

ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS FROM THE WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM

F. A. Sweetland's "Liquid Nitrous Oxide" Trade Card

DENTISTRY.

DR. F. A. SWEETLAND

WILL BE AT

Danvers, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 & 16, '88,

Fully prepared to attend to all calls in the Dental Profession with which he may be favored, either in Filling the Natural Teeth, thereby Preserving them as Good and Useful Members, or by inserting new ones, from one to an entire Set. Having over 35 years of Practical Experience in the Dental Profession, he guarantees reasonable satisfaction. TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN by the use of Pure Liquid Nitrous Oxide Gas

GOOD FULL SETS OF TEETH, \$6 TO \$8.

Those having Poorly Fitting Sets of Teeth can have them made over into Good Fitting ones at a small expense. Those Desiring his Services will Please call soon, as he will Remain TWO DAYS ONLY.

A native of Dryden, New York, Dr. Frederick Augustus "Fred" Sweetland (1827–1908) was a dentist who practiced most of his later years about 150 miles southwest of Chicago, in Wyoming, Illinois. On his trade card (above), Sweetland advertised in May of 1888 that he would travel the 65 miles southeast in Illinois, from Wyoming to Danvers, and offer "TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN by the use of Pure Liquid Nitrous Oxide Gas." During the quarter century after laughing gas had been repopularized for dental anesthesia, the rising tide of postanesthetic complications were blamed frequently upon administration of impure nitrous oxide to patients. By using newer technology for furnishing "gas" from tanks filled with pure, condensed (liquid) nitrous oxide, a dental or medical practitioner could reassure patients that they were receiving safer "Pure Liquid Nitrous Oxide Gas." (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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