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THE HISTORY OF DENTISTRY

Teeth Whitening: Modern Day Fashion?

Trends in cosmetic dentistry have included new innovations in whitening our teeth; but is this a new gimmick? Not really...

People in colonial America often had dental problems, and the loss of teeth was a common condition for people even into adulthood. Colonists were concerned with having white teeth much the same as today; however, the products and procedures were vastly different. People used tooth powders containing many different ingredients to whiten their teeth. These "techniques" included the use of borax, gunpowder, pumice and herbs. Some tooth powders even contained tobacco and burnt toast. These tooth powders were used to make teeth white but they could be very abrasive, which was damaging to the tooth enamel. Teeth often decayed and fell out as a result. A toothache followed by extraction was not an uncommon occurrence. Most colonists had a dental hygiene program that consisted of wiping their teeth with a cloth. We cannot imagine this type of hygiene program today given the ease of dentistry to detect problems with a regular plan.

Don't overlook the importance of good dental health. Establish your oral hygiene plan today by calling for an appointment. Ask about our Zoom! Procedure for teeth whitening.

Office hours are Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Hygienist Hours on Monday, Friday and Saturday
Emergency visits scheduled off normal business hours

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"IF YOU IGNORE YOUR TEETH, THEY WILL GO AWAY."

-- Dr. Neil Marciano