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OPERATIONS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS.—With what object massage was used in early Egypt we have no information. It



may have been merely one of the civilised refinements of the bath, or a therapeutical agent, or both. Support is gained for the theory that it was medically employed, by the fact that savage peoples have long been observed to use it as a curative method. It was a very ancient practice, as such, in the East, and notably in China, India and among the Turks. Other Egyptian scenes, too fragmentary to permit of exact interpretation, appear to depict the process of remedial massage. In the accompanying illustration, the massage, may be either a part of the great man's ordinary toilet or medical rubbing.

DATE: VIth dynasty (some authorities) c. 4000 B.C.

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