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CASE OF ANEURISM OF THE THORACIC AORTA.

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The subject of this history was engaged in sedentary business, of spare habit of body, regular conformation, and more than average intelligence. Good family record, and never had rheumatism or syphilis. He had been under my care for fully ten years, and up to 1880 enjoyed excellent health, and always lived a temperate and regular life. In 1880 he complained of rheumatic pains in his left side, arm and shoulder, which usually subsided for a time with moderate exercise, there being no specially marked indications of constitutional disease. The apparently functional irregularities continuing, and not giving way permanently to treatment, led to the existence of an affection of the great vessels. In April, 1883, apex of heart, beats between 5th and 6th ribs, internal to and below the left nipple, somewhat feeble and diffused. A sense of heaving pulsation is felt over the upper part of the left chest, synchronous with the cardiac impulse, and possessing a moderately expansive lateral motion. On percussion, about the level of the nipple there was an undoubted increase of cardiac dulness. As time passed on, the dull thoracic space gradually increased and became more defined in character, extending from the upper boundary of the heart, in a direction towards the right sterno-clavicular articulation, and on auscultation at the heart's apex, a double blowing