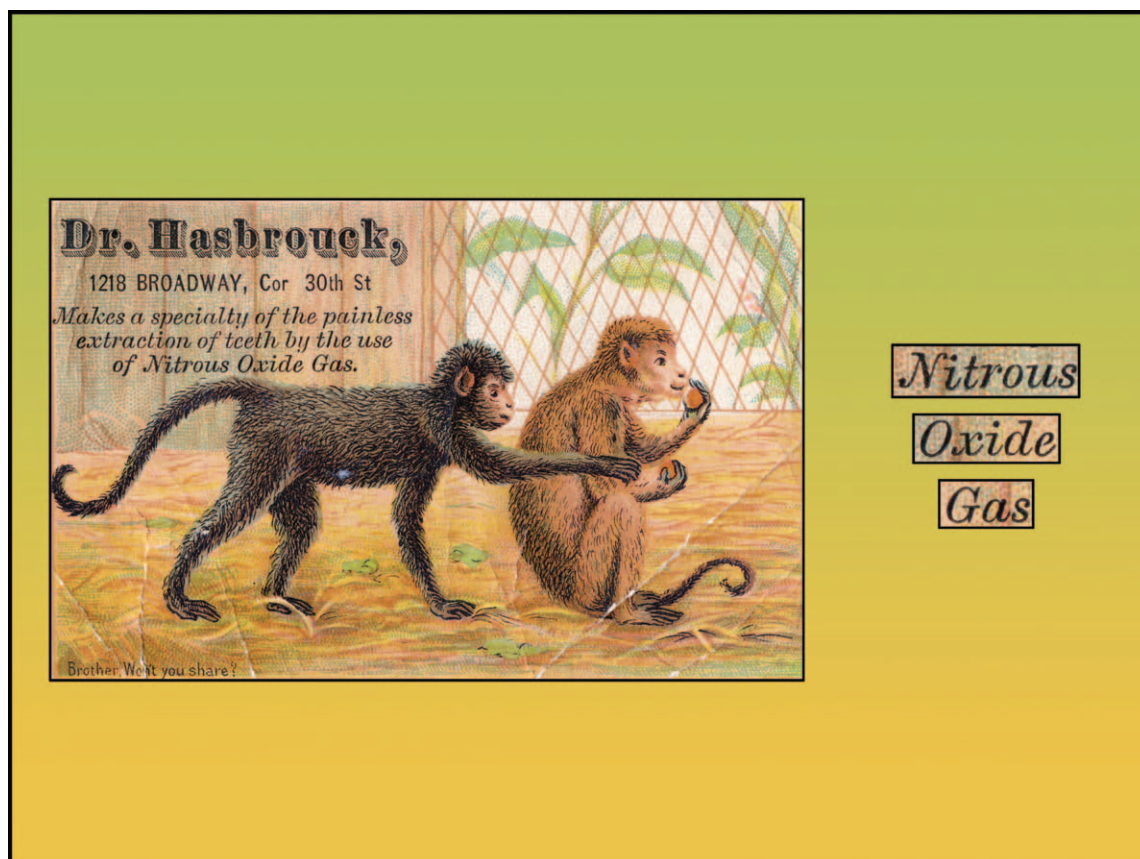


## ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS FROM THE WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM

### Ferdinand Hasbrouck's Nitrous Oxide Caper—Which One?



A Yale professor of chemistry, Dr. Benjamin Silliman, Sr., noted that nitrous oxide made “One of our gravest citizens ... caper about like a monkey...” From the Manhattan corner of Broadway and 30th Street, Dr. Ferdinand Hasbrouck (1844–1904) capered off with that monkey imagery for the obverse of his dental trade card (*left*). Hasbrouck’s advertising featured a squatting auburn monkey with food in each hand and with its back to a second monkey. One of Hasbrouck’s most infamous capers occurred aboard the yacht *Oneida*. Onboard he administered nitrous oxide for the first stage of U.S. President Grover Cleveland’s secret surgery for oral cancer. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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