

## AN ANGLO-AMERICAN BROTHERHOOD.\*

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Our closing argument for this alliance is from our material interests and possessions. Look at the enormous wealth of these peoples. The United States leads the nations with the stupendous amount of seventy-seven billions of dollars, an average of a thousand dollars for every man, woman, and child. Next comes the British Isles with sixty billions, an average of about two thousand dollars per head. She is the world's banker, and even the Church of Rome makes that Protestant country the guardian of her great fiscal resources. Every religious order in France, where the Dreyfus scandal is the outcome of Jesuit ethics, the whole gang of military rascals having been trained in Jesuit schools, and the whole plot, as demonstrated in a recent striking article in *The Contemporary*, being an anti-patriotic Jesuit conspiracy, has recently transferred all its available means to English banks.

The annual income of the British Empire is \$1,275,000,000; of the United States, \$335,000,000 Federal, and \$270,000,000 State, a total of \$625,000,000. These two nations control the world's communications. As the old Roman roads, that rayed out from the golden milestone in the Eternal City, were the great highways that facilitated the intercourse of the nations, so the railway trains, the ocean greyhounds, the light out-speeding telegraph, make the most distant lands accessible. Two-thirds of the world's merchant ships, one-half of the world's tele-

graph lines, and sixty per cent. of all the railways belong to the English-speaking people.

The total mileage of railways in France, Germany, and Russia is 79,500. The British Empire has 76,000 miles. The United States has 182,000 miles. The coast line of the United States is 8,000 miles. Of the British Empire, 54,000. The total of France, Germany, Russia, and all their possessions, is only 17,000 miles.

The coming power is electricity. If Emerson could say that steam is almost an Englishman, we can say that electricity is almost an American. Witness Morse with the electric telegraph, Cyrus W. Field with the submarine cable, Thomas A. Edison with his telephone, phonograph, and microphone. The English are by far the most inventive people of the Old World. Herbert Spencer says, "In mechanical appliances, the Americans are ahead of all nations." The Rev. Dr. Hall, whose recent death is mourned by all denominations, says one of his congregations assured him that the Yankees could make better "hens' eggs and cheaper than the hens themselves could lay."

Then look at the international trade. The total annual trade of the British Empire amounts to 60,000 millions of dollars. The annual trade of the United States to 1,900 millions of dollars. The total annual trade of France, Germany and Russia combined amounts to 8,000 millions of dollars. England buys from the United States as much as all the rest of the world, that is, her market is worth all the other

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