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The causes of our New World fever must have varied—but the fever has been with us from the beginning. Here today and gone tomorrow. Planters by destiny, we refused to stay planted; settlers forever, we have never settled down. Was it hope? Was it just curiosity? Was it rather some nameless anxiety? Whatever lay behind this mysterious, pervasive uneasiness, the spectacular mobility of the pioneers has only intensified with the years. Willing and unwilling, aimless or purposeful, feverish or out of habit, we Americans have moved and moved and kept moving.

But how is one to glimpse the deeper meanings—how grasp this quicksilver *mobility*, and squeeze out its psychic implications?

—G. W. Pierson in *The Moving American*
