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DEBAUCHERY AND IRREGULARITIES INTRODUCED BY MEANS OF CONFESSION INTO THE NUN NERIES OF TUSCANY.

It is easy for monks and depraved priests to seduce, by the means of confession, especially among the lower orders, females who live in the world: the thing becomes still more so relatively to the nuns or *pensionnaires* confined in convents. Depravity introduced into those houses spreads like an epidemic, with symptoms and consequences more or less fatal, according to the nature and inclinations of individuals.

This species of wickedness, as I have had opportunities of convincing myself from information derived from different journies in Italy and Spain,