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GOSSIPING AND GOSSIPERS
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course there are poisonous kinds o
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a bomely word for love of knowledge， and in this flner phrase it is admired
and praised by all．But curiosity when it deat⿸耳又一 with pereons and not not
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day we have to deplore the goesip，and that depare is not due tue are still dear to men and women to but is own，as some lo cibenellers assert，
bected with the growth of towns con．
nead cities．In very large towns and com．
munities gosip becomes imposible becauke you never meet the same
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ehip．Acquaintanoeship is a less in－ thip．Acquaintanoeship is a less in－
timate relation．If you have bome
friend A．，whom you really know better than that，it is no use talking about him and his success，or him
and his failure，to B，becoase B．does not know A．And thus you are d oonversation－a man．Hence o，
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