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ONE rises from a careful perusal of Mr. Wallace's book with the conviction that the title is a piece of scientific irony, for much more than half of its contents is devoted to the demonstration of interesting, licentious shortcomings, and even those earlier chapters which narrate the "wonderful" progress of discovery and invention are tinged with that persistent "note" of pessimism which so often pervades the "note" of pessimism which so often pervades the...