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NOT BOUND TO ANNEX CUBA.

Talk about annexation of Cuba continues. The Cubans, or some of them, who are coming to Washington to work for trade reciprocity are said really, to have annexation in view as the ultimate aim of their efforts. And now there comes from Santiago de Cuba a report that General Wood, the Military Governor of the island, says that Cuba is destined eventually to be annexed to the United States, and that the United States will be morally bound to annex Cuba if asked to do so by that island. We are not prepared to believe that General Wood did say precisely that; but his alleged utterance is worthy of notice as indicating the mind of others and what they are ready to attribute to him.

In all these references annexation is, of course, understood to mean admission to State-hood in this Union. Regarding the proposition in that light, it is properly to be said, and to be said with all possible confidence and earnestness, that the United States is not and will not be "morally bound" to annex Cuba. There is not the slightest trace of moral compulsion to that end. On the contrary, if moral considerations and influences are involved at all, they operate in the direction, against the incorporation of Cuba into this Union.

It is a mistake to regard any territory as entitled by right to admission into the United States, unless there was some treaty stipulation to that effect. The clause in the constitution bearing upon the matter is permissive, not mandatory. "New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union." And if such be the case with contiguous territory, homogeneous in population with the existing States and long in possession of this Union, much more so is it with a detached and alien land which never has belonged to us. The theory that an outlying and alien country can as a matter of right force itself into this Union of self-governing States and make itself a constituent member of this nation is not for a moment tolerable. Neither can it be conceded that this nation is "morally bound" to let any such come in and participate in governing it.

Theodore Parker used to say that true democracy required a man to say not that he was as good as any one else, but that any one else was

other well-known writers (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.) as good as he. We shall do well to bear that principle in mind when considering annexation proposals. Admission of Cuba into this Union would mean not only that this nation was to govern Cuba, but also that Cuba was to take part in governing this nation. It would mean that Cuba would have a voice in making laws for New York and New England and the South and the West; and not only a voice, but, perhaps, in some close division, a deciding voice, so that in the greatest affairs this whole nation might be governed and its destiny be decided by Senators and Representatives from Cuba. That, we are convinced, is something the people of the United States will never permit and will never make possible.

No, this country is not and never will be bound, morally or legally, to admit any alien country to share in its sovereignty. It is no more to be subjected to civil invasion than to military invasion. The latter it would quickly and indignantly repel with force of arms. The former it may well guard inflexibly against with the force of an enlightened national sentiment, patriotically jealous for the preservation of our great birthright unimpaired.

WE WOULD remind the *Asp* that a syringe is an article totally indispensable for cleanliness. The Female pills advertised in the *Asp* promote crime and have a tendency to murder. We do not pretend to know to what paper the Freiburg correspondent to the *Tribune* alludes but we do know that if he refers to the *Post* it proves that advertisements in the *Post* are read while the *Asp* has been advertising a deadly and most obnoxious article for several months. To which paper does the correspondent refer? Take your choice.

LITERARY NOTES.

LADIE'S HOME JOURNAL.

A delightfully personal article, showing the new President as he rides and hunts and camps, will soon appear in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. The writer of the article has known him intimately, traveled thousands of miles with him, and seen him under conditions of the most varying nature. He will tell how the President fell trees on his own place, and splits wood; how he is training his children to love riding, swimming and walking, and living outdoors. It will be a close view of the Chief Executive in the life he most enjoy.

SCRIBNER'S.

The Christmas Number of Scribner's Magazine especially notable for charming fiction and novel and effective art features. The old-fashioned Christmas story does not prevail, but in its place has come the story of bright and

cheerful social phases, delicate sentiment, wit and humor. The best work of the best writers is used in these special numbers rather than Christmas tales written to order. In this number appear such authors as Thomas Nelson Page, F. Hopkinson Smith, William Henry Bishop and Author Casslett Smith.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS

In an article contributed to the December Review of Reviews under the title, "From Stead gives an interesting account of practically the first through railway journey across Asia and Europe made by a non-Russian traveler. He describes in some detail the new Manchurian connection of the Trans-Siberian Railway. The article is accompanied by a map and photographic views along the route. There is also a brief account of the famous Bagdad railway project of the German, with map and other illustrations. These two articles in the same magazine serve to emphasize the recent remarkable developments in Asiatic railroad building.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

The North American Review for December contains a vast amount of good reading pertinent to the interests of the hour. It opens with a notable symposium, comprising no less than seven articles, which is entitled "Some Questions for Congress." General Lew Wallace emphasizes the necessity for adopting some measure that will ensure the "Prevention of Presidential Assassinations." Senator J. C. Burrows insists upon "The Need of National Legislation Against Anarchism," detailing several unsuccessful attempts which have been made in that direction. Edgar Aldrich, United States District Judge of New Hampshire, shows that the federal government has the power to protect its own agents, and offers the draft of a bill, whose provisions would be adequate to the requirements of the existing situation. The Duke of Arcos, the Spanish Minister, advocates steps leading to an "International Control of Anarchists." Edwin F. Atkins warns the country that something must be done at once to avert "Cuba's Imminent Bankruptcy." Professor N. S. Shaler, of Harvard, writes of the advantages the country would derive from "The Proposed Appalachian Park."

