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—Health Problems Related to
The Cosmetology—

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This paper which is the Part II of "The Sociology of Cosmetology" takes up the health problems caused relating to the cosmetology.

The purpose of people who go to beauty parlors or other facilities for cosmetology is, of course, to be more beautiful, to be more charming, to be more fashionable or to cover the personal defects. Contrary to such a strong wish of people, it is the fact that some cosmetics and beauty parlors are the cause of health problems.

I have reported the health problems among beauticians based on my research since 1983. One of the cause of the health problems of beauticians was found as the alkaline permanent wave lotion. This time, I did the research of health problems among customers of beauty parlors. The results show that the alkaline permanent waving and alkaline hair dying are one of the serious cause of health problems of customers.

The research was composed with two type method; the pilot study of hearing method by myself and the statistical research sending questionnaire to beauty parlors by mail. Interviewee at the former method were 102 customers of 19 beauty parlors and samples chosen at the latter method were 11600 customers at 647 beauty parlors. Effective samples at the latter case were 8470 (73.0%) of 463 beauty parlors (71.6%). Research period was beginning from August of 1987 through January of 1988.