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This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1836 edition. Excerpt: ... the under jaw, rubbing forcibly against those of the upper, grind them down, by attrition, or force them from their places. The proper remedy for this state of affairs is to fill up, by artificial means, the ravages of time, of heedlessness, and tooth-drawing, thereby restoring, in a great degree and in the proper quarter, the usual organs of mastication. The gums forsake the teeth to a certain extent in the mouths of many careful persons, but if all besides be right, this need not annoy them much, as it is only a slight diminution of the bony sockets, the gums retiring, but not wasting. It may be a constitutional defect, or the result of medicines but in either case is not dangerous nor worthy of exciting any uneasiness. CHAPTER X. ON PRESERVING THE TEETH BY BRUSHING, SCALING, AND POLISHING. 33--Brushing The Teeth.--It has been shown that foulness will breed diseases of the gums and their sockets, as well as of the teeth themselves. Foulness is produced by the relics of food retained in and about the teeth, and by a deposition of sediment from the saliva. This deposition is never to be found on the prominent parts of teeth which are brushed by the food and tongue in mastication but in lines and indentations on the surfaces of many persons teeth, and between and around the necks of teeth deserted by the gums, for teeth are wider at their grinding surfaces than nearer the gums. In a perfect mouth, no lodgement ever takes place, nor is there occasion for a toothpick. The sediment that forms tartar, the greatest enemy of the mouth, is soft at first, and might easily be removed with a tooth-brush, if successfully employed night and morning, or at all events once a day. From the shape and arrangement of the teeth in the jaws of some...

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