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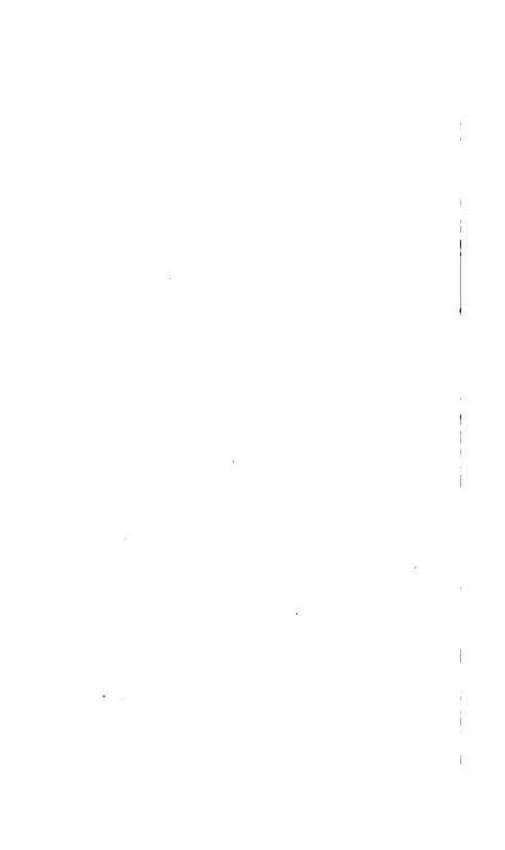
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I

A FEW years ago a strange myth went up and down the world. We were told that the Germans were Supermen; and as they themselves said so which of us could doubt it? For the Germans had once a high reputation for scientific precision, and it could not be supposed that either this or their native modesty would permit them to magnify, by even a hair's breadth, their virtues or their attainments.

If you repeat a declaration often enough, the world either dismisses you as a bore or kills you as a fanatic or ends by believing you. In