

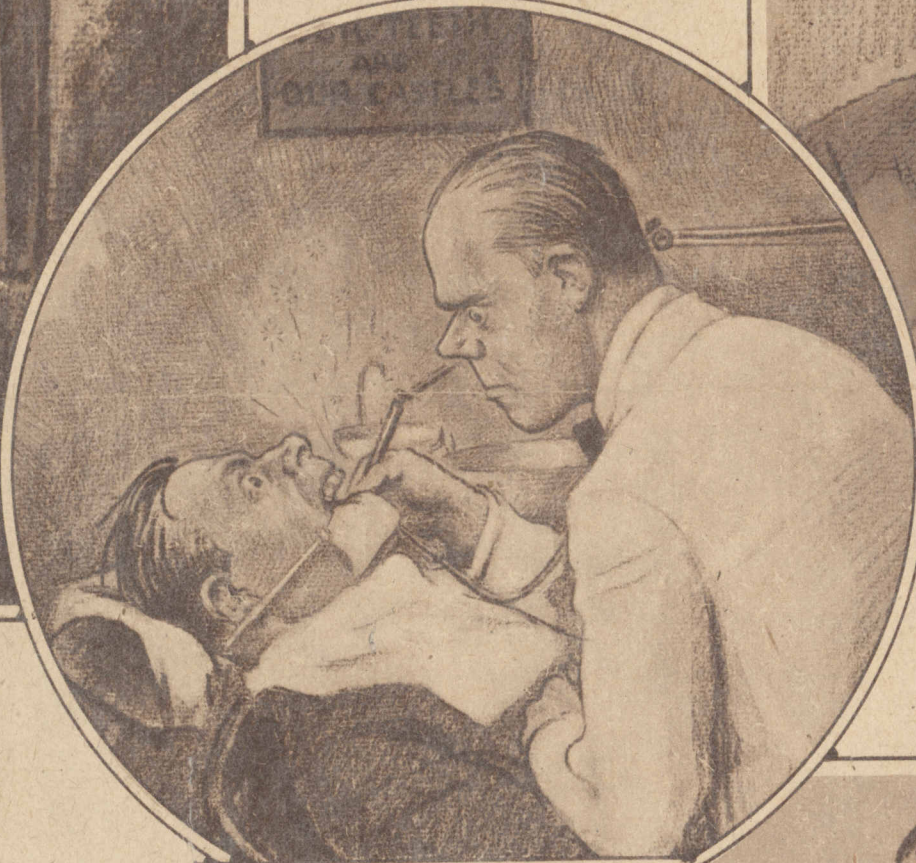
Wisdom Teeth

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Sufferers from wisdom teeth love to tell all the horrid details. Here is poor Gladys, making use of the cracked ice bag to keep down the swelling. She's telling her young man all about how the tooth was imbedded in a pound or more of jawbone and how she nearly fainted every time the mallet struck home.



The novocaine. Florrie was given a local anesthetic, which has, for the time being, slightly paralyzed her tongue. The taxi driver will do well if he comes within a mile of where Florrie's home is. He thinks she has been drinking and is very unsympathetic.

