

TOWARDS BETTER DENTAL HEALTH

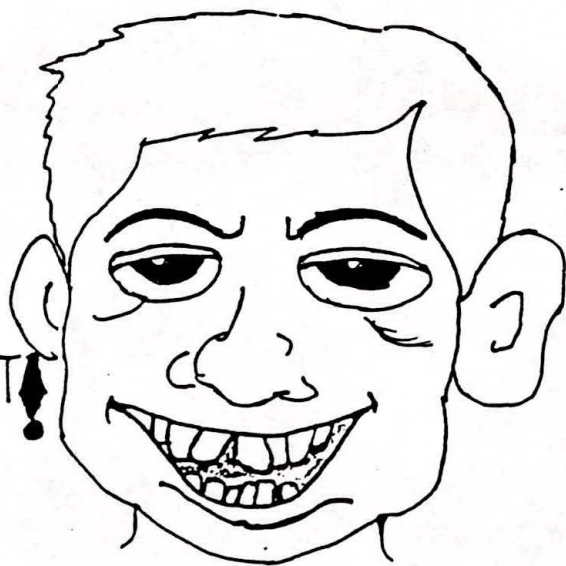
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CARD - 1

Roopa is sad. She was not selected for the role of princes in school drama. Roopa is very beautiful but has protruding teeth.

IT IS
BAD
ISN'T IT!



SMILE PLEASE!



MINE
IS
GOOD

CARD - 2

Shanta does not like to play or go to school.
Her friends keep teasing her about her misplaced
teeth.

Destructive oral habits



mouth
breathing



thumb
sucking



lip
sucking



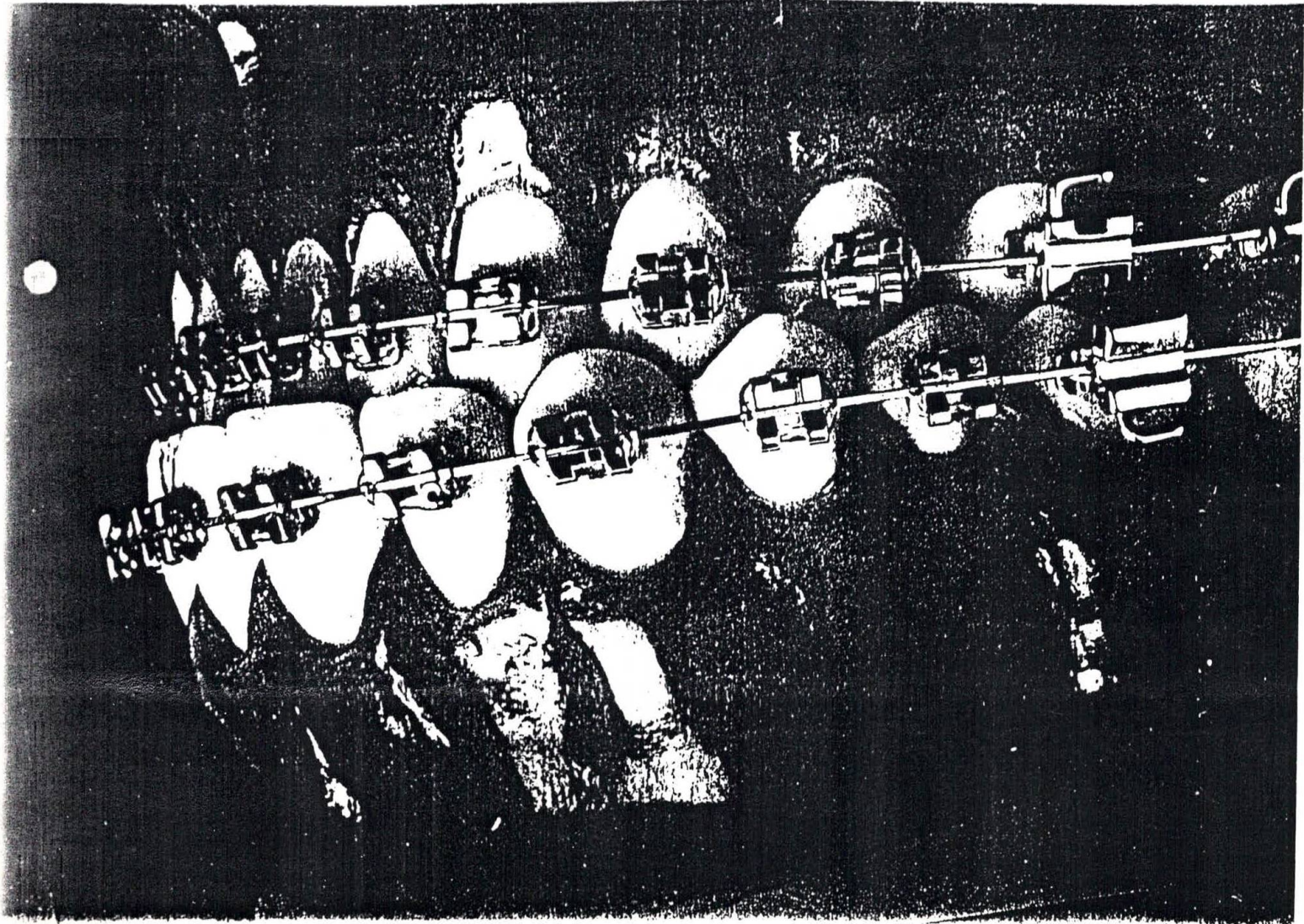
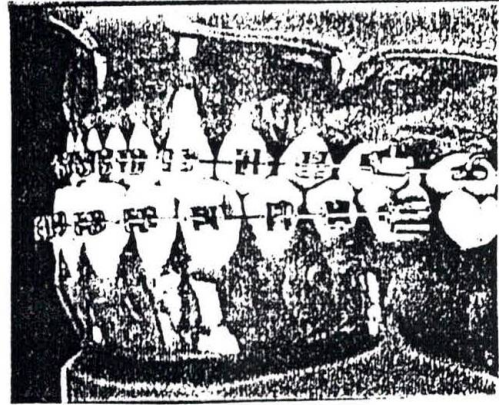
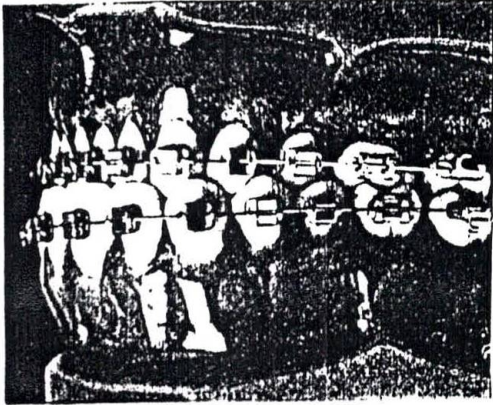
nail
biting



