

sion, but I think there is quite as much vulgarity of thought amongst the English, and it might be better for some of us if it went no further than our speech.

Moreover, accent, after all, is to some extent a matter of opinion, as also are many expressions which we condemn, but which have quite as much right to exist as our own.

An English lady, on my return, speaking of a mutual and very charming little American friend with whom I had stayed in San Francisco, asked me anxiously *whether she had lost any of her American ways?* evidently hoping that the answer might be in the affirmative, and consequently a favourable one.

I could not help smiling to myself and thinking how strange it would have sounded if the little American girl, in asking after her English friend, had anxiously inquired whether *she* had lost "any of her English ways yet?"

During one day on board the "Celtic" I had the curious experience of really hearing an "English accent," and very affected and artificial it sounded to me after a year's absence from it.

By the second day the old associations of a lifetime had resumed their sway, but on that first day it did certainly seem to me that most of our own fellow-