Basic Equipment
The dental lathe is still a vital piece of equipment in the dentist’s laboratory. Originally foot-powered, lathes were later run by electric motors. Dentists attached grinding wheels, burs and other specialized tools to the axle to shape dentures, crowns and bridges.

Handmade Tools
These wood-handled carving chisels were likely made by a dentist in the mid-1800s. He would have forged the metal and carved the handles to suit his particular needs.