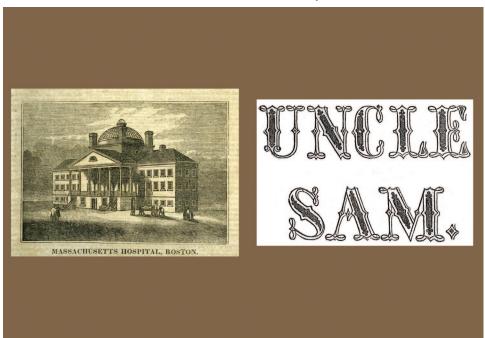
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Uncle Sam and Massachusetts General Hospital



On Saturday morning, March 16, 1844, a Boston newspaper named *Uncle Sam* featured an engraving of "Massachusetts Hospital, Boston." Just 31 months later, on October 16, 1846, dentist William Thomas Green Morton gave his public demonstration of surgical anesthesia at that hospital. The weekly paper, *Uncle Sam*, would evolve into a literary magazine; Massachusetts General Hospital, into a complex so massive that visitors now have difficulty finding the Ether Dome. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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