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An elementary derivation of the quadratic convergence, the stopping rule and the selection of the initial value for Heron's recursive algorithm for finding the root of a positive real number is presented that is based on a simple polynomial identity and avoids entirely the use of differential calculus. (Received October 03, 2000)