

Raleigh, Cook, and Anson on strange enterprises all around the world. Every year it sends numbers of young Englishmen to climb the most difficult mountain-peaks or hunt in lonely jungles, merely from a desire to attempt something never accomplished before. If a brave leader wishes to find a way to the North Pole, or a bold explorer wants to penetrate into the heart of Africa, he always finds plenty of volunteers ready to follow him, though in the one case they are likely to perish by cold, and in the other by the desert heat. This love of adventure sometimes tempts people to try very foolish things, but it has had a great deal to do with the spread of our race over the world.

Often a man with a large family, even though he is doing very well here, goes abroad to one of the Colonies because he thinks that in a new country his children will have a better chance than they would if they grew up here. He breaks his ties with the old land, and starts life again in a new one, for the sake of those who come after him.

Once more, there is always a great deal of money in this country which the owners want to employ in business enterprises. Rich men often find that it pays best to use this in new or distant countries. So they send out engineers and workmen to build railroads and construct bridges, or open mines, and agents or clerks to direct their business for them. Hundreds of millions of British money are thus employed in distant parts of the world, and thousands of Englishmen are employed abroad in its management.