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It is written that in the days when Mistress Anneke Jans took the sidewalk of old New Amsterdam one Grietje Van Saleen...

That perennial thorn in the flesh of all small communities, the town gossip, has been dealt with in various ways in all ages...

Hard to Stop Gossip. Though the efficacy of this treatment has yet to be tested, the plan finds new supporters on this side of the water...

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the same whether we hold a lynching party or sit in at a ladies' sewing circle. In either case we are satisfying a desire to inflict suffering.

"Of course, there are other gratifications in gossip. Most of us like to be the first to tell a bit of news. The gossip enjoys that feeling. But more especially he enjoys the sense of tearing down some one else.

"The same thing that accounts for the popularity of gossip may also explain the popularity of the so-called new biography, namely, the sense of enjoyment that comes to the inferior in tearing down and belittling the great one.

How Gossip Evolves. Gossip, as the psychologists view it, is somewhat short of a simple matter for the law to handle. At Teachers College, for instance, in a favorite experiment tried on the children in a history class...

A good deal of gossip, the psychologists believe, thus evolves. Its origin is often doubtful. It is assumed that all gossip is harmful; there seems to be no evidence that people indulge in any other kind.

As to why—as is commonly held—women are more prone to gossip than men, there may be more than one answer. But it is Professor Woodworth's observation that women more often than men do offend in this way.

Practices Among Women. "It is probably because of their status," he said, "which is more apt to be decided for them than by them. Especially in small groups, such as the country town, or among the wives of army officers or college faculties, you will find that the women are inclined to accept less willingly the rank or position in which they are placed than are their husbands.

There is, by way of parallel, the case of the tattletale in school who is most often cured of his falling by being held in contempt by the rest of the class—and the teacher, too.

Old New England tried the ducking chair and even the bridlé, this last a sort of halter with an iron pin which pressed against the offender's tongue when he (or she) opened her mouth. But it did not stop gossiping.

America, too, has her traffic problems, and one of the solutions adopted is "one-way streets," in which only one traffic going in one direction is allowed. In one town, the story goes, a policeman stopped a girl who was driving a car. "Madam," he said, "you are breaking the law. This is a one-way street." The girl commented to cry. "Well," she said, "I was only going one way, wasn't I?"

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