CARD - 3

Shanta's parents got worried. They consulted a dentist who assured them that Shanta's teeth can be corrected though it may take sometime. He applied braces on her teeth.

Roopa asked Shanta about what was fixed on Shanta's teeth. Shanta told her about the news that the good dentist could correct her teeth.



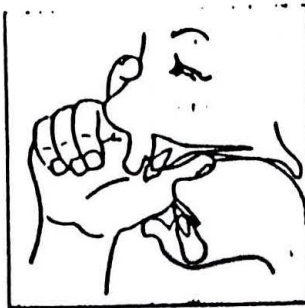
CARD - 4

Roopa's parents also consulted the dentist and were reassured. Dentist explained to them that teeth got misplaced or protruded when they resorted to habits like thumb sucking, lip biting or mouth breathing.

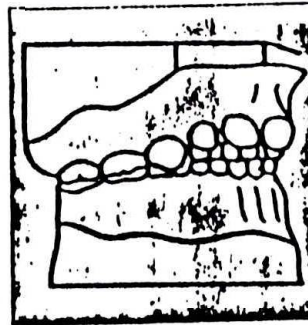
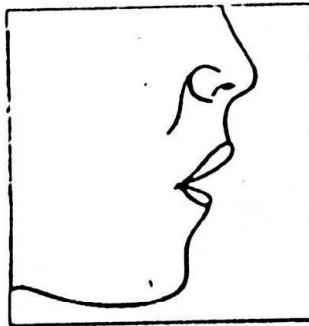
These children start such habits if they feel neglected. Parents must spend time with them and reassure them.

② HABITS

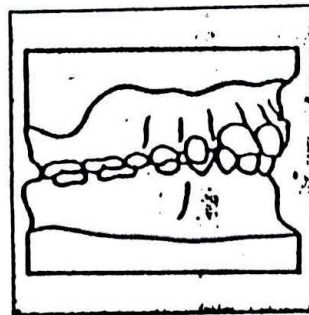
HABITS LEADING TO MALOCCLUSION



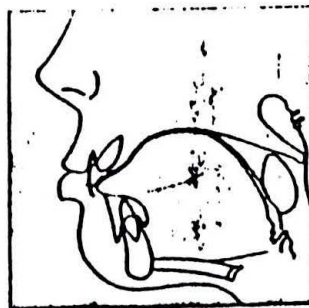
1 THUMB SUCKING
- Upper front teeth and often the upper jaw are pushed forward while the lower are displaced towards the tongue



2 MOUTH BREATHING
- Nasal obstruction as by adenoids and tonsils cause protrusion of the upper front teeth and a narrow upper jaw



3 LIP BITING -
Upper incisors are pushed forward, lower teeth are pushed back and spread slightly



4 TONGUE BITING -
Upper front teeth are pushed forward often, though not as much as in the previous case. Lower front teeth may be depressed, leaving an open bite.

CARD - 5

Roopa was smiling. She got first prize for her role as princess in school drama. Shanta was also all smiles. She had excelled in her studies. Their teeth were corrected by the dentist.



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