A 30-year-old male became dyspnoeic after swallowing a metallic hinge. X-ray showed a $11 \times 0.4$ cm body in the tracheobronchial tree. At bronchoscopy it was found below the vocal chords obstructing the right main bronchus. The object was removed and tracheal inflammation and chordal oedema were seen. The patient was discharged at 24 h after procedure without incidences (Fig. 1).

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Fig. 1. Chest X-ray showing the metallic foreign body in the trachea and origin of the right main bronchus.