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FOUR INTERESTING CASES.

The head is medium sized, well shaped; hair dark, grey and thin; slight hypertrichosis of upper lip; ears are well shaped and normal; nose rather flat across bridge; nostrils are large and wide. On admission there was quite a droop of the left eye-lid and the eye was somewhat inflamed. She said that the eye had been under treatment for some three months or more. The condition has been treated since she came in, and the congestion has now all disappeared and the eye-lids are quite normal. Eyes: The irides are brown, right pupil larger than the left pupils both react very slightly to light and accommodation but have fair excursion. Mouth: Palatal arch is slightly above the average height; dentition has been regular, but now the teeth are badly decayed and require attention, particularly the upper ones; tongue protrudes straight, is quite clean and quite tremulous. There are marked tremors of the facial muscles.

The chest is fairly well developed, muscles now somewhat atrophied. Lungs are quite normal. Heart: Left ventricle is very much hypertrophied, heart occupies about twice its normal space; apex beat is 1/2 inch to outer side and 2 1/2 inches below nipple. There is quite an impulse at apex beat which can be seen on inspection. On palpation this impulse is strong and heaving. A slight thrill can be felt about the middle of the sternum. A diastolic murmur is distinctly heard at second costal cartilage on the right. A presystolic murmur is heard at the apex. The heart is somewhat irregular in action. The radial arteries show a marked sclerosis. The carotids can be seen distinctly pulsating in the neck, also the brachials at the bend of the elbow. The pulsation is decidedly of a jerking character and irregular in action. Pulse, 90. The blood pressure taken by the sphygmograph is 100. The heart condition has been diagnosed as one of aortic insufficiency.

The abdomen is soft and flaccid. There does not appear to be any marked disease of the other organs, with the exception of the kidneys; examination of urine