Places I Should Like to Visit

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When I was a little girl, I sometimes sat for hours at a time dreaming of all the places I should like to visit someday. As I grew older and my knowledge broadened these places became more distinct and vivid in my mind. How I wished that by some miracle I could visit some of them. The places I wanted to see, however, were impossible to reach; I wanted to go back in time to the days of the Roman Empire. To me it seemed that these people led fascinating lives. Their culture was one which made great contributions to the modern world, and I wanted to know it firsthand, to see the old houses, to watch a chariot race in the Colosseum or to witness an ancient battle. Another place I had always wanted to visit was England during the Middle Ages. I thought that nothing could possibly be more entrancing than a medieval castle with all its brave knights and lovely ladies.

My attentions were not all turned toward places in the past, however. The future also fascinated me. I looked forward to the days when rocket ships would replace airplanes and when underground cities would replace those of the present. I wanted to be transported to this magic land and take a ride in a rocket ship to Mars, Saturn, or some other far-off planet. I wondered also how people would look in that strange new age. These places which I would like to visit may seem fantastic perhaps, but what person with a lively imagination does not have the desire to encounter new adventures in another world?