With directions in French and in Spanish to target markets in Western Europe and in Latin America, the Parisian firm of Dalloz certainly produced an elegant tin for its local-anesthetic-laden sore throat remedy. Directions on the tin prompted the user that in order “to open, press the two sides.” The dent near the hinge may reflect a past owner’s eagerness for this habit-forming remedy for “affections of the mouth or throat.” Indeed, these so-called BMC drageées contained a proprietary blend of Borate and Menthol with Cocaine. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the Anesthesiology Reflections online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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