

A DENTIST'S QUEER CLUE.

For upward of fifteen years the corner of Broad and George streets was occupied by a two-story building used as a wholesale liquor store.

There are certain buildings which repel you, just as there are certain people. This building was one of the sort. It was dingy, unclean and out of place among its neighbors.

I passed it twice a day for nine years and never once thought of the proprietor. True, the door stood open in summer, and the doors of other business houses, but Mr. Swift was not to be seen.

I passed it again one day in November, and the doors were shut. I got up from my work and walked into the liquor store as if I had legitimate business.

When I entered and left the store in broad daylight no one came forward to say they had seen me.

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SECOND GLANCE TOLD ME THE MAN HAD BEEN MURDERED.

On the street, was divided into two rooms—a sitting-room and a bedroom. Each room had a window.

Yes, Martin Swift was an old man—old and gray and wrinkled, as I had pictured him. Some of his front teeth were gone, and on the floor beside him lay a pair of steel bow spectacles.

Mr. Swift had a visitor the night before, and that visitor had murdered him and left the store by the only entrance and exit.

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golden crown or cap for a human tooth. It had been made to slip over a tooth and be kept in place by cement.

I was investigating for at least an hour before I was ready to go. The stove burned soft coal. The fire was all out, but the iron was not yet cold.

Did I give the alarm? No, I said not a word. I passed down and out into the street in broad daylight, and no one gave me a second glance.

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In 100 dentists how many do you suppose rank as first-class? I mean those patronized by wealthy people.

"By George!" he exclaimed as he looked at the shell of gold.

He recognized it at once as his own handiwork, and he believed the work was done by a dentist who had removed to Pittsburg.

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Among the well-known diseases whose bacterial origin is already placed beyond reasonable doubt, are erysipelas, tetanus, diphtheria, typhoid, typhoid fever, croupous pneumonia and influenza.

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Again, it appears that the bacillus of tetanus, or lockjaw, is abundant everywhere in the soil, and may rest on the surface of the human body or be taken into the stomach without producing injury.

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A Surgeon's Tender Spot.

"No matter how hardened a doctor may become by seeing much suffering," said a physician recently, "there is one thing that will always make him weakly, that is if he has any heart at all."

Why, it even hurts me to be compelled to score the gums of a teething child. I would ten times rather cut off a man's leg than do it.

Antiquities.

Egyptian monuments represent hats in nearly the shape of the Mexican sombrero.

It is estimated that one of the largest stones in the pyramid was fully eighty-eight tons.

The "rock cork" mentioned by Pliny and other ancient writers is thought to have been asbestos.

In an old Indian burying-ground in St. Simon, Ga., the remains of a warrior over eight feet long were excavated recently.

A prehistoric human skull found at Aniston, Ala., in 1890, measured 84 inches in circumference just above the ears.

Petrified horse tracks are among the curiosities attributed to Missouri. They are said to be found in the bottom of a creek in Kay county.

Officials of the Smithsonian institute have discovered evidences which lead them to believe that the mound-builders were the progenitors of the modern Indians.

Pliny says that bricks and tiles so light as to swim in water were made in Italy, Spain and Greece. The peculiar art of this manufacture was recently discovered by an Italian gentleman.

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