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A GRACIOUS AND NECESSARY GESTURE

A report of Mr. Paul V. Murray from Mexico City calls attention to a grave but general oversight on the part of American scholars working in the archives of Spain and Hispanic America. American investigators, according to a confidential report of Mexican archivists, rarely send to the archives where they have worked the book which is the fruit of opportunities offered in those depositories. This failure is natural enough in the United States, but in Hispanic America, where *canje* is the very breath of intellectual work, it is a breach of courtesy and neglect of opportunity. Quite frequently the budgets for the purchase of books and reference works are inadequate in these archives, making it not only a gracious gesture but an obligation to deposit in foreign archives all books based on the documents housed in them. It is the only way for American research workers to avoid being misunderstood.

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