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Laryngeal Neoplasms.

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DURING the past year an unusually large number of laryngeal diseases have been treated in my service at the hospital. Although they are not all of equal importance, every affection of this part of the respiratory tract may be considered as having an interest of more or less individual nature. Especially is this true when the larynx is the seat of a new growth, the size, shape, situation and nature of which may seriously alter the character of the vocal sounds and interfere with the functions of respiration and deglutition to such a degree as to imperil the life of the patient. Unfortunately this condition is often reached before a physician has been consulted. Hoarseness, with impaired respiration and deglutition, are most frequently the initial symptoms of a serious disease of the larynx; their appearance, however, is usually so insidious that they may have existed for months without attracting much attention or causing discomfort. In due time something occurs which determines the necessity of a laryngeal examination, and the serious import of the symptoms is appreciated. The histories of the