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**In the gateway of nations : manuscript**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Riis, Jacob A. (Jacob August), 1849-1914

**Title:** In the gateway of nations : manuscript

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**Abstract:** Emended holograph manuscript (21 leaves) of "In the Gateway of Nations," signed by Jacob A. Riis (1849-1914), journalist, author, social reformer, and photographer. Riis was born in Denmark and emigrated to the U.S. in 1870. While working as a reporter for the New York Tribune, he began his crusade to improve urban life. Riis's article, published in The Century Magazine in March, 1903, describes a recent visit to Ellis Island in comparison with his own arrival in 1870. The emendations in this manuscript were incorporated into the published version.

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## Key Terms

### Occupations

Authors

Journalists

Social reformers

### Geographic Names

Ellis Island (N.J. and N.Y.)

New York (N.Y.) -- Emigration and immigration

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Manuscripts for publication

**Names**

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