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1. Thesis feasible - Synthesis difficult - Antithesis inevitable.
2. The Dutch Inspection of Public Health strives for a higher quality of anaesthesiology than anaesthesiologists themselves.
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4. Incapacitants are preferable to classical chemical combat-agents.
5. The possibility of future warfare with anticholinergic-like psychoactive chemical agents makes inclusion of physostigmine in the first-aid kit necessary (p.25).
6. Nobel prizes are more suitable to achievements than to individuals.
7. The broomstick, as referred to in European witchcraft, has yet to be scientifically explained.
8. The euphemism "anaesthetic sleep" may be abandoned.
9. The description of physostigmine as a universal antidote (J. Friedman. In: Trends in Intravenous Anesthesia, J.A. Aldrete and T.H. Stanely, eds. Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago, 1980, pp 509-520) is a misconception obscuring the most valuable virtue of the drug, which is that its specific action gives us an insight into those functions of the body which are dependent on central cholinergic transmission.
10. The question is not: "Should we not use nitrous oxide?" (E.I. Eger, II. In: Nitrous Oxide, N<sub>2</sub>O; E.I. Eger, II., ed. Elsevier, New York, 1985, pp 339-343) but: "How should we better use nitrous oxide?". Nitrous oxide is an old friend we know better.