

## Miscellaneous.

**MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS.** A correspondent writes. There seems to me to be very little doubt that many of the massage establishments in London are run practically on the lines which have for some time past been adopted in Chicago. In that city, as is well known, the massage shops are licensed and are the recognized houses of ill-fame. There is no concealment about it, and they do a thriving business. They are advertised quite openly in the daily papers and there are often a score or more of these notices to be seen in a single issue. Here are a few examples selected haphazard from a recent number of the *Chicago Dispatch*. "Massage Parlours. New attendants, young and beautiful, licensed." "Two young actresses during vacation would give treatment; refined party. Apply," etc. "The talented young French lady presents her compliments to all and wishes to state that she is still giving treatments. The little lady is pleasant and cordial" "Two young ladies employed during the day will be pleased to give treatment to a few select gentle

men in the evening." "Miss Amy Amcalle, young (18) and handsome, will give treatment to select parties at her own home." "A genial young lady, educated and refined, still in her teens, will treat a few nice parties." "A prepossessing young widow would treat a few select parties at her own home" One establishment is described as the only genuine Turkish bath in the world with lady attendants; another is "open day and night;" whilst a third boasts of "a pleasant corps of lady assistants." Some of our London daily papers are indiscreet enough, but as yet they do not go quite so far as this.—*British Medical Journal*.

**KISSING AS A SANITARY SIN.**—Johannes Secundus in his *Basia* might be thought to have dealt with kissing from every conceivable point of view, but he lived in prehygienic days, before the fears of the ubiquitous bacillus had eclipsed the gaiety of nations. Preachers of asceticism used to condemn kissing on the ground of its danger to the soul, but to the "average sensual man" the added spice of sin probably made it all more delightful. Now the apostle of sanitary perfection is denounce

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