In 1943 Lt. John William Pender, M.D., U.S.N.R. (1912–2001) invented his “Pender Lemon,” which facilitated the open-drop use of ether on patients in unusual neurosurgical positions. He presented his gold-plated Pender Lemon (pictured here) to the Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology. For decades he and Dr. John Leahy encouraged the WLM’s videotaping of anesthesiologists interviewed by their peers. After retiring as Stanford University’s first Emeritus Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology, Dr. Pender bequeathed funding for the “Mayo Room” and for oral history at the WLM. Today, the WLM’s Robert D. Dripps Room houses the John W. Pender Collection of the Living History of Anesthesiology. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in the Anesthesiology Reflections online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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