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Not by force will Cuba become a part of the territory of the United States. The operation of natural laws is something not to be denied or reversed. As an intelligent people, wishing to advance in the world, to secure peaceful conditions and sound prosperity, the Cubans, at some time not distant, will welcome a complete incorporation of their island with this republic. Self-interest will decide the matter. Sentimentalism is running its course, and the common sense facts of the situation are developing from month to month. There are in Cuba a number of elements politically antagonistic to each other. Provincial jealousies are threatening. Old race prejudices and feuds must be restrained with a firm hand. Cuba's business relations are mainly and unalterably with this country. In spite of all the burdens imposed by Spain, the bulk of Cuba's foreign commerce was with us. Now that the wall is broken down the currents of trade begin to run free. A great volume of American capital will go to Cuba if the island elects to remain under our flag. But American enterprise must necessarily hold back as long as a chance remains that Cuba will choose to be temporarily another turbulent Spanish-American republic.

We are pledged to give Cuba a stable government. By no possibility can this be construed to mean that our forces will withdraw entirely from the island as long as the seeds of civil war are alive. A stable, free government is one conducted securely and harmoniously by a majority of the electorate, and by a full recognition of the rightful power of majorities. No government is stable unless it is able to perform international duties, to protect life and property, and to defend itself against outside aggression. Cuba needs the sheltering arm of the United States. It needs the freedom of trade with us that prevails among our own states. That can be secured only by annexation. Should the island become a separate nationality it must face the same tariff regulations as Canada, Jamaica and other foreign, though contiguous regions. Will the Cubans, after a calm consideration of the advantages of union with this country, vote for what is most dangerous and unprofitable to themselves? It seems inincredible.

Annexation with the United States is a high privilege and one that we are not offering to any people but the Cubans. We should not agree to annex Canada except through cautious negotiations, and these might result in a failure to agree. Cuba stands in a different light. Its status, as far as we are concerned, is distinct from that of any other spot on earth. We have given much in life and treasure for its liberation. Its offered cession was refused because we had promised its people a choice in their future form of government, after the island is pacified and the conditions are stable. The promise will be fulfilled. At the same time the fact is clear that the only road to stability leads direct to annexation. To be a part of the United States is unmistakably the destiny of Cuba. The sooner this is naturally consummated the better. When it is done the island will be the scene of a splendid transformation, social, political and industrial, with few counterparts in history.—Globe-Democrat.

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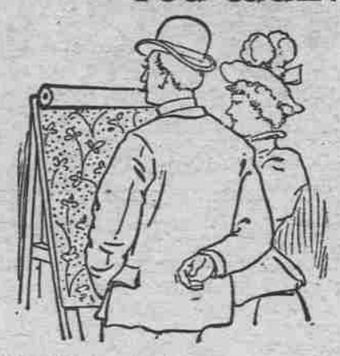

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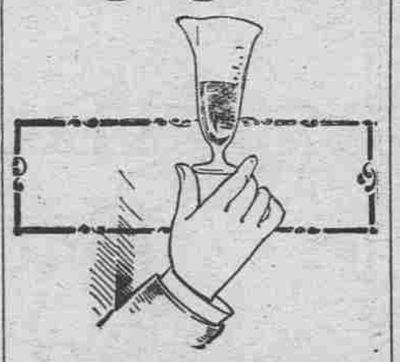

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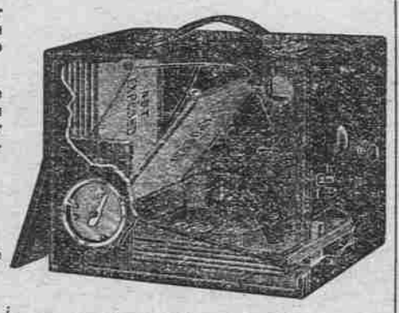

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