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Transthoracic expulsion of an endobronchial foreign body

Sir,

A child expelled through the chest wall an endobronchial

foreign body, an ear of grass (*Hordeum murinum*) which he had inhaled one week previously. I should like to know if such a case has been previously reported.*

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*Two similar cases were reported from Greece by Choremis *et al.* in this journal (1964, 39, 406); in both cases *Hordeum murinum* was also concerned.—Ed.

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