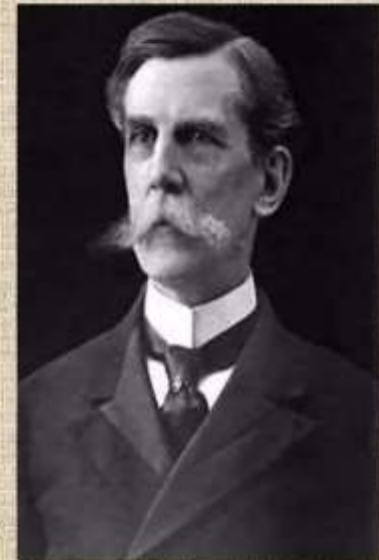


Introduction

- The Greek philosopher Dioscorides first used the term anesthesia in the first century AD to describe the narcotic-like effects of the plant mandragora.
- The term subsequently was defined in Bailey's *An Universal Etymological English Dictionary* (1721) as "a defect of sensation"
- *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1771) as "privation of the senses."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes in 1846 was the first to propose use of the term anesthesia to denote the state that incorporates amnesia, analgesia, and narcosis to make painless surgery possible.



Dioscorides



Oliver Wendell Holmes