

desire war with Great Britain, because they think that in case of war, these possessions would become more speedily their prey. Their ex-President, Mr. Adams (thank Heaven, ex-Presidents are not prophets,) has declared in Congress, if there be a war, England will not retain one foot of land on the Continent of North America. Nay these British possessions have already been distributed : Canada and her sister Colonies have been parcelled out into six States, to be added to the north, in order to preserve the "balance of power," in the Union, and serve as a counterpoise to the recent accession to the Southern States. Such, it would seem, was the understanding upon which Texas was admitted into the Union. Oregon and the Canadas on the north, were to be set off against Texas and Mexico on the south. Has the world ever witnessed a spectacle of more astounding insolence and injustice? Nothing, it would seem, can arrest the mad career of this robber-nation, until one foot be planted upon the Isthmus of Panama, and the other upon the frozen regions of the North Pole. May we not then say, with truth, of the States, as Cassius did of Cæsar :

" They do bestride the narrow world
Like a collossus, and we petty men
Walk under their huge legs, and seek about
To find ourselves dishonorable graves."

Nor even then is their ambition appeased, one world, one continent, is not enough :

" Unus illi non sufficit orbis,
Æstuat infelix angusto limite mundi."

They spurn the petty limits of North America, and stretch out their arms, across the Ocean to grasp at Cuba also.