

It adds nothing to its appearance in the mouth, but detracts from the durability. In the upper plates that are to articulate with the lower natural teeth and where there is no likelihood of the gums being exposed, the molars and sometimes bicuspids can be plain teeth. In such cases as this nothing is lost by using red rubber gums. You thus have a stronger and less clumsy denture. The principal objection to gum sections are the tendency to dark joints, checking, and the accumulation of secretions back of them—all of which can be prevented by proper grinding and waxing.—*Dr. O. H. Simpson, Extract West. Journ.*

From copper plate No. 40 gauge, cut strips of different widths and lengths and punch a line of holes in the ends of them. These can be adapted readily around different teeth and by the points of the clamp in the holes may be held firmly in place. This clamp can be operated with an ordinary rubber dam clamp forceps.—*Dr. J. F. Steele, Eagle Grove, Iowa.*

HOME-MADE CLAMP AND MATRIXES.—Take an old-fashioned steel key ring, draw the temper, bend laterally at center to a right angle. Turn the ends in and down and file each to a point, not too sharp. Heat and temper to blue spring shade.

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