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CASE 10

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This 40 year old woman died of pneumonia and uremia one day after admission to the hospital. She is known to have been hypertensive, to have had rheumatoid arthritis, and to have been blind as the result of an old gun-shot wound through the skull. Autopsy revealed a chromophobe adenoma of the pituitary gland, and a variety of arteritic lesions in the general organs interpreted as rheumatoid arteritis and necrotizing arteriolitis.

The brain contained no vascular lesions, though a microscopic old hemorrhage was present in the right precentral gyrus. The optic tracts were degenerated, as were some of the neurons of the lateral geniculate bodies. Our interest centers on a small nodular excrescence of white tissue passing downward from the roof of the left ventricle and measuring 7 x 3 x 4 mm. in size. This nodule is included in the sections under study.