, 1900, at his home, of heart trouble from inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Welch was well known, not only in southern Ohio, but took an active interest in his profession and was always in attendance at the local and State meetings, and a frequent attendant at the national assemblies. He was a son of Dr. L. B. Welch, one of the early practitioners of dentistry. He was a graduate of the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in the class of 1871, and practiced in his native town for nearly thirty years. He was born July 4, 1850. He was a student and a conservative practitioner. Had many official distinctions forced upon him, as he was a modest gentleman and well thought of by all who knew him. He was president of the Ohio State Dental Association and also of the Mississippi Valley Dental Association. He was married and leaves a widow with no children. He will be greatly missed as one of the regular attendants at the State meetings, and the profession has sustained a real loss in his death.