

Mouth Inspection in the Treatment of Patients.

Of what avail is it to bombard the stomach with drugs and to diet patients, when the real cause of the symptoms lies in a foul mouth, missing teeth, and filthy bridges and plates? Why prescribe sedative cough-mixtures when a long uvula is the cause of an obstinate cough? Why fill a child with tonics when adenoids and enlarged tonsils are the cause of anemia? The tonsils are the cause of so much constitutional mischief that they should always be examined as a routine process. Especially important is this examination in all cases of articular rheumatism, chronic or even acute nephritis and all cases of sepsis.—*Morris Manges in New York Med. Journ.*

“Served Her Right.”

When I hear a machine agent trying to win a customer by claiming all kinds of defects about his competitor's goods, it reminds me of a neighbor lady whose sister had just given birth to twins. She said: “Well, I wanted you to employ a homeopathic doctor, and this is what you get for calling an allopath. Next time you will listen to me.”—*American Thresherman.*

Poetic License.

“Didn't the poet from whom you were reading refer in one of his lines to the germ of immortality?” inquired Mrs. B— of her husband.

“Yes, but that strikes me as carrying the microbe theory too far.”—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Journ.*