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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 Wildgoose, *and prefers all others before it. He has no Quarrel to it, but because he was born in it, and like a Bastard, he is ashamed of his Mother, because she is of him.* He is a Merchant, that makes Voyages into foreign Nations, to drive a Trade in Wisdom and Politics, *and is is not for his Credit to have it thoughts, he has made an ill Return, which must be, if he should allow of any of the Growth of his own Country. This makes him quick and blow up himself with Admiration of foreign Parts, and a generous Contempt of Home, that all Men may admire, at least, the means he has had of Improvement, and deplore their own Defects.* His Observations are like a Sieve, that lets the finer Flour pass, and retains only the Bran of Things;

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 for his whole Return of *Wisdom proves to be
 but Affectation, a perishable Commodity*, which
 he will never be able to put off. He velieve
 all Men's Wits are at a *stand, that stay at
 Home, and only those advanced, that travel ;
 as if Change of Pasture* did make great Politi-
 cians, as well as fat Calves. He pities the little
 knowledge of Truth which those *have, that
 have not* seen the World abroad, forgetting,
 that at the same time he tells us, how little
*Credit is to be given to his own Relations and
 those of others, that speak and write of their
 Travels. He has worn his own Language to
 Rags, and patched it up with Scraps and Ends
 of foreign—This* serves him for Wit, and they ap-
 plaud one another accordingly. He believes
 this Raggedness of *his Discourse a great Demon-*

stration of the Improvement of his Knowledge ;
 as (i) Inns-of-Court (i) Men intimate their Pro-
 ficiency

in the Law by the Tatters of their Gowns-
 All the Wit he brought Home with him is like
 foreign Coin, of a baser *Alloy than our own,
 and so will not pass here without great Loss.*

All noble Creatures, that are famous in any

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one Country, degenerate by being *transplanted*;
and those 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 *say for himself* is,
 his Mind was *sick of a Consumption*, and
 change of Air has cured him : For all his other
 Improvements have only been to eat in
 and talk with those *he did not understand*; to
 hold Intelligence with all Gazettes, and from
 the Sight of *Statesmen in the Street unriddle*
the Intrigues of all their Councils, to make a
wondrous Progress into Knowledge by riding
 with a Messenger, 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 post *into the Secrets*
of all States, and grow acquainted with their
close Designs in Inns and Hostleries; for cer-
 tainly there is great Virtue in Highways and
 Hedges to make an able Man, and a good
Prospect cannot but let him see far into Things.
