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## THE ANGLO-SAXON UNION.

This is the great subject now, for after dinner speeches, and for newspaper and magazine articles. It is hurled at us, ad nauseam. We all hope that war between the British Empire and the United States will never again occur. We go, further, and believe that it will not. But we are almost as anxious that war between any civilized nations will not again occur. War is out of place at the dawn of the twentieth century. Look at the present war between the United States and Spain. Do impartial minds conclude that the war was inevitable, and is anyone quite sure whether the oppression of the Cubans or the blowing up of the Maine was the leading cause of the war?

There is a very general opinion that Spain is a declining nation. More pronounced, is the opinion that she has made ducks and drakes of her colonies, and that as a colony raiser she is a dismal failure. People who would like to see naturally rich countries prosperous, believe that the United States would run Cuba on satisfactory lines, that Cuba under Uncle Sam would be a much more habitable place for decent people, than Cuba under young King Alfonso. If the United States can make the job of Cuba that England has made of Egypt, it will be a good thing for everybody, especially for the great mass of humanity who want to trade and live in peace, and have more use for the plough than for the sword.

Not a great deal is to be expected in the long run for this new Anglo-Saxon affection. It has been a good thing for the cartoonists, and for the extreme sentimentalists. Nor can we deny that more than this has been accomplished. The Behrings Sea Award, for instance, has been paid, and while the iron is hot, other difficulties between Canada and the United States showed a good prospect of being settled. But when the United States gets through with its war with Spain, we will not hear so much of this "one race" business. American papers are now pointing out that England has been guided by selfish motives in extending her sympathies to her "her long lost brother." One of the most influential and independent journals in New England has a long editorial on the subject, in which it very frankly attributes selfish motives to England, but it is kind enough to say that all nations are selfish, not even excluding the United States. How strange! We thought that selfishness was unknown from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian boundary. This same paper says that in reality the English royalty was in favour of Spain at the commencement of the war and was only held back from so expressing an opinion by reason of the selfish policy, which saw in the United States, the only possible ally among the great nations of the world, for England.

It is true that there was a good deal of sympathy for Spain in British lands. One reason is because Spain is the weak nation and the United States the strong. And it was generally felt that nothing had been proved against Spain to justify the American rust for war. Nor has anything happened since the war broke out to change this view. Might is with the United States, without the shadow of a doubt, but is it certain they have right on their side? Increased intimacy with the insurrectionist Cubans does not lead to increased admiration of them or their methods.

I deny not but that it is of the greatest concernment in the church and commonwealth to have a vigilant eye how books demean themselves as well as men; and therefore to confine, imprison, and do sharpest justice on them as malefactors; for books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them, to be as active as that soul whose progeny they are; nay, they do preserve, as in a viv, the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them. I know they are as lively and as vigorously productive as those fabulous dragon's teeth; and being sown up and down may chance to spring up armed men. And yet, on the other hand, unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book kills a reason itself—kills the image of God, as it were, in the eye. Many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life. We should be wary, therefore what persecution we raise against the living labours of public men, how spill that seasoned life of man, preserved and stored up in books.—Milton.

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## THE YOUNG IDEA.

It is Tested in a Kansas High School with Interesting Results.

We find in the Salina Republican an interesting report of a test made in the Salina high school with the purpose of discovering the inclinations and ambitions of the pupils, of whom 54 were girls and 28 boys, says the Kansas City Journal. Without any previous notice the pupils were required to answer the three following questions:

First—What calling in life would you like to follow, and why?

Second—Has your preference for life work changed? If so, what was your former choice and why did you change?

Third—Name five historical characters whom you admire, and mention one trait in each for which you admire the person.

