

## KUNSTHARSVULLINGEN

*Naar aanleiding van de beschouwingen van coll. Van Daalen over de schadelijkheid van zelfpolymeriserende kunstharsen als vulmateriaal en de daaruit voortgevloeide discussie tussen hem en collega Flamenhaft (zie T. v. T. pag. 94, 185, 308, 411 en 414, 1951) ontvingen wij van de heer W. R.owitz, een der Directeuren van de Dental Fillings Limited te Londen, een verweer, dat wij hieronder onvertaald opnemen.*

We are grateful to your Editors for this opportunity to reply to Mr. Van Daalen's version of an interview between him and our Continental representative, Mr. Ernest Pippett. The version referred to appeared on pages 412 and 413 in the April issue of your Journal.

Mr. Pippett has given us his notes, prepared immediately after the interview. As these notes differ materially from the version given by Mr. Van Daalen, it is our duty, and also in the interests of Mr. Pippett, that we reply thereto.

Mr. Pippett did not show Mr. Van Daalen a letter from „a Lima Dentist” but a letter from Professor Timan Villar of the Lima University. He was further shown, together with 17 other articles, an article from the Göttingen University. This was referred to by Mr. Van Daalen as „a polite but non-committal letter from Professor Fischer of Zürich”. A paper by Dr. Nironen, the well-known Finnish dentist, was mentioned by him as „a reprint of an article by a Finnish dentist”.

Mr. Van Daalen, even if he stated that he had never used self-curing acrylics but based his view on articles in various Journals, nevertheless could not show, after search, one single Journal containing any such article. He dismissed the matter by saying that these articles must have appeared in previous issues.

The models referred to by Mr. Van Daalen in a scathing manner, were not prepared in our laboratories and were, furthermore, intended only to illustrate points of discussion.

It is quite obvious that Mr. Pippett may have referred to the fact that our products will always be improved, but this they have in common with any product produced by serious manufacturers who will never be content to rest with any obtained result.

Mr. Van Daalen had to admit to Mr. Pippett, however, that self-curing acrylic was of the utmost importance in the restoration of incisal edges and for the making of temporary crowns.

We were glad to read this recommendation from someone like Mr. Van Dale n, even though he thinks fit to put his version of a private interview in the terms he used, and thereby attempting to ridicule Mr. P i p p e t t's professional capacity as a demonstrator of dental fillings in the eyes of your expert readers.

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