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Extraterritoriality
An to whether or not Wendell wuilice further evidence may be forthcoming. To our
nind all that was settled and we said so at the time-when he evpecificalily we declared so that he spoke for himself alone. The only reason
tor repening the eubjectis the singuar coor
tncidence" that withbin three days anter Willie.
 to renounce '"empirie' apd spece western alies righs
orient, our state department came out and did orient, our state department came out and did
just that on behar not onl of the United

States but Great Britain as well, with par| ticular |
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| China. |

It might be argued that for the present
this was an empty gesture, inasmuch as the
cities in which the United States and formerly enjoyed these rights are and have been for a year or more under tight Japanese con-
tron. But things will be different some day
and we are not likely to and we are not tikely to orget our promise ing
rights to cered
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constantinople, European stanted states, permittin
 ences in customs and laws and, it the truth
must betold, in the existene of race preudice
and its tendency to modify strict fustice. As a and its tendency to modiry strict fustice. As
general thing extrateritior
reegiality which we now
existize an evil ation for minorities.
In the last century the western power
attained Turkey, Persia, Siam, Japan and Coina. Japan
reformed its legal codes and judicial procedure
to the satisfaction of the west and was relieved of this concession in 1892. The Ottoman Empire
abolished extraterritoriality in 1914 and its act
was confirmed in the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne system guaranteeeing the rights of minorities.
In Siam extraterritoriality
died a natural death. upon entering World War I but the survival of
others continued to cause friction right up to 1941-modified latterally because China ha
other troubles. Originally the rights were de manded because certain provisions of the Chi
nese penal code were highly objectionable to
occidental nations. The United States, Britain and Japan promised as long ago as 1902 to re
linquish these rights when conditions in China
inarinted but as it turned out condition warranted-but as it turned out, condition's
never semed to warrant. It's true that China's
government always left. something to be desired in the way of responsibility; even Chian
Kai-shek's Nationalist government never tained full control though it was making rapid
progress before 1937 and now probably enjoys the adherence of all significant fractions outside
the Japan-dominated areas.
It has been the sincere intention of the relinquish extraterritoriality when China did but there's no denying that British and per-
haps American commercial interests would have opposed such a move in any normal times,
Vested interests, you know. Yes, this system doesigned to offsel certain evils, likewise came
to be But now China by certain other evils.
though the war has unified China it looks as
ther government will be stable after the Japanese are
driven out. So the way is clear for a definite
promise that such rights will not again be deThe immediate effect, obviously, is remov-
of a remaining irritation which has impeded fied in a war for survival. It holds out hope that moved. It is at any rate, a sign of improvemen
In international morality, limited for the present to the democracles. Of the state of morality
among the axis nations there is no need to Mrs. Grundy
Will Rogers was marooned in a remote S
berian village, so the story goes, by bad flyin veather. In the primitire hotel there was just
one other man who spoke Enelish-an Wnglish man. Well, you know how Wigill Rogers was. He
waltzed right up and said "hello." "Sir" came the respones, as frigid as the By the standards which were supposed to
prevail at that time, barely a decade ago, Will right. For all Mrong. Grundy will concede, those The bus was crowded; every seat occupied,
hich is the usual condition these days. Near the back sat two young men whose
The bus stopped near the gates of another on. They filled most of the standing room. cynical guess is wrong. They got up and asked
two of the young women to be seated. But were standing these two girls elected also to
 nentioned the names, successively, of three nates of the two men. They didn't know any they were it develos fring inasmuch as But the conversation weent or sight on and had spoken first and the one next to her, college classifications, in a general way their
home addresses, some of their ilikes and distikes.
you, it didn't go any farther-possibly because
of a silent disparity in ages for the young woa silent disparity in ages for the young wo wo is in "No ettiquette", you say Mrs. Grundy
could tell you differently, if she would. Mrs
Grundy knows every age has its own ettiquett Grundy knows every age has its own ettiquette.
But this younger college generation's ettiquett But this younger conege generation's ettiquett quette is based upon existing conditions. It's our guess that college students today know
from experience that other college students,
even from another even from another campus, won't bite them-
and won't "get them wrong" if they endulge in a bit of casual sociability. Twenty five years ago it was different ally missed something due to excessive caution Maybe the caution was necessary then. Who
knows? We're just reporting on a phase of

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