

“How can man die better  
Than by facing fearful odds,  
For the ashes of his fathers  
And the temple of his gods.”

Casual observers are apt to see the points of difference between Englishmen and Americans, but the longer I live on this side of the Atlantic, the more I am impressed with the fact that practically England is America and America is England. As Judge Story told Lord Morpeth, it is English law which rules throughout the broad domains of the great republic. English names, English faces, English fashions, English customs, English manufactures, abound everywhere. Of all the Presidents, only one, Van Buren, had a name which was not English; and he made up for that by the possession of a character which would have made him the model of an old English squire. American progress reminds us of the gigantic strides that England has made in our own day; while American sluggishness—and there is plenty of that, too,—is quite in accordance with English traditions. England may criticise America, and America may criticise England; and that again reminds us of home. Did you never hear of the great dispute between Leeds and Bradford, as to whether the description ought to be “Leeds near Bradford,” or “Bradford near Leeds?” This was as hotly debated as were the Alabama claims. Did you never know that “Manchester men” and “Liverpool gentlemen” were anxious upon questions of precedence? Are you not aware that “the men of Kent” used to contest the supremacy of their county with the “Kentish men?” Thus England used to be divided by sentiment, but the men of Leeds and Bradford, of Manchester and Liverpool, and of Kent, were all Englishmen. So, my friends, it matters not in the future that we have minor differences, or whether America is stronger than England, or England than America—we are all Anglo-Saxons. The grandeur and glories of the imperial race to which we belong, will only gain in refulgence and power, now that the last bone of contention has been forever buried out of sight, and Anglo-Saxons—friends and brethren—stand shoulder to shoulder in the grand march of Christian civilization, and there shall be “peace on earth, good will towards man, and glory to God in the highest.”

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