

doing ordinary housework until seven years ago. Then, after some heavy lifting, she began having fainting spells which would last about two hours each time, but unaccompanied by pain or suffering. These attacks were preceded by dizziness. A little later, pain, constant and boring in character, began behind the left shoulder, and for which no cause could be assigned. A diagnosis of rheumatism was made and the patient kept in bed for nine months.

Five years ago Roentgen rays revealed the signs of an aneurysm of the descending aorta. She was kept in bed for five months. The pain soon ceased.

Three years ago an enlargement about the size of a hickory nut appeared in front to the right of middle line. It grew very



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slowly for nearly two years, but has developed rapidly the last year. There has not been much pain during these years, although she has been attending to her household duties. About October 1st, 1908, she noticed some redness over the most prominent part of the enlargement, and the linen became stained with oozing of reddish serum. During the third week of October pain began suddenly again and caused her to keep her bed; the oozing was constant.

On October 24th the pain was severe, and a slight persistent bleeding occurred from the centre of a dark red area on the most prominent part of the enlargement. From this time until October 29th the condition remained much the same, except that the area of redness increased steadily in size, and the oozing increased slowly in quantity. Then a small hemorrhage occurred.

On October 30th a very great hemorrhage took place in the morning, and was accompanied by great pain. Although she