

brothers, from Canada downwards. While these changes have been taking place, it happens that England has been away for some time. The cause of this absence is, for our present purpose, unimportant: England has been engaged in a "foreign match"—playing a single at racquets, let us say—and even those who know least about it have now given up muttering "Pot-hunter" and "Walk-over," and cheering hoarsely for the other side. The point for us is that England has now come back, and has come back to a very different Europe from that of three years ago. The position of Captain of the School is no longer undisputed: the German boy is twice the weight he was; he has been using his brains; he has taken lessons in swimming and shooting; he is getting high marks for science and languages; he lets no day pass without proclaiming his intention to challenge the supremacy. Then there is the American, now grown out of all knowledge, and nearly a head taller than the cousin he used to look up to: he, too, is emulous, and would scorn to answer to his old name of "England Minor." His difficulty, like Wilhelm's, is that his manners are unpopular; but, like Wilhelm's, his ability and determination are most formidable. We have fallen into the habit of regarding this interesting relation as less of a rival than a "second string" in our own team; one whose victory can hardly be said to involve our own defeat. A much less pleasing reflection is that which is now forced upon us, that even if we and our younger brothers, or our American kinsmen, or all of us together, succeed in keeping the family name in its old place at the head of the list, it will not be, as things stand at present, with the willing assent of the rest; and yet it is that willing assent which we must desire and deserve before all things.

*The Superiority of the Anglo-Saxons:* how long ago it seems since M. Demolins argued so persuasively from that axiom. It must have been, in more than one sense, somewhere in the last century. The phrase was never a very happy one; the best that can be said for it is that it was "made in