

NEW ENAMEL; STAINLESS NEEDLE, INVENTED BY BRITISH DENTISTS

Greater comfort for people who have to wear false teeth is promised by a British dentist's recent invention, reported to the International Dental Exhibition at the University of London. It is a new type of enamel, which is expected to replace the pink rubber now used in dental plates. It can be prepared in any shade to match the patient's gums, resists the acid of the mouth and retains a permanently polished surface.

Another development is a hypodermic needle of stainless steel. Thus far it has been difficult to keep a cutting edge on this metal, but recent efforts have succeeded. The manufacturers state that they have booked an order for a million and a quarter syringes to be delivered in the United States.

BRITISH LIBRARY STEPS MADE RUSTY FOR SAFETY

Iron staircases in the library of the British Museum were recently given a coat of rust to make them less slippery and thus protect the library workers. This is believed to be the first instance on record where rust, instead of being fought, was deliberately sought after.

Long use had made the iron steps of the library stacks so slippery that shelf attendants carrying heavy loads of books up and down them were constantly risking their necks. The British Office of Works sent engineers to remedy the evil, and they did so by applying a chemical treatment that left a rough-surfaced coating of rust on the iron. After several months of use the objectionable slipperiness had not returned.

TABLOID BOOK REVIEW

CHARLES PROTEUS STEINMETZ:- A Biography. By J. W. Hammond, New York. The Century Company. \$4.00

Begun during his lifetime, this work gives a singularly human and lovable picture of the man known only to most Americans as the electrical wizard. Handicapped by physical deformity and entering his chosen field late Steinmetz's life offers a picture of courage and devotion to country that has seldom been equaled.

Bulgaria has a system of maternity insurance giving the women insured caring during childbirth and a cash benefit for three months after the birth of the child.

Business streets in China take their name from the sort of business transected in them.

In the United States an average of 3,000,000 persons are ill very day.
