The Lowell morning News is finding fault with the English language because it does not afford a pronoun for a singular of the common gender. The News says, "If the reader will only glance at the map of Europe he will see," &c. It is evident here that "reader" refers to either male or female, while the pronoun "he" refers alone to the former. We know it may be said that we might vary the expression, and say "If our readers," and then use the plural "they;" but this is only a solitary exception, out of many that we could name, one of which will not admit of such a variation.

Many writers, when using a noun singular, common gender, follow it up with an expression "he or she," but such a method is inelegant and bungling; others commit a direct violation of the rules of grammar by using the plural pronoun "they" after such a noun. The difficulty is one which cannot legitimately be got over, for the language does not afford a pronoun for the singular of the common gender. Will some of our grammar makers "fish us a one?"

What cant be said in the English language is said well too, cant be said at all. It is easy enough even for one who is no grammar maker to avoid the difficulty which the News experiences, by changing the structure of the sentence. Why not say "The reader who glances at the map of Europe will see, &c?"