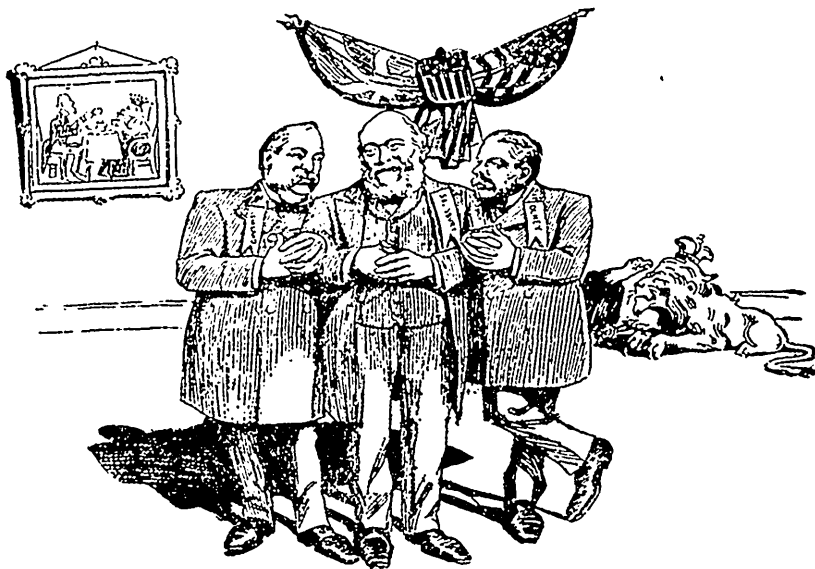


The World's Progress.



"The Dominant Flag of the Western Hemisphere" and "The Flag that has Braved a Thousand Years the Battle and the Breeze," lovingly intertwined, hereafter to be united in leading the march of civilization by the path of peace with honour. Resting their cause upon truth and justice they need fear no foe, but could defy the world in arms.

The above cartoon, from an American paper, expresses the general sentiment of the American press on the happy agreement to arbitrate the Venezuela dispute. It is to the credit of British forbearance and patience that President Cleveland's war message did not lead to a rupture of the peace. *Harper's Weekly*, one of the ablest papers in the Union, says: "Our own ill-mannered and causeless interference in this matter seems to have been overlooked and pardoned, and it may be, as we have said before, that good will come out of it all. . . . If the affair should end, as is also likely, in a general treaty of arbitration between this country and Great Britain, the ill-feeling and chagrin occasioned by Mr. Olney's diplomatic methods might be forgotten in the glory of his success."

In a subsequent number it adds: "We have made a pretty large claim to supervisory jurisdiction over other American States, and Great Britain has quickly, almost eagerly, admitted our most extravagant demand of rights on this hemisphere. But there cannot be rights of any kind that do not carry with them

equally important responsibilities. The right to protect or sustain a State is one thing; responsibility for the conduct of a State over which we have no control is quite another thing."

It is remarkable that some of the secular papers exhibit a clearer grasp of the moral significance of the triumph of peaceful arbitration than do some of the religious journals.

The *Scientific American* says: "Peace hath her victories as well as war," and no triumph of arms, however brilliant, could have shed the glory upon either nation which is cast upon them collectively in the hour of their mutual forbearance. The jealous care with which Great Britain guards the person and property of the meanest of her subjects is abundantly vindicated, and is allowed to extend itself to every subject who can justly lay claim to it in the present case. The abiding effect will be beneficial to both parties, and will lead, it is hoped, to "arbitration" as the only civilized method of settling the household quarrels of the two great branches of the one great race.