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Far better than we thought,
When all the world we faced alone
And Cuba's freedom sought.
You've shown your hand as well befits
The glorious fighting race,
That in its zenith proudly sits
In honor's chiefest place.

And we have read the signs, John Bull,
And feel the sweeping tide
That makes the hearts of nations full,
While battling side by side.
There is a Providence that rules
In all affairs; it swells
Beyond the wisdom of the schools—
And then it's blood that tells.

And so, while England touches strings
With no uncertain sound,
The Yankee drops all meaner things
To meet on common ground,
Where Anglo-Saxon can attack
With "hands across the sea,"
And Stars and Stripes and Union Jack
Can make the whole world free.

The "thin red line" that never yields,
The "hearts of oak" that dare,
Could face the fire on any field,
If Yankees, too, were there;
Could dare a frenzied world in arms,
'Mid shot and bursting shells,
And answer Europe's wild alarms
With loud, triumphant yells.

Your hand, John Bull, your honest hand,
There'll nevermore be war
Between two nations that must stand
For righteousness and law;
Our differences have passed away,
The days we fight are done,
And John and Jonathan today
Behold the rising sun.

And soon the world will hear a song
In every plain and valley,
As resonant it rises strong,
While millions join the rally;
And Yankee Doodle will awake
Your English meadows green,
While Yankee tongues from sea to lake
Will sing "God Save the Queen."

The reported sudden moving from Jamaica to West Africa of the second battalion of the Leinster Regiment, the women being left behind, may have a serious meaning. White troops are not usually sent to the unhealthy coast, the colored regiments, native police and parties from the warships performing all ordinary military operations. It is only when something out of the way is expected that a white regiment is called on for duty. There is one thing much out of the way there now, but it has been hoped diplomacy would settle it. The movement of the troops may be meant to expedite diplomacy.

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STAGE GLINTS.

Charles Hoyt has returned to New York improved in health and will begin work soon upon several new plays he has in mind or partly under way.

Nancy McIntosh has quit Augustin Daly for a long rest and when she recovers her health will star in a musical comedy by her brother, Burr McIntosh.

William H. Crane has bought of A. E. Lancaster an original comedietta, presenting Mr. Crane in an entirely new character, entitled "His Last Appearance."

One Chicago critic notices in the first act of Clyde Fitch's "Nathan Hale"—the schoolroom scene—a close resemblance to the principal scene in Robertson's school.

Duse may come over next fall to act in D'Annunzio's play, "The Dead City," which seems to have made a profound impression in spite of a most repulsive subject.

When Alice Neilson starts out to star next season in "The Fortune Teller," her place as prima donna of the Bostonians will be taken by Helen Bertram, who held it once before.

Henry Miller has earned, by his acting in Mr. Ogilvie's study of character, the title part in "The Master," more of considerate praise than by anything he has hitherto accomplished.

Puccini, the composer of "Manon" and "La Boheme," has just signed a contract with Publisher Ricordi to write the music for a new opera, the title of which will be "Marie Antoinette."

Gladys Homfrey, one of the London "Geisha" girls, has just secured the American rights of Arthur Law's new play, "The Sea Flower," and will come to America next fall for a starring tour.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The well man often forgets the sick man's promises.

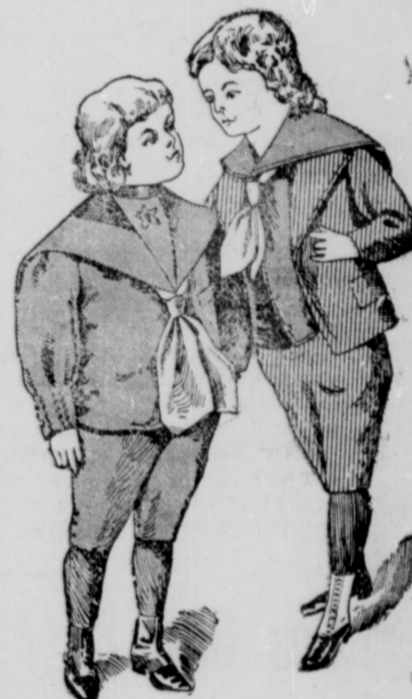
A man never realizes how insignificant he is until he attends his own wedding.

What the very young man doesn't know he thinks he knows, and it answers the same purpose.

An old bachelor says that a woman's change of mind is an example of an effect without a cause.—Chicago News

Mail and Empire: Pacand, the hero of the Bale des Chaleurs scandal, is going to enter the Quebec Legislature. This is a pity, he ought to go into the Commons. Mr Tarte is there, and it is a mistake to break the set.

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