American novelist Edith Wharton was the first woman to be awarded a Pulitzer Prize in fiction. "The House of Mirth" was written while she was residing in Paris. Her beloved home in Lenox, Mass., which she helped to design, is one of the celebrated splatter-free, 1.23 percent fluoride ion application. Gelato is tough enough for high-luster polishing and stain removal, and remains gentle enough on the enamel with minimal enamel loss, according to the company.

Disposable cups eliminate cross-contamination
The paste comes in boxes of 200 individual disposable cups for convenient use. The disposable cups also eliminate cross-contamination and include a prophylaxis ring for ease of application on the patient’s teeth. For more options, the paste is also available in six-ounce (exports only) and 12-ounce jars.

Sixty-three percent of consultants said they would switch to using Gelato Prophy Paste, while 80 percent said they would recommend it. Photo/Provided by Keystone Industries

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Telling the whole tooth
Not all the pundits got the flossing story quite right

Edith Wharton wasn’t the only celebrated author to discuss the woes of dental health. Her contemporary, Robert Louis Stephenson, spins the tale of a medical student named Fettes in "The Body Snatcher." Fettes makes a horrifying discovery after having a tremendous toothache. Perhaps with the transition to modern dentistry and the discovery of antibiotics, the "toothache" used as a literary tool to connote foreboding will disappear into the dust of library shelves.

Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, agonized over dental pain and how it affected his ability to write. In 1791, he wrote: "The delightful sensations of an omnipotent toothache so engross all my inner man, as to put out of my power even to write nonsense." Two years later, Burns composed, "Address to The Toothache" in Scottish dialect.

American novelist Edith Wharton, shown here bundled up in Newport, R.I., once put off a holiday trip in Europe with her husband, Teddy, because of Teddy’s toothache. Photo/Provided by the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University

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About Keystone Industries
Keystone Industries, a privately held company, founded in 1908, has maintained a strong reputation for producing innovative, high-tech dental products in both the operatory and laboratory realms. Its dedication is driven by the need to provide customers with the finest quality materials while developing products that meet and surpass customer expectations. These expectations have continued to excel as the company has moved forward with expansions around the globe.

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Mydent has launched new and improved DEFEND Level 1, 2 and 3 Face Masks to protect health-care professionals based on procedures performed. The masks comply with guidelines set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and feature a new four-fold design for improved breathability.

DEFEND Level 1 masks (ASTM low barrier) are designed for procedures with low amounts of blood, fluid, spray and/or aerosol exposure — such as with patient exams, operatory cleaning, impressions, lab trimming and orthodontic work. Available in blue, pink and white (sensitive), they feature dual-fit chin contour technology. They are fiberglass/latex free and are made with a form-fitting pliable nose and chin band.

DEFEND Level 2 masks (ASTM moderate barrier) are ideal for procedures where moderate to light amounts of fluid, spray and/or aerosol exposure are produced. Level 2 masks are made with a form-fitting pliable nose and chin band and have dual-fit chin contour. DEFEND Level 3 masks (ASTM high barrier) are designed for procedures with moderate to heavy amounts of blood, fluid, spray and/or aerosol exposure — such as implant placement, crown preparation and periodontal or complex oral surgery. Protecting against high bacterial infiltration, Level 3 masks feature a four-ply design with a fluid resistant outer layer. These masks are also available in blue, pink, and white.

All three masks are available through most dental dealers. Mydent International is dedicated to fully maintaining its brand promise: “To provide health-care professionals with the highest quality infection-control products, disposables, preventatives, impression-material systems, rotary instruments and restoratives at affordable prices, supported by superior service and 100 percent customer satisfaction.”

For free samples, visit www.defend.com/freesamples or call (800) 275-0020. For more information on the masks and other DEFEND brand products, visit www.defend.com or call (800) 275-0020.

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