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THE FIRST CHLOROFORM INHALERS



While the present method of local anaesthesia of Chloroform is a direct or hypodermic method, many attempts have been made to improve the method by the use of an atomizer, or a spray, or by means of a nebulizer, or a vaporizer, or a similar device, and several of these have been proposed, and some have been actually used. The first of these was suggested by Dr. J. P. Wood, of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1847. He proposed a device which consisted of a glass bottle containing Chloroform, with a stopper, and a glass tube leading from the stopper to a glass bell-shaped container, which was to be held over the patient's head during administration.

Others have since suggested similar devices, but the principle of local anaesthesia by the use of Chloroform is still the same.

