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### POISONED TONGUES.

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"You can hardly take up a newspaper without finding in it some story of desperate affray or suicide or murder, of somebody done to death by poisoned tongues. But even these positive and palpable results of 'knocking' are not so sinister as the effect of it upon the hardened though perhaps unconscious practiser of it. He or she, acquiring the censorious, snooping, backbiting habit, becomes a nuisance and a curse, a mere bag of bile and jaundice, a collector of the oil of ill nature."

"The language is strong but just" says The Pilot. "Alas that the Sun is compelled to say 'he or she'; for it is a fact that even the gentler sex is sometimes, thoughtlessly of course, given to speak other than unvarying eulogy of its sisters and brothers."

### A COMMON EVIL.

The Chicago Record-Herald pronounces against the high schools of that city on the ground that "the people are supporting the institution to enable a very small percentage of our hundreds of thousands of school children, mostly of one sex, to fit themselves for a single business or profession." It has been figuring on the statistics of the classes graduating from the high schools, and estimates that the percentage of girls to boys is at least 75 to 25. It is explained by the principals of the Chicago high schools that many boys are taken from the schools before they can complete the course, because they