The answers given to these questions reveal a boy and girl character in a very clear light, though perhaps not in harmony with preconceived impressions. Fourteen girls desired to become educators, while not one boy sought this vocation. Ten girls to one boy declared for the business of a musician, and six girls to three boys wanted to become book-keepers. Four girls wished to become stenographers, while this employment was rejected by every boy in the list. Four boys and one girl declared for the law, and six boys desired to become merchants. Only two boys expressed a preference for the railroad service, and none desired to become a policeman. Not a girl wished to become a doctor, and only one boy sought this profession. One boy said he had determined to become a politician, and just one girl out of the whole number expressed the desire to become a wife. In passing, it may be said that this young lady was charmingly frank in her answer. She said that earlier in life she had determined to become a teacher, but observing that nearly all the teachers became "cranky" and then drifted into the condition of old maids she decided to become a wife and have a family and home of her own.

More than half of the boys announced that they had changed their earlier plans of life, and gave as the reason that they could not command money enough to accomplish their ambitions. In naming the historical characters all of the boys, save one, named Lincoln, while all of the girls, save two, named Washington. For the most part the boys selected military celebrities, while the girls went into the realms of moral excellence and literature. Not a boy named a woman among his selections, while all of the girls named both men and woman. Queen Elizabeth and Jeanne d'Arc were the favorite women characters. One girl naively remarked that she liked Elizabeth because she did not tell everything she knew.

We have said that this test gave a clear insight to the desires and ambitions of these young people, but it is almost certain that this statement needs a little modification. It is not to be supposed that only one girl out of 54 was looking forward to matrimony. The truth is that this girl was a little franker than the rest. There is a delicate feeling of modesty in the organism of most girls that makes them refrain from talking of marriage. Vaguely they feel that a declaration of matrimonial purposes is almost equivalent to throwing themselves at the heads of the male sex, and they dislike to confess an ambition, which nevertheless is uppermost in the heart of every true woman, and every true man for that matter. In 10 years the vast majority of these girls will be willing to admit laughingly from the safe surroundings of their own firesides that they fibbed a little in placing matrimony behind their other yearnings.

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Around official Washington a story is told concerning an interview between Capt. Evans and Secretary Long of the navy after the Maine was blown up, asserts the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Naval officers—those who take the initiative—were inclined to believe that Admiral Sicard should have knocked at Morrow's door as soon as he could steam to Havana. Sicard was at Dry Tortugas with his squadron. He had two courses before him. One was to Key West, where he would find telegraphic communications with Washington. The other was to Havana, where there was also telegraphic communications, but perhaps more difficult to obtain. Sicard, flying the signal of inquiry, laid his course to Key West and asked for instructions. What they were is well enough known. There was a protest on the part of many officials—naval and military, as well as civilian Long and other cabinet chiefs heard the criticisms, and in a quiet way felt the pulses of the departments.

Capt. Evans, who was a member of the lighthouse board, was a caller at secretary Long's office.

"What do you think of Sicard's action?" asked the secretary, so the story goes. "I hear many criticize it."

"Well, he acted in the line of his duty," replied Evans, diplomatically. "But I think I know men who would have done otherwise."

"In what respect?"

"They would have headed their squadron for Havana, and reported to you that they had assumed control of affairs, pending an examination, and would hold the city to indemnify this country in case the inquiry fixed the responsibility for the damnable affair upon the Spanish government or authorities."

"Such a proceeding would have been high-handed and in violation of international law. The administration would have been very angry with Admiral Sicard and would have disciplined him severely if he had taken such action," objected Long.

"No doubt the administration would have been very angry, and doubtless also Sicard would have been severely disciplined," Capt. Evans is reported as saying. "But he would have been the next President."

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Industry, frugality, and discretion, the three foundations of economy, are moral qualities, and cannot be attained without moral discipline.—John Ruskin.

Pleasures pall, rest becomes wearisome; but duty faithfully performed crowns the hours with flowers and fills the air with fragrance and music.

Nobody talks much who does not say unwise things—as no person plays much without striking a false note sometimes.

Life is a battlefield, but through the thick-est of the fight we all manage to work in a few pie-cies.

"Tommy," said his mamma one day, slip upstairs quietly and see if papa is asleep. Tommy soon returned and said: "Yes, mama, he's all asleep but his nose."

Poeticus: "The trouble is, I never had a show." Cynicus: "What's the matter with the exhibition you're always making of yourself?"

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