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NOW that Science has done so much to annihilate space, and bring us immediate news from almost every quarter of the globe, a kind of reproach attaches to the parochial point of view. The daily newspaper, whatever its faults, ought to be a sufficient corrective of that. And yet, the growth of a true cosmopolitan sentiment is not determined either by the extent of our knowledge or the facilities we possess for obtaining it. In our lazy gratitude over the triumphs of modern invention, we must not allow ourselves to admit that we are nothing but slaves of an intricate network of machinery. An eloquent passage in Cicero's *De Legibus* describes a citizen of the whole world as one who, taking a noble view of