

ing kissing for its danger to the body. The Japanese, he tells us, are a hygienically-minded people, and they never kiss. The Sanitary Committee of the Orange (New Jersey) Board of Health has recommended that a circular be sent out to all whom it may concern, "urging everyone to desist as much as possible from kissing, as the touching of lips is likely to convey contagion." That foul and deadly disease may be, and often is, propagated in this way is, of course, a fact as to which there can be no doubt. Many a mother has, like the Princess Alice, caught infection from the lips of her child dying or dead of diphtheria. There is every reason to believe that the seeds of tuberculosis may be implanted by kissing, and the too common beslobbering of children by friends of the family and by effusive strangers cannot be too strongly condemned on hygienic grounds. It cannot, therefore, be denied that kissing is dangerous, but will "Sanitary Committees" be able to put it down, as a too sanguine magistrate once undertook to "put down" suicide? Will love-making be conducted on antiseptic principles? "Kissing goes by favor," we are told—it is for the

future to be by favor of the county council? Great, no doubt, is Hygeia, but we will back human nature with some confidence against her.—*British Medical Journal*.

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