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It will be seen that, in warning British American Constitution makers against the evils of Federalism as exemplified in the United States, the author has ventured to predict the early and complete failure of the Federal Constitution in that country. His predictions have been fully verified at an earlier period than even he had supposed. It will also be seen that the probable aggressions of the United States republic have been dwelt upon as a sufficient reason why, for defensive purposes alone, these Colonies should be consolidated. Some persons may suppose that the dissolution of that Republic,—and who is there outside of the Northern States who can doubt that it is irrevocably dissolved?—renders this argument now valueless. The writer does not think so. Before the severance of the Northern and Southern States, the well-known opposition of the latter to any further “annexation” of *non-slaveholding* territory furnished a partial guarantee that that Republic, as a whole, would not molest our British American soil. But we have no such guarantee now. When the Northern States come out of the present war, their ambition for territorial extension will unquestionably direct their desires towards British America more earnestly than they ever were before. If, on coming out of the struggle in which they are now engaged, those States do not find themselves too much enervated to attempt further active aggressions, there is a strong probability that, *without the Colonial Union now under consideration*, they will attempt conquests on their Northern frontier. There is no probability whatever that they could succeed in securing permanent possession of any part of the organized Colonies of British America. But the effort would necessitate a severe defensive struggle on the part of those Colonies; and it is to be feared that it would eventuate in the Yankee Republic