

I have described. I examined for it here, and found it present in a marked degree. I mentioned this fact at one of the meetings of this Society. Since then I always examine for suspected aneurism in this way. Of course its existence depends upon the situation of the tumor. If this is placed superiorly or anteriorly, except large, it will be absent ; but in tumors at the back of the arch, or in its concavity, this sign will almost certainly be found. It is in these cases of deep-seated aneurism where we are deprived of the benefit of almost all the common physical signs, and where, therefore, the diagnosis becomes correspondingly difficult, that the observation of communicated tracheal pulsation may prove of great value. In this case, without it, the diagnosis might perhaps have remained somewhat doubtful.

Tuffnell's treatment was carried out here, although not with the strictness recommended by the originator of it. The patient was kept in bed, but not absolutely without movement. His diet was for several weeks dry and restricted, but still it was always in fair amount, for he was such a puny subject, and came of such a bad stock, that I did not consider it prudent to lower his vital forces too far. He took, also, iodide of potassium in pretty full doses. You will have observed, from the report of the case, that in this way the urgent and severe symptoms complained of, the paroxysmal cough, thoracic pain, and shortness of breath, were very soon and thoroughly relieved, and great general improvement took place. I have now treated and seen treated several cases of aortic aneurism in the same way, and on the whole I am satisfied that in many cases it does a great deal of good. Admitting the tendency there is in this disease to spontaneous arrest of growth and temporary relief to the symptoms, yet I do not believe that this will account for the frequency with which marked abatement of distressing symptoms will follow the adoption of a similar plan. I have never been satisfied that it will really produce diminution of the actual size of the tumor.