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CASE OF THORACIC ANEURISM IN AN UNUSUAL SITUATION: DIAGNOSIS AIDED BY TRACTION ON THE TRACHEA.

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GENTLEMEN,—Cases of thoracic aneurism are sufficiently common here—so much so, that I should not have deemed it worth while presenting this instance to the notice of the Society were it not that I think there are a few points connected with it of some practical interest and value both with reference to diagnosis and treatment.

E. H., æt. 39 years, book-keeper, a man of small stature (about 5 feet 4½ inches) and delicate build, first consulted me about himself on the 23rd November, 1878. He complained of a dry, teasing or hacking cough, which had been gradually getting more troublesome for three or four months. It annoys him most in the mornings, when, with a good deal of trouble, a small quantity of thick expectoration is got rid of. Walking against a wind or up-hill, a paroxysm of cough is apt to come on, and renders him rather breathless. He began about three weeks ago to suffer from pains in the front of the chest—*i.e.*, in the sternal region, and somewhat to the left side: this had never been severe until the previous evening, and it was that which