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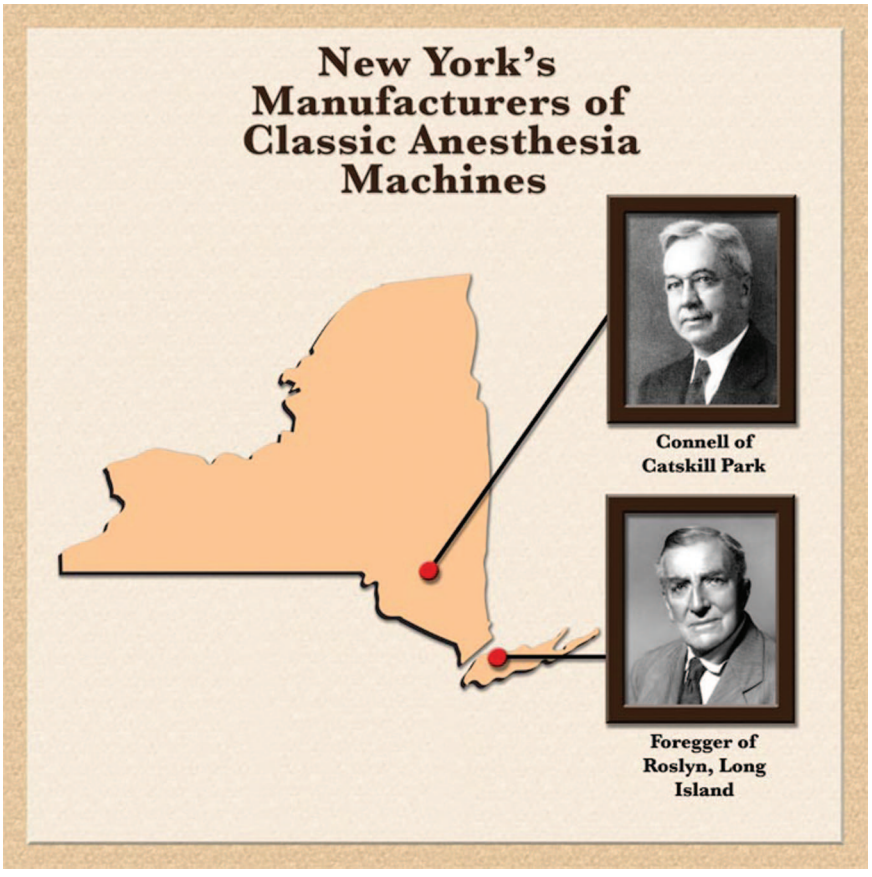
New Yorkers Foregger and Connell



Born in Vienna, Austria, Richard von Foregger (1872–1960) earned his Ph.D. on the Continent before working with Carl Steinmetz in New York. After fusing sodium peroxide to generate oxygen, Foregger founded his namesake company in Roslyn, New York. Over the next 40 yr he assisted development of anesthetic apparatus such as the Gwathmey Apparatus, Waters' To-and-Fro Canister, and Morris' "Copper Kettle" precision vaporizer. Competing against Foregger was a Nebraskan-turned-New Yorker, Karl Connell, M.D. (1878–1941), who invented the Anesthetometer and developed at least three types of flowmeters for his finely calibrated Connell Anesthesia Machines. Both of these adopted sons of New York produced anesthetic apparatus and machines using suggestions supplied by practicing anesthesiologists. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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