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not worth gold fillings. I use amalgam in the back teeth under all ordinary circumstances.

Dr. J. Y. CRAWFORD. I would like to call your attention to a peculiar condition which I have called *dry sockets*, not having any other name for the condition I wish to speak of. After the extraction of a certain tooth, the socket remained open and dry for twelve months. I recently had another case, a left lower third molar. The tooth was removed with great difficulty. There was no bleeding from the socket, and the patient suffered more or less pain after the extraction. Complaining of not feeling very well, I suggested that she go in the adjoining room and lie down and rest awhile. She sent for her physician, who gave her some stimulant, and feeling better she went home. She suffered very much that night, and saw her physician again. Still there had not been any bleeding from the socket, which remained entirely open. He gave her a strong opiate, and advised her, if still suffering, to go to me for treatment. Late the next evening she came in. The jaw was somewhat sore and the wound clean and nice. That night she had severe paroxysms of pain, and her husband reported to me that she was suffering very much. The first permanent molar was a dead tooth, on which she had worn a crown for seven or eight years, the second molar being also in position. That evening when she came in she was impressed with the idea that the pain was in the crowned molar. I examined it thoroughly and was convinced that was not the case. The socket of the extracted tooth was still open. I washed it out well with warm water and packed it with iodoform gauze. She was comparatively comfortable that night, and slept some. When she came to me the next day, I removed the gauze, and found that it came out perfectly clean and dry. There was absolutely no exudation in the socket. It continued that way for seven days longer. She was in constant pain, suffering from earache also, even the scalp was very sore. I concluded to use Dr. Savage's remedy for inflammation of the internal ear. He puts a drop of chloroform on cotton, dips it in sweet oil, and passes it into the ear (More recently Dr. Savage mixes the sweet oil and chloroform.) I found I had no sweet oil, and so used oil of cinnamon with a tampon over it. She passed a comparatively comfortable night, but the next day was worse again, and still thought it was the first molar. So I slit the crown and took it off. I found the pulp-chamber filled with gutta-percha and the crown set with cement. The cement had washed out and decay had begun. I cleaned it out and effected an entrance into the back root and partially into the front canals, when she said she felt better. I renewed the dressing of chloroform and sweet oil, with a tampon over it, in the socket, which was still dry. I continued this for a week, nothing giving any relief but the chloroform and sweet oil. She said she had never experienced such severe pain, which affected the whole side of the face, head, and ear. There was no blood, no suppuration, no granulation, but a perfectly dry, clean socket. I have seen a number of such cases, to which I give the name "dry socket." They certainly give much trouble.

Dr. WM. H. RICHARDS, Knoxville, Tenn. Three or four years ago I had some professional business with Dr. Calhoun, in Atlanta. He called me in to see a case he had under treatment, and asked me