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IS IT POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY THE DISEASE OF VASIL LEVSKY?

(Summary)

This study is dedicated to one of the most critical periods in the life of Vassil Levsky.

Based on survived records and documents as well as on the survey of the achievements of the medicine at that time an attempt is made to reveal his disease at the beginning of 1868 and the surgical intervention that followed. The critical evaluation of the scarce information points to the diagnosis of tuberculosis which caused chronic mesoadenitis combined with local abscess and a long lasting fistula was formed following the surgical manipulation. Appendicitis as well as actinomycosis is also discussed as possible alternatives.