

Anaesthetics are gases (or other substances) which make people unconscious. He was born in 1811 and died in 1870. Of nitrous oxide, Sir Humphry Davy wrote, apparently to remove physical pain. They are used in operations, and this passage mainly tells on nitrous oxide (Laughing gas) and ether. This man was a chemist and was the author's father. The passage concerns him Sir James Y. Simpson (1896).