



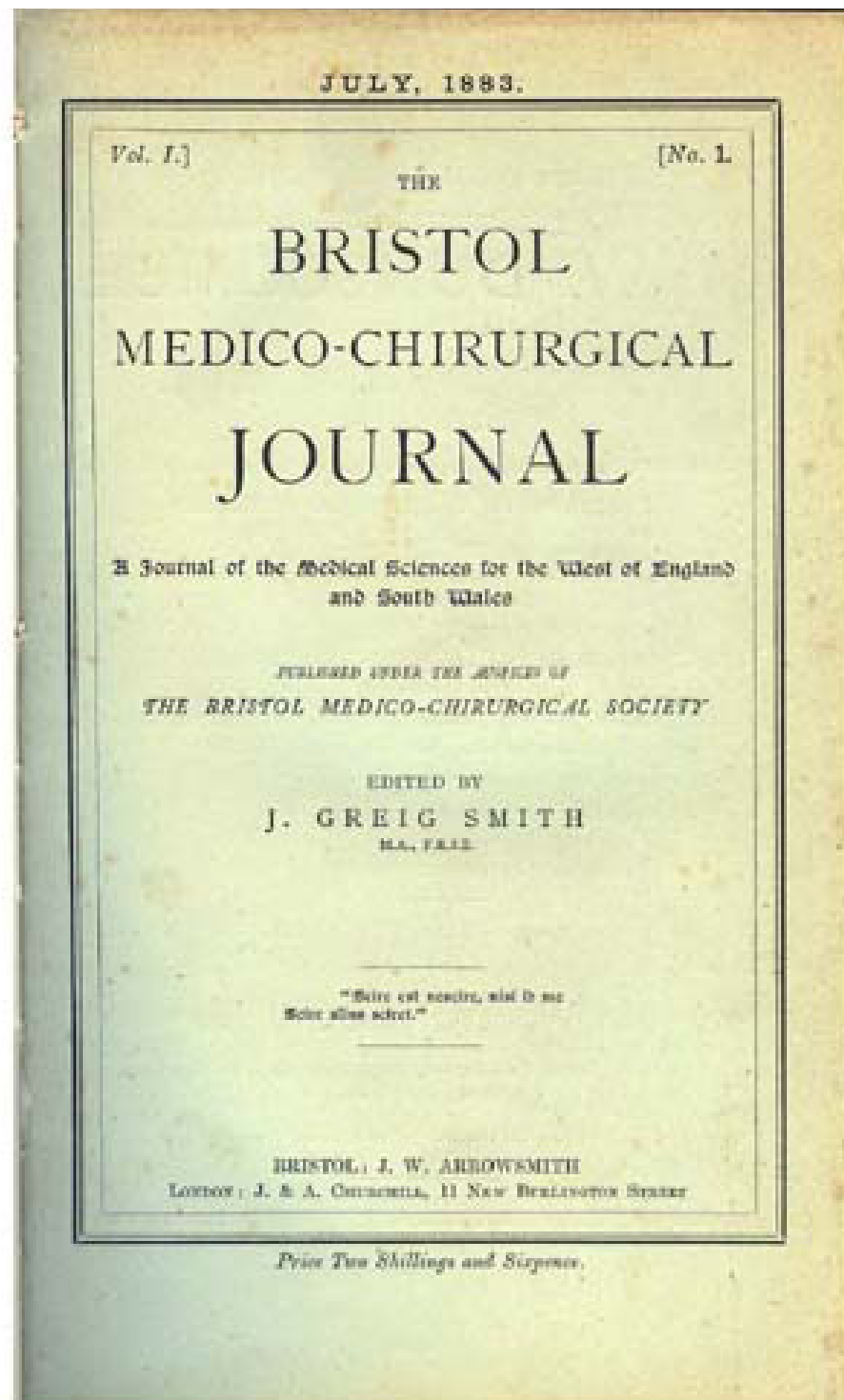
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## **A Tape-worm Trap.**

In the *New York Medical Record* (March 31, 1883) is an account of an invention patented by Alphaeus Myers, M.D., of Logansport, Ind., in 1854, for the purpose of trapping tape-worms. The instrument is of gold an inch long and one-fourth of an inch in diameter, and has an elaborate interior economy. After being baited with a tempting morsel and attached to a string the trap is swallowed. The unwary worm pushes in its head, is caught and dragged out by the string. To give completeness to the record the number of the patent, 11,942, is given. The inventor found the plan successful!