

spects the Greeks of Pericles' day had raised civilisation to its high-water mark, and hitherto no one had worthily written their social history. He wanted to know more of their daily life than the books gave him—what the slaves did in the evening, whether they had a sort of workingmen's club to go to—recognised meeting places. He wanted to know how they lived, how they dressed—it could be very hot and very cold in Athens—where they got their imported clothes from, *how* they got them, how they did their chartering, whether you definitely had a corner down at the Piraeus where people bid against each other for freight, how far they understood insurance and death in the—human requirements were always so similar and so unchanging, when you came to read history; you had a slave problem now, *they* had a slave problem then, a feminist movement now, a feminist movement then; and, if you didn't farm clothes and didn't grow furry animals yourself, you had to build ships, put them into the full trade, and use them—which brought him back to his point, that you might be certain, even without your Demosthenes, to back the hypothesis, that the Piraeus *did* have its own primitive Lloyds, that they had their insurance brokers and underwriters. . . . He had wanted so desperately to spend his whole time on that, reconstructing the social life of Athens until he had perfect knowledge of the ordinary Greek's mental equipment. If you took *him* and planted him down in equatorial Africa, you could be sure that he would have a house built on certain lines, domestic habits, times, procedure of a certain kind, the average educated Englishman's house and life generally in short. You would know he was English by the breakfast the people on the plantation had to eat. Even one knew that a Roman's mental equipment was equally well-marked—that he didn't feel comfortable in a new country until he revolutionised the water supply, got down his asselated government, deposited a piece of Rome in Scythia or Gaul or Egypt, forced *his* habits and *his* personality on the natives. You could see him later building an arena, as the Spaniards built bull rings in Central