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world reacts upon us ; and it is by the things it does to us that we know what it is. We can never know more concerning it than what is contained in the sum of those things it does to us—not, of course, to each one of us individually, but to all of us, for no two men have entirely identical experiences. We must pool our experiences and compare notes if we are to get at the whole truth. Wherever the universe (and by the universe we mean the sum of all things around us, seen and unseen) touches me (or I touch it—it comes to the same thing), there it deposits in me some fragment of that raw material, out of which, if I have skill and wit enough, I shall presently hammer out a more or less coherent and systematic body of knowledge. It will not be a complete body, for my knowledge, owing to my limitations, can only be partial, and I must needs supplement my knowledge out of the knowledge of others. But—allowing for my personal limitations—the whole of *me* is concerned in the business of getting at the