

on the 2^d page of paper -
16th line from the bottom GEO. H. CUSHING,
is not there an extra 96 STATE ST., CHICAGO. Dec 30. 92
"to" - in to the gingival line?

Dear Doctor Black

I am glad if my letter afforded you
even a little satisfaction, in "your uphill work". I
wish I could lighten it for you -

✓ I have found the "bony alveolus" - it is in the 'glossary'
definition of "Root".

✓ With reference to the form - "to the distal"
I am of the same opinion I was at first - Your
Explanation does not make it correct - You have
arbitrarily adopted an ungrammatical expression as
a descriptive term - which you had a right to
do doubtless, but is ungrammatical still, and I
think unfelicitous. You have given as synonymous
"distally" & "in a distal direction" - both of which
are correct - why then add another which is not?
✓ With reference to "proximate" & proximal - My
Horstner gives "proximal" - Applied to the nearest Extremity of
a bone - nearest - next - proximate - "proximate" as
next in the series - nearest - near and immediate -
Either is doubtless correct - but my impression is, that

proximal and approximal are more generally used & that in accordance with your avowed purpose of systematizing the nomenclature most in vogue - you would adhere to proximal - The Cosmos you know arbitrarily coined the word approximal - & uses it exclusively - but my reading leads me to the belief that proximal is by far most generally used - However your reading is so much more extensive than mine - you may know better. I was not aware that the word had ever been as the counter of distal.

✓ You did not say anything of my criticism of the illustrations - I had a talk with Catell yesterday & we agreed with me as to my suggestions about lengthening the lines of reference & having them white on the dark surface - & we agreed that the lettering was atrocious.

✓ You did not say anything about my suggestion as to a more detailed explanation of "gingiva".

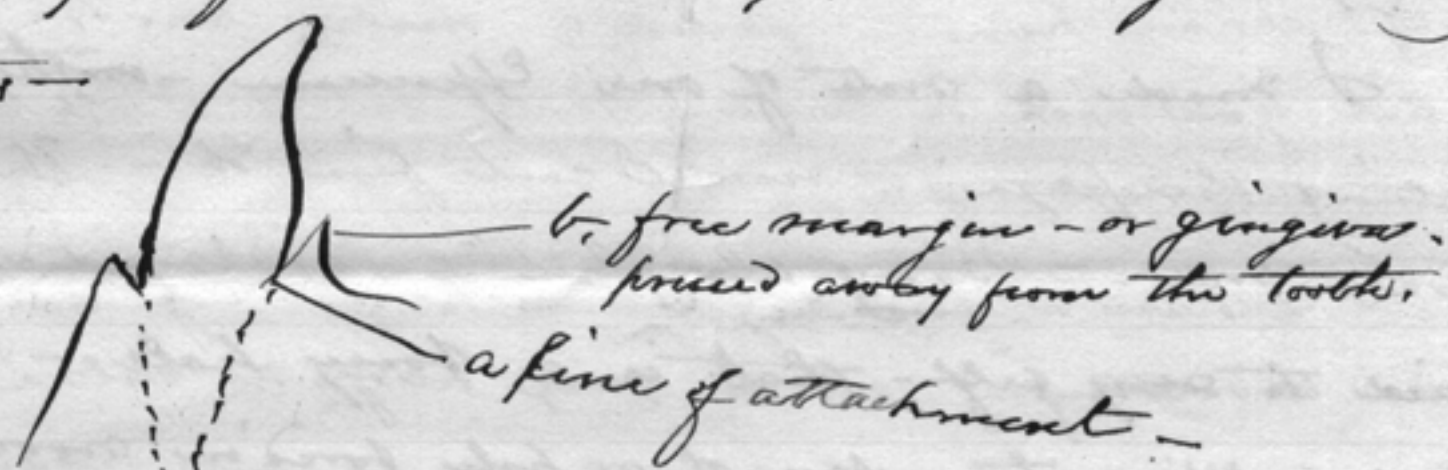
With reference to the terms used by myself in description I would further say - it has always been a puzzle to me to know just what terms to use for fear I should make myself understood - but as I generally talk with a model in my hand - perhaps the vagueness of the terms did not make so much difference -

Have you read the last "Review" & particularly Olthoff's paper - Is it possible - that I have been so ignorant all these years as not to know that "gum tissue" was only "mucous membrane"? I wish you would enlighten me.

Well I have talked a good deal & not to much purpose I fear - but you incited it & must suffer the punishment of having to read it

Yours Truly
Geo H. Forchman

First - I think the gingivæ should be more clearly defined - aided by an enlarged drawing thus -



You will see what I mean - this does not profess to be a good drawing

I see on page 141 - you use gingivous - Elsewhere gingiva. Would it not be better to have it uniform?

Page 152 Sec 212, you say - "As age advances & the gingivæ recede toward or even to, the gingival line, the septa of soft tissue sometimes fail to fill the interproximate spaces." When the gingivæ recede do they not always fail to fill the spaces?

Page 146. # 203 - you say "from the roots xx to the lingual & distal" - distal direction B - lingual & distal - what?

I notice you make use of this form of expression

frequently - twice on page 146. page 142, 11th
line from top, "to the distal of the third molar."
again distal - what?

~~On page~~ This seems to me not good form.

On page 88 - ~~you~~ See 119 - you say "Curved
distally" which seems to me much more correct.

I made a note of one Expression - without
noting the page & now I can't find it - The
phrase was - "bony alveolus" - as I read it -
I said to my self - that is a bony hole -
we would not - say of a hole bored in wood
a wooden or woody hole! and yet I do not
know but your use is correct - as we speak of
the bony socket of the Eye!

& My difficulty in finding this Expression
& another regarding the gingivæ - leads me
to suggest a more full index - to words
like these wherever they may occur.

The most conspicuous error that I have
noted in writers & which I have had frequently
to correct for those who ought to know better,
or perhaps ought to write more carefully -
is the use of alveolus and alveolar - when
referring to "alveolar process" -

frequently speaking of disease of the alveolar
to &c - I do not recall anything else

at present - in general literature - though I am conscious there are many things - but my impression is that a general adoption of your "Anatomy" would correct the greatest evils that are now to be complained of.

I am inclined to ask why you prefer proximate, to proximal?²

My own preference is for the latter, but I don't know that I have any good reason for it.

Well, you will say - if this is all he can find fault with - I am satisfied - & yet if any of my criticisms are well made - it may help you to improve the next Edition thus much.

Over.

I had nearly forgotten to mention
what seems to me one of the
greatest faults of the book and
that is - the alphabetical references
to the drawings - They are too close
to the teeth - When there are so
many - around such small objects
it is confusing - the lines should
be as much longer as possible,
& where they lead to points within
the body of the tooth - as the fossæ
or lobes - if they could be made white it
would be much better - the letters too are
in many places blind.

Take as an example figs 74 & 75 -