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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 145 for his whole Return of Wis*dom proves to be* *but Affectation, a peris*hable Commodity, which he will never be able to put off. He believes all Men's Wits are at a s*tand, that s*tay at Home, 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 little knowledge 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 believes this 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 Proficiency in the Law by the Tatters of their Gowns- All the Wit he brought Home with him is like foreign 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 any Vol. 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.