On June 12, 1869, Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper published an engraving (left) of “The Ether Monument, in the Public Garden, Boston, Mass.” According to Leslie’s, the engraving was taken “From a Photograph by Whipple.” The “Ether Monument” would soon be nicknamed the “Either Monument” since either Bostonian, Dr. William T.G. Morton or Dr. Charles T. Jackson, could be hailed as the discoverer of anesthesia. From outside Boston, other priority claims were pressed for Drs. Horace Wells of Hartford, Connecticut, and Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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