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ANEURYSM OF THE THORACIC AORTA

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THE following case of aneurysm is of much interest. The patient came under observation in October, 1908, and the following history was obtained by Dr. Lemon:

Mrs. F., aged about 50, a widow, complained of severe pains from a large pulsating tumor in the upper part of the chest.

Her mother died at 77 from pneumonia. Her father is living and well, aged 83. A brother died in childhood. Has one sister living and well, aged 42 years. Her husband died at 51 years of age, from "athlete's" heart, after an illness of ten weeks.

Children: Miscarriage three, two of which were early in married life, and the other nineteen years ago, her last pregnancy. Full time children seven, four of whom are living and well. One child died at two months, cause unknown. Two died one day after birth, and one at the age of six years from meningitis.

There is no history of gout, rheumatism, or tuberculosis, and the children have in no case suffered from rashes, disease of the nasal mucous membrane, or anything indicating the existence of syphilis.

Mrs. F. had been a strong and healthy girl and woman,