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“HISTORY OF CROWNS”

THE EARLIEST RECORD OF CROWN WORK IS FROM THE ETRUSCANS OVER 2500 YEARS AGO. AFTER THAT, CROWNS DISAPPERED UNTIL THE 1700S.

DURING THAT TIME PERIOD, THE WORK DONE WAS A BIT CRUDE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF GOOD MATERIALS. TYPICAL MATERIALS USED WERE FROM ANIMAL OR HUMAN TEETH AND HELD IN PLACE BY METAL PIVOTS.

THE 1800S BROUGHT CHANGES IN CROWN RESTORATION. PORCELAIN BEGAN BEING USED AND SOME CROWNS USED A GOLD CAP FITTED OVER THE ROOT.

AS NEW MACHINES WERE INVENTED, THEY ALLOWED FOR FASTER AND MORE ACCURATE TOOTH PREPARATION.

IMPROVEMENT DURING THE 1900'S WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF METAL CASTING TECHNOLOGY AND THE CREATION OF AN ADJUSTABLE DETACHED-POST CROWN.

TODAY, CROWNS ARE COMFORTABLE AND CAN BE CREATED IN A SHADE SIMILAR TO YOUR OWN TEETH.

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