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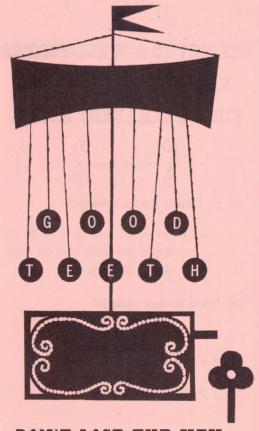
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DON'T LOSE THE KEY

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# THE KEY TO A WELL-FORMED HEALTHY MOUTH IS THE FIRST PERMANENT MOLAR

six year molar

Q: How many does a child get?

A: Four—one on each side in upper jaw and one on each side in lower jaw.

Q: When do they come in?

A: At about the age of six.

Q: Are they replaced by other teeth?

A: No! They are not.

Q: How can you find them in the mouth?

A: Each six year molar is the sixth tooth from the front and center of the mouth.

They come in just behind the last primary (baby) molar.

Q: Why are they so important?

**A:** Their position helps govern the shape of the lower part of the face.

They help guide the other permanent teeth into position.

Q: Why do cavities form so easily in these teeth?

A: They have little grooves on the chewing surface that tend to hold food particles.

They are often neglected in the brushing process because they are difficult to reach.

# DON'T LET NEGLECT RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THESE KEY TEETH