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Other letters of the same import have come from the volunteers at Manila. In the letter of the Oregon boy, he gives a solution of the problem which is a vexation to the anti-imperialists. His suggestions open the way to enlightened civilization, through American influence, American trade and the expansion of American commerce. Peopled with Americans and American energy and enterprise will be infused in the present population and the islands will become famous in the commercial world.

The German-American who has just got himself into prison in Germany for applying an offensive epithet in that country to the kaiser will hardly arouse much sympathy in the United States. This person ought to have known, and doubtless did know, that no such liberty to abuse the head of the state is allowed in Germany as there is in this country. A resident or visitor in a country must obey that country's laws and regulations or take the consequences. The German-American, Italian-American, Russian-American or American-American who supposes he can abuse kaisers, kings and czars in their own country with the same impunity with which he can denounce or lampoon presidents in the United States must be a very innocent or a very ignorant individual.

Mr. Howells, the author, is opposed to war or the shedding of blood in any form. In fact, he is the most conspicuous non-combatant in the literary world. He has never permitted anybody to be killed in his stories, except in one instance, where a young man drifted accidentally into a riot and was found dead before the author could extricate him.

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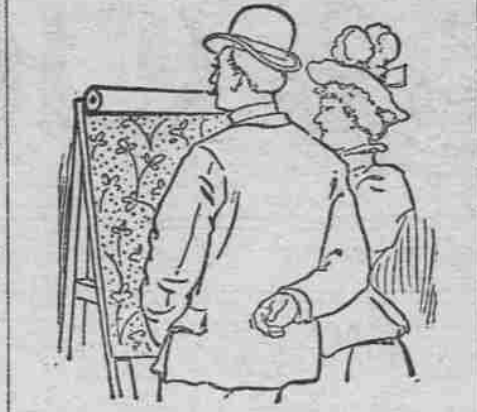
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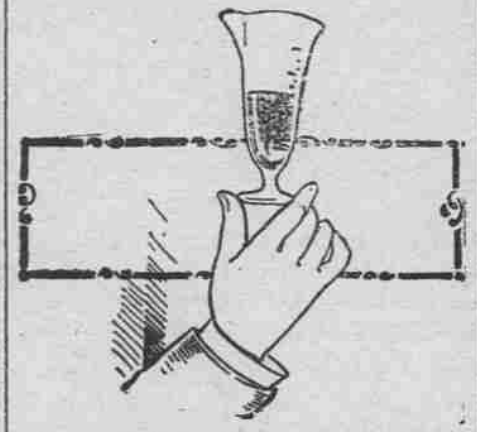
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