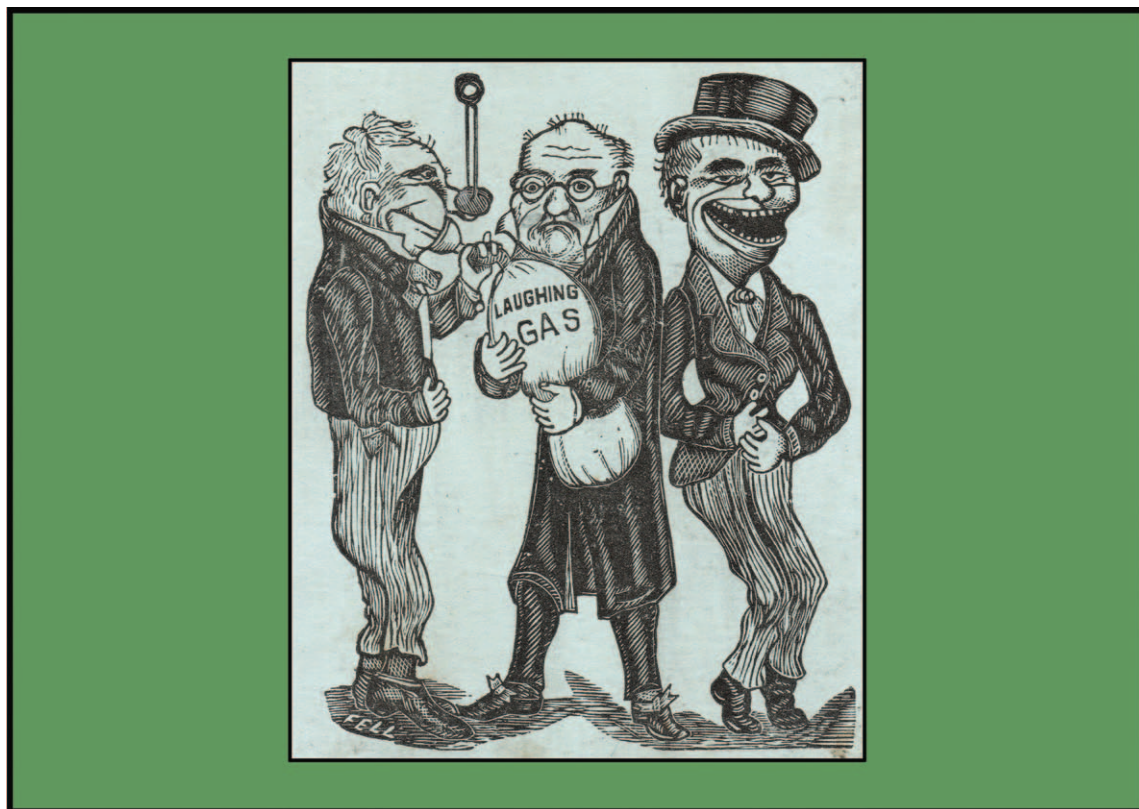


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### Longnecker's Trade Card against the "Asphyxie" of "The Old Way"



In decrying "The Old Way" of nearly asphyxiating patients with brief administrations of 100% nitrous oxide, dentist F. C. Longnecker advertised images of a patient before and after receiving laughing gas via a mouthpiece from a large bag (above). According to Dr. Longnecker:

*With your fingers your nose compress,  
The real natural place of breath,  
Then by swallowing, you will see  
The cause of so much "asphyxie" [sic]  
Now laid to my pure gas  
With this nose compress and thermometer too,  
You will always know how much will do.*

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