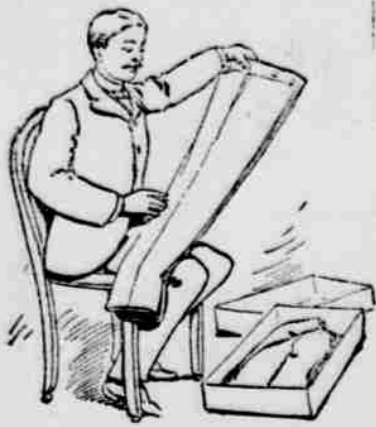


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SHALL WOOD BE GOVERNOR?

When congress meets there is no doubt some action will be taken as to some sort of government for Cuba, says the Spokesman-Review. The condition of affairs there at present is not just what it should be. An improvement would probably result if General Wood were made civil governor of the whole island, with General Brooke or some other officer in military command, yet subordinate to the civil authority.

Some of the people of Cuba are naturally becoming impatient at the continuation of the military government. Except for the greater humanity, intelligence and honesty of the American administration, they are in a position in some respects similar to the one they were in under the Spanish rule. The principle is the same, the government being based on military force. A civil government under General Wood, following out the practice of this general in Santiago, of putting natives in official positions as far as possible and consulting local opinions and preferences, would no doubt be highly popular and would pave the way for annexation of the island to the United States with the consent of the vast majority of the people duly expressed at the polls.

The rules according to which General Wood has been acting were explained by him in a recent article in the Century Magazine:

"If," he says, "we give the Cubans an honest, economical government, and use every means to put the most desirable and competent Cubans in office, liberalize and Americanize their institutions, improve the sanitary and other conditions of their towns, organize and put in effect a suitable school system, get rid of the present intolerable administration of the criminal law, and put in operation a complete system of taxation, we shall find that there is no Cuban question left, and that we are dealing not with a distrustful, suspicious and resentful people, but with a people who will appreciate what we are doing for them and will give us their cordial support."

Those who know General Wood or have carefully watched his career in Cuba believe that the placing him in control of the island would settle the question of annexation by determining the people, even the Cuban population, to accept it eagerly. There may be some who may say that we do not want Cuba annexed, but what else can we do with it without running the risk of incurring more trouble? If we leave the people to themselves and a state of anarchy ensues, we should be called upon to interfere again, and in the meantime the ground already gained would have been lost.

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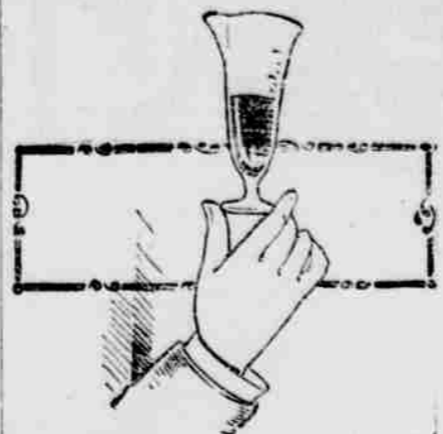
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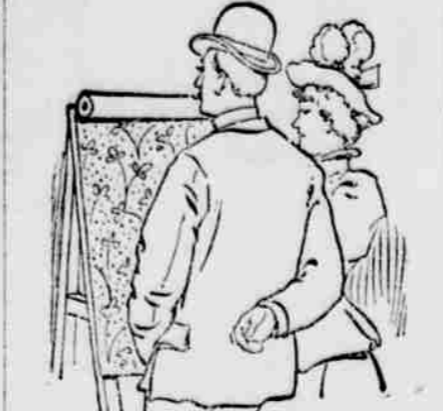
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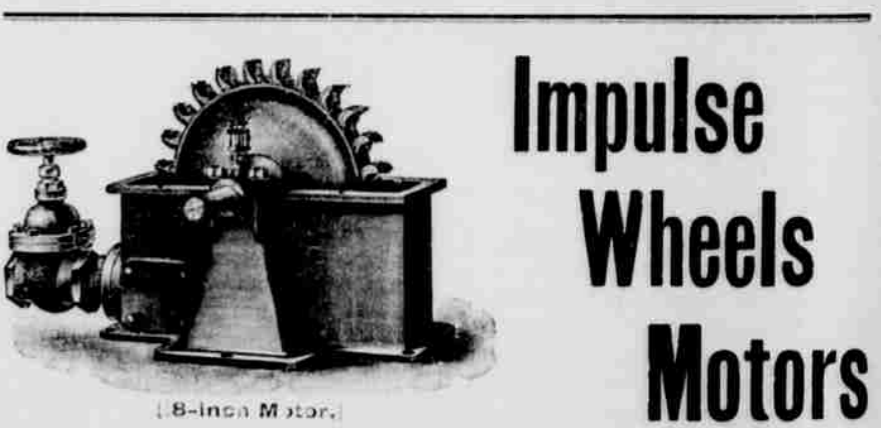
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