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Fig. 1. Glass negative, *Anatole France*. 1910-1915. *The Library of Congress*, www.loc.gov/pictures/item/ggb20050179821.

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