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and, with hand on the book of Holy Writ, solemnly avowing his determination to be true and faithful to the charge entrusted to him as the executive head of a nation of over seventy-five millions of people. While it may appear incongruous to apply the term "Sovereign" to the Chief Magistrate of a republic, we do so advisedly; for well we know how much of sovereign power is vested in the President of the United States, a power greater than that wielded by many crowned potentates.

It is due only to the exercise of sovereign power by Mr. Cleveland in refusing to endorse the action of the legislators regarding the rebellion in Cuba, that the United States are not at the present moment engaged in a fierce struggle with Spain; on the other hand, the same gentleman's use of sovereign power sixteen months

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two nations of the Anglo-Saxon race. Knowing by experience what vast power pertains to the presidential office, well may we term its possessor "Sovereign," and devoutly may we hope that the present Sovereign of the United States will use his tremendous power for the advancement of peace and the uplifting of humanity. He will soon have an opportunity of showing his colors, for largely on the influence he brings to bear on the majority in the Senate and in Congress, men of his own party, will depend the ultimate fate of the greatest treaty ever projected between two countries—the Anglo-American arbitration treaty—which for the time being has been reduced to a condition of utter



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uselessness by the addition of amendments, suggested apparently for no better reason than that the Republicans in the