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**ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS**

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## Charles T. Jackson in “Ballou’s Pictorial”



Clearly the most accomplished of those seeking acclaim as the anesthesia world’s first etherizer, Charles Thomas Jackson (1805–1880) was a mineralogist, geologist, chemist, and physician. Indeed, it was Jackson who had first advised W. T. G. Morton (1819–1868) to try using ether for anesthetic purposes. The portrait of Jackson above (from an 1857 issue of *Ballou’s Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion*, courtesy of the Wood Library-Museum) bears little resemblance to the man who died in an asylum and was then portrayed by many historians as having perished from insane jealousy of Morton. Jackson Family correspondence suggests that Charles was terminally institutionalized not for insanity but for a profound cerebrovascular accident. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at [www.anesthesiology.org](http://www.anesthesiology.org).)

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