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[I]s a Native of all Countries, and an Alien at
[I]Home. He flies from the Place where he
was hatched, like a Wildgoos*e, and prefers all*
*others before it. He has no Quarrel to it, but*
*becaus*e he was born in it, and like a Bas*tard,*
*he is as*hamed of his Mother, becaus*e s*he is of
him. He is a Merchant, that makes Voyages
into foreign Nations, to drive a Trade in Wis*-*
*dom and Politics, and it is not for his Credit*
*to have it thought, he has made an ill Return,*
*which mus*t be, if he s*hould allow of any of*
*the Growth of his own Country. This makes*
*him quick and blow up hims*elf with Admira-
tion of foreign Parts, and a generous Con-
tempt of Home, that all Men may admire, at
leas*t, the means he has had of Improvement,*
*and deplore their own Defects*. His Obs*erva-*
*tions are like a Sieve, that lets the finer Flour*
*pas*s, and retains only the Bran of Things;

# center A TRAVELLER. #justify left 145for his whole Return of Wis*dom proves to be**but Affectation, a peris*hable Commodity, whichhe will never be able to put off. He believesall Men's Wits are at a s*tand, that s*tay atHome, and only thos*e advanced, that travel ;**as if Change of Pas*ture did make great Politi-cians, as well as fat Calves. He pities the littleknowledge of Truth which thos*e have, that**have not s*een the World abroad, forgetting,that at the s*ame time he tells us, how little**Credit is to be given to his own Relations and**thos*e of others, that s*peak and write of their**Travels. He has worn his own Language to**Rags, and patched it up with Scraps and Ends**of foreign--This s*erves him for Wit, and they ap-plaud one another accordingly. He believesthis Raggednes*s of his Dis*cours*e a great Demon-**s*tration of the Improvement of his Knowledge ;as (i) Inns-of-Court (i) Men intimate their Proficiencyin the Law by the Tatters of their Gowns-All the Wit he brought Home with him is likeforeign Coin, of a bas*er Alloy than our own,**and s*o will not pas*s here without great Los*s.All noble Creatures, that are famous in anyVol. II #Center L

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one Country, degenerate by being trans*planted;*
*and thos*e of mean Value only improve--If it
hold with Men, he falls among the Number
of the latter, and his Improvements are little
to his Credit. All he can s*ay for hims*elf is,
his Mind was s*ick of a Cons*umption, and
change of Air has cured him : For all his other
Improvements have only been to eat in . . . .
and talk with thos*e he did not unders*tand; to
hold Intelligence with all Gazettes, and from
the Sight of States*men in the Street unriddle*
*the Intrigues of all their Councils, to make a*
*wondrous Progres*s into Knowledge by riding
with a Mes*s*enger, and advance In Politics by
mounting of a Mule, run through all Sorts of
Learning in a Waggon, and found all Depths
of Arts in Felucca, ride pos*t into the Secrets*
*of all States, and grow acquainted with their*
*clos*e Des*igns in Inns and Hos*tleries; for cer-
tainly there is great Virtue in Highways and
Hedges to make an able Man, and a good
Pros*pect cannot but let him s*ee far into Things.