

life of anyone than that of the day when he first enters Rome? After having seen Rome, Naples, and Athens he is not likely to care for Chicago or San Francisco.

*Ergo*, it would be well for Americans first to study thoroughly their native land and afterwards to cross the Atlantic. The delights of European travel for ladies far outbid anything that can be offered in the New World. But for men, or rather for sportsmen, America offers an unrivalled field. After all, those who complain of American absenteeism must remember that the majority of their countrymen, having once seen Europe, are imbued with an irrepressible longing to return to their own land; firmly resolved not to leave it again.

To this class belong those who are always craving for change of scene and fresh excitement; those who rush through grand scenery, and who after several days' journey to some celebrated spot remain there two minutes, 'just to say they have been there.'

Not that this class is confined to America, though I think it thrives there in greater perfection than elsewhere.

Californians, above all, are eager to return to their country. But they have their unrivalled climate to urge as an excuse for hurried visits to less favoured lands. And truly the climate of California is marvellous. Fresh and exhilarating air, a clear blue