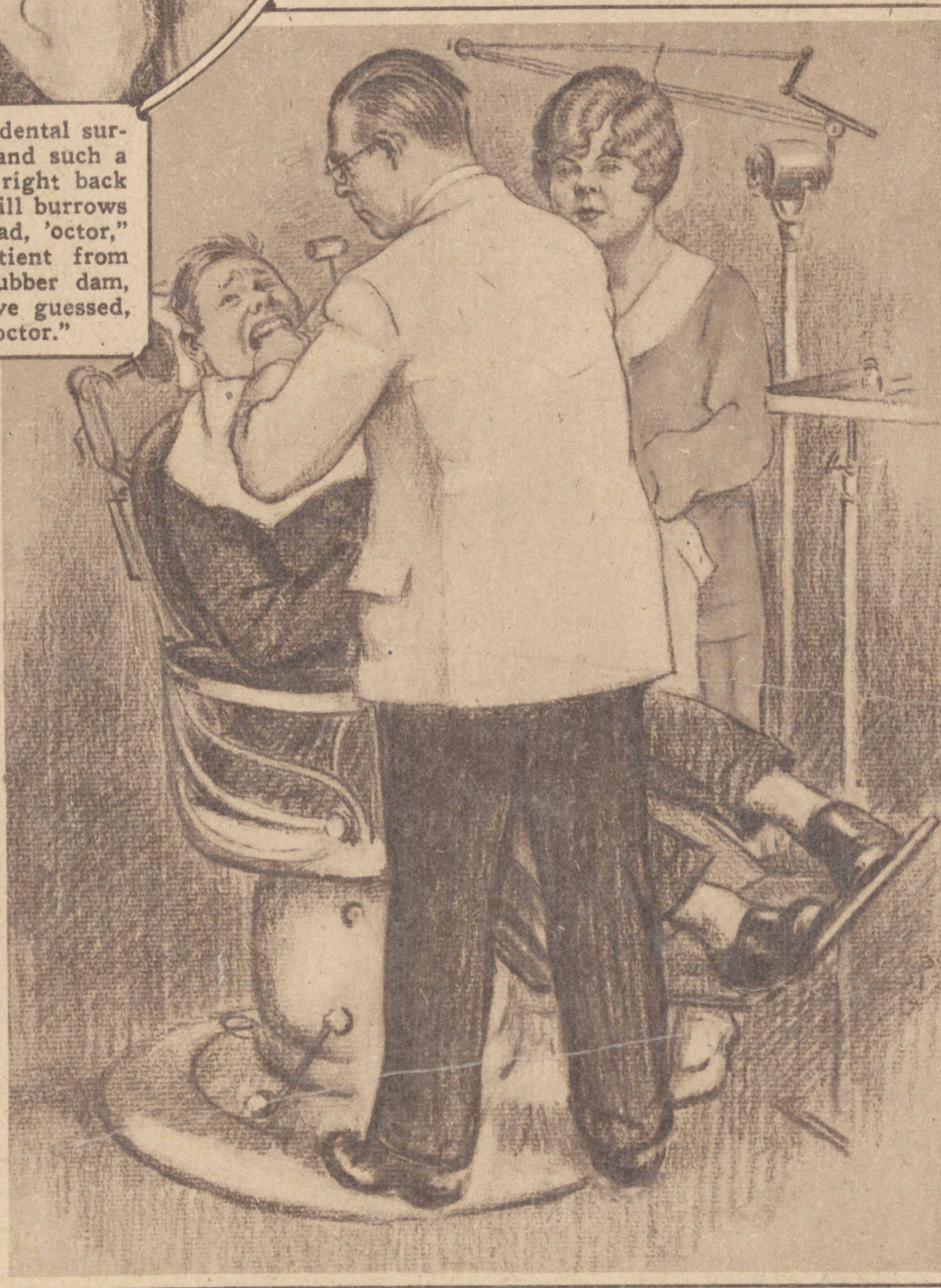


"Now in this one, you can see how the gum had to be cut away from the bone," etc., etc. Dentists are justly proud of their X-ray pictures and love to show the X-ray of a wisdom tooth in all its impact, just as the average man loves to show you the snapshot of the little wife and the kiddies.

Dr. Gruesome, the genial dental surgeon, is killing a nerve, and such a nerve it is! It answers right back every time the electric drill burrows into it. "Ak urks ikky ad, 'octor," gurgles the frenzied patient from somewhere behind the rubber dam, meaning, as you may have guessed, "That hurts pretty bad, doctor."



The dentist's waiting room, where the possessor of a restive wisdom tooth is now waiting beside the dentist's little one-foot shelf of literary gems. "Friendship's Garland," volume ten, from "Famous American Statesmen"; Shakespeare's "Tempest," and a copy of Browning are here for those who crave the classic in literature. A 1926 copy of Phun and a book of war cartoons are also on hand.



Dr. Pullem, the dental surgeon, going after an impacted wisdom tooth armed with a mallet and chisel. Miss Seitz, the assistant, is on hand to hold the patient's mouth intact if he squirms. The last hundred blows are in process and the patient, who up to now has been idly wondering if Miss Seitz is a natural blonde or not, is thinking up painful ways to kill dentists.



Miss Agnes Augenblick is Dr. Gouger's assistant. Agnes answers the phone and tells Mrs. Hodge or Mrs. Podge that though Dr. Gouger has most of his time filled, she can have an appointment at 6:30 on Tuesday morning, or at 5:25 p. m. on the following Friday.

Survivors of a wisdom tooth operation have to do all their heavy chewing with their front teeth, in order not to disturb the yawning cavity behind. This gives them a slightly rabbit-like appearance when eating.