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OUR INNATE POWER.

The Cologne Gazette accounts for the complete silence of European diplomatists in the peace negotiations between Spain and the United States by saying that interference by any European power in the Philippine question would have aroused the bitterest enmity of the United States and would have barred the importation of the interfering power's products into this country.

In the case of England, as well as in the case of the continental powers, there was recognition of the innate strength of the United States. The question of interference in behalf of Spain did not turn on sentiment, on the friendship of the people, but on business interests.

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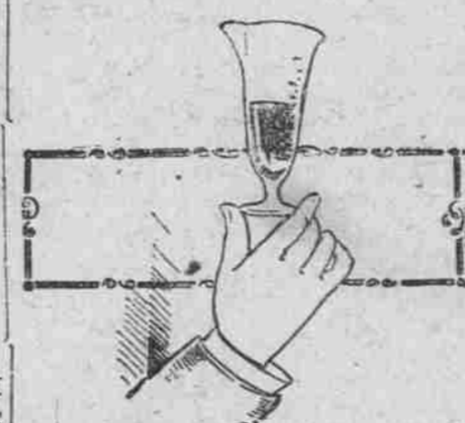
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