

despoiled Greece; while the aggressions of Germany, Russia and France are very pronounced in China, which, if not checked, must result in the dethronement of her commercial supremacy. South and East Africa, and the north-west borders of India are also sources of anxious concern. British statesmen, including the Prince of Wales, are very pronounced in their desires not only for arbitration, but for an alliance with the United States, which shall stand as a bulwark against all retrogressive influences, and this union of the Anglo-Saxon race is bound to come—it seems to me a manifest destiny; a leadership that is fit because it embraces the highest ideals to which humanity has yet attained. The United States has a problem at her very doors, and I am free to say that the time is fully ripe to say to Spain: Release your bloody grasp from the throat of the Queen of the Antilles, and let her go free; and when that shall have been accomplished, and the last vestige of Spanish domination swept from this hemisphere, Americans can then feel that their heroes of the ill-fated *Maine* have not died in vain.

England alone of all the powers has given us her unstinted sympathy in our present complications with Spain, and indications are strong, that a British fleet would be at our disposal if Spain should succeed in forming an alliance against us. (Cheers from the Canadians.) While we feel fully competent to acquit ourselves with honor as regards Spain, we are not unmindful of the possibility of serious complications and hostile alliances against us, and it is comforting to feel the British heart throb in unison with our own. I would disparage no nation, but I would invest with responsibility the two great English-speaking nations by a formal alliance, which I believe would hasten the time that humanity is praying for, when war shall be no more forever, and every man should sit under his own vine and fig tree, with none to molest or make him afraid.

John Bull and Brother Jonathan, may they ever stand shoulder to shoulder for international justice and righteousness, and for the promotion of life, liberty, and for the pursuit of happiness for all mankind. (Applause.)

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IN the warm days that are now before us, when a rubber glove cannot be worn with comfort while engaged in prosthetic work, an anointment of honey for the hands will subserve the same purpose. It holds the dirt in suspension and dissolves very quickly when immersed in water, leaving the hands soft and clean. Take clarified honey and rose water, of each one pint, listerine two ounces. Mix and bottle. For winter use, add two or three ounces of glycerine—*Dental Items in the Medical Brief.*