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CASE OF ANTE-LARYNGEAL ABSCESS.

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HISTORY OF THE CASE—Ann Maria I., æt. 18 months, still upon the breast, and dentition present. Recovered from a mild attack of genuine small-pox four or five weeks ago, having at the same time an attack of whooping-cough, from which she had also recovered. Present illness began two weeks ago, with a renewal of a cough, together with dyspnoea and a "heaving of the chest." Poulices were applied to the chest by the mother, which apparently relieved the child for a day or two. "Lumps" began about this time to form just below each ear, and, as the mother stated, "gradually fell down the neck till they met in front (the *post-mortem* examination showed that these were not glandular swellings) over the upper portion of the larynx, and continued to become enlarged, and the respiration more difficult. The child gradually lost her voice, the first symptoms of it beginning with the appearance of the "lumps." She coughed with difficulty, but still the sound was not croupy in