

**WHAT TWENTY FIVE YEARS HAVE
DONE IN PHILADELPHIA.**

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HALLUCINATION WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CHLOROFORM.—Our readers no doubt remember the case of a dentist in Philadelphia who was accused and convicted of rape upon a lady under the influence of chloroform, the lady herself being the only witness against him. There were many persons who doubted the reliability of the testimony of a person as to facts occurring during the influence of the chloroform, and it was a subject of much discussion. A very singular case has lately occurred in this city, showing how little such testimony is to be relied upon. It seems that several of our most eminent physicians and surgeons, including Dr. Doyne, Dr. S. Richardson, Dr. Cochrane, Dr. T. L. Caldwell, Dr. Colescott, Dr. Hard n, Dr. Bayless, and others, met to witness the removal by Dr. Goldsmith, the distinguished professor of surgery of the Kentucky School of Medicine, of a huge cancerous breast from a the person of a lady residing in the lower part of the city. While an assistant was administering the chloroform, and before the patient was fully under its influence, she was observed to draw the covering over her breast, which was bared for the operation. Soon after this she sprang up and declared in the most indignant manner that she 'would rather die than be abused in that way.' And it was only by the utmost efforts on the part of Dr. Goldsmith and the lady's husband that she could be in-

utmost efforts on the part of Dr. Goldsmith and the lady's husband that she could be induced to continue the use of the chloroform. After the operation was finished and the effects of the anesthetic had passed off, she was asked if she remembered anything of what had taken place. She answered (her eyes, we are told, flashing with fury) that she did not feel the cutting, but she knew well enough the indecent remarks made and the insulting liberties taken with her in her helpless state. She said that it was of no use to deny; that she heard and felt all that had been said and done; that it was with difficulty she could be persuaded that her impressions were a hallucination.—*Louisville Journal*, July 9.