This strategy also has ancient antecedents. Ever since civilization began, certain \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_ have tried to run away from it in hopes of finding a simpler, more \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_, and more peaceful life. Unlike the dropouts, they are not \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_. They are willing to support themselves and to \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_ something to the general community, but they simply don’t like the environment of civilization; that is, the city, with all its \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_ and tension.   
     I had the lonely child’s habit of \_\_\_\_6\_\_\_ stories and holding conversations with \_\_\_\_7\_\_\_ persons, and I think from the very start my literary ambitions were mixed up with the feeling of being isolated and \_\_\_8\_\_\_. I knew that I had a facility with words and a power of facing \_\_\_\_9\_\_\_ facts, and I felt that this created a sort of private world in which I could get my own back for my \_\_\_\_10\_\_\_ in everyday life.   
     Only two people shared her “special” seat: a fine old man in a velvet coat, his hands \_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_ over a huge carved walking-stick, and a big old woman, sitting \_\_\_12\_\_\_\_, with a roll of knitting on her embroidered apron. They did not speak. This was \_\_\_13\_\_\_\_, for Miss Brill always looked forward \_\_\_\_14\_\_\_\_ the conversation. She had become really quite \_\_\_\_15\_\_\_\_, she thought, at listening as though she didn’t listen, at sitting in other people’s lives just for a minute while they talked round her.   
     Our research shows that no company can succeed today by trying to be all things to all people. It must instead find the \_\_\_\_16\_\_\_\_ value that it alone can deliver to a chosen market. We have identified three distinct value \_\_\_17\_\_\_\_, so called because each discipline produces a different kind of \_\_\_\_18\_\_\_ value. Choosing one discipline to master does not mean that a company \_\_\_19\_\_\_\_ the other two, only that it picks a dimension of value on which to \_\_\_\_20\_\_\_ its market reputation over the long term.   
     The value of snobbery in general, its humanistic “point”, consists in its power to \_\_\_\_21\_\_\_\_ activity. A society with plenty of snobberies is like a dog with plenty of \_\_\_\_22\_\_\_\_: it is not likely to become comatose. Every snobbery demands of its devotees \_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_ efforts, a succession of sacrifices. The society-snob must be perpetually lion-hunting; the modernity-snob can never rest \_\_\_24\_\_\_ trying to be up-to-date. Swiss doctors and the Best that has been thought or said must be the daily and nightly preoccupation of all the snobs respectively of \_\_\_25\_\_\_ and culture.

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F. disciplines G. imaginary H. parasites I. to J. stake  
K. fleas L. clasped M. disease N. disappointing O. failure  
P. individuals Q. expert R. undervalued S. contribute T. abandons  
U. unceasing V. pastoral W. from X. stimulate Y. unpleasant**