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21 treat the human body by use of such methods as the
22 application of manipulative, manual, mechanical and dietetic
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