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OF BLINDNESS.

of one sense with that of another, a curious psychological phenomenon, perhaps, but of too frequent occurrence with us to excite even passing amusement. Others make a mistake over our using the verb, to see, forgetting that in the common speech of men that verb is not so restricted as to prevent a blind person's employing it, without any such glaring contradiction as that so facetiously discovered. Of course, these are the mistakes of the vulgar, and that is a comfort. It is one of the blessings of refinement, this feeling of being able to look down on the vulgar, this considering where it comes from; still, the mules kick hard, and there are so many of them in this world. Where is the line to be drawn between the refined and the vulgar? Generally speaking, the vulgar includes all those who do or say disagreeable things to us. This definition is so pre-eminently satisfactory in general that it would be folly in us to attempt another, even if it should lead us to class as vulgar some people who ordinarily