

deed, were the corrupt literature business to depend on the patronage of men alone it would die a natural death. The chief customers of the vile traders in obscene publications and indecent prints and photographs are said to be women. In some parts of London there are reading-rooms and lending libraries open to females only, where young girls can have the use of private rooms, and a supply of indecent books and prints at a small charge. This is a matter which might well engage the attention of the Social Purity Association.—*London Hospital Gazette*.

—A number of ladies are said to have formed themselves into a "Society for Nursing Sick Bachelors in their Lodgings." The object of this society is to rescue celibate men from the tender care of landladies and charwomen, and while enabling them to "lie by" in their apartments, provide them at the same time with skilful nursing.

THE TREATMENT OF CARBUNCLES AND BOILS.—According to Eade (*Lancet*, May 19, 1888), carbuncles can be cut short at almost any stage of their course. When they begin as pimples, continuous soaking with a solution of a mild antiseptic, such as boric acid or salicylic acid, will almost certainly destroy them. At a little later period they may be aborted by thrusting freely into their central or cribriform opening a strong solution of carbolic acid in water or glycerin. When they become large and solid they must be partially or entirely excised or incised, and the boggy material scraped away. If surgical proceedings are refused, the continuous application of carbolic solutions in oil or glycerin, with or without poulticing, will do much to improve their condition. Boils may be treated on the same principle, but the heroic surgical procedure is not necessary.

THE TRIEBULATION OF A MESMERIST.—The *Buffalo Sunday Morning News* gives an account of a mishap that is said to have overtaken a mesmerist lately. He was traveling about the country, giving public exhibitions in mesmerism, and, while in Sault Ste. Marie, was asked to show his powers at an even-