

*Oertel: Causes of Death.*

The *modus operandi* is not certain here, and is explained only on very theoretical considerations.

To the second group belong cases which show distinct evidences of serious diseases, although the direct cause of the sudden termination of the disease is left uncertain. To this category belong a



FIG. 6.—From another outer portion of the media, showing marked elastic tissue destruction with cicatricial replacement. Magnified 125 times.

good number of cases of Bright's disease, heart lesions, aneurysms, brain tumors, etc. In these it is impossible, unless we again assume theoretical considerations, exactly to state why the disease should terminate suddenly fatally at a particular time.

In this connection, however, it is important to