OUTLOOK.

The Outlook's illustrated Annual Book Number is filled with reviews of the books of the season, portraits of notable authors, finely illustrated articles on literary topics. It has also the weekly review of current history, and the judicial editorial comment which are always the strongest features of this periodical. Among the contributors to this number are Edward Everett Hale, Augustine Birrell, Kate Douglas Wiggin, Hamilton W. Mabie, Frank R. Stockton, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, and many

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There is a very marked difference in qualities and shades of black dress goods generally, of which you are made painfully aware when the cheap black dress turns rusty, and its quality is no more. We have studied the black dress question, and experience tells us that seekers of quality will and do appreciate the splendid assortment of black dress goods which this store is now showing. We have black goods of quality, and you are not asked to pay a single penny more than for many of the cheaper sorts. Our dress goods department is brim full of bargains. We want you to become better acquainted with them. We invite careful inspection.

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Dark Pedestrian—And the last thing poor John did was to kiss me. Fair Cyclist—Ah! and then he died, I suppose?—Ally Sloper.

In Good Shape. Roberts—Have you heard anything about Thompson's affairs since the failure? When does he expect to resume?

Peters—Just as soon as the creditors become reconciled to the fact that they won't get a cent.—Harlem Life.

No Faith in Prayer. "The cashier informed me," said the president, "that he was strongly tempted to skip with the funds, but that he locked himself up with them, prayed over them all night and finally overcame the temptation."

"I know it," said the chief director. "I had a detective at his door, one at each window and one on the roof while he was praying."—Atlanta Constitution.

From Another Point of View. "Why," they asked, "do you marry her?" "It is due entirely," he replied, "to consideration for my creditors."

"But," they persisted, "is not the girl entitled to just a little consideration?" "This, however, was entering upon an ethical question that an impoverished nobleman could not be expected to fully grasp.—Chicago Post.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

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Mrs. Jonesmith—Why doesn't he discharge her at once, or when her present month expires?

Mrs. Upton—Oh, he wants to put it off five or six weeks. He's only just begun taking the nerve tonic.—Judge.

Too Much to Expect. Farmer Swackhammer—I lost my wife yesterday. Farmer Pildecker—Not Dead? Swackhammer—Naw! Run away with a lightnin' rod peddler!

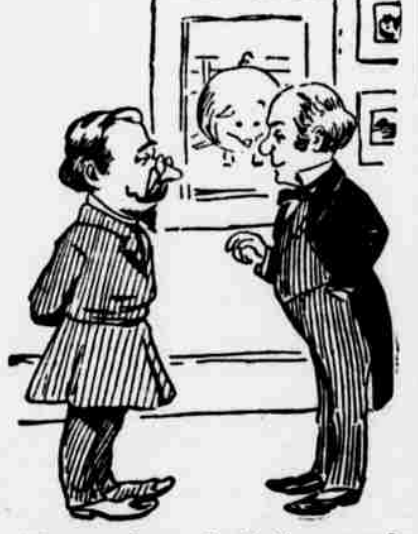
"Wall, Josh, I offer ye my sympathy! I'm mighty sorry for ye." "Yes; I never did have any luck a-losin' things. Why! I lost a yaller dog 14 times before he stayed lost."—San Francisco Bulletin.

The Score. I've lost her! Well—no matter! But I will not sit and sigh—For, taking all things, pro and con, She has lost as much as I.—Puck.

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HOW HE MADE HIS MONEY.



"You say he made all his money by the pen. Is he a poet?" "No; he's a pork packer."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Signatures. "Be sure you're right," exclaimed the confident philosopher, "and then go ahead!" "Be sure you're right," protested the married man, "and then get down on your knees and ask to be forgiven!"—Puck.

Yellowish. The Visitor—Of course you know nothing of yellow journalism, up here. The Villager—Wal, the ed'ter of the Banner he now'n agin puts in items upside down so's tew make folks read 'em. I reckon they's sawter buff like, ain't it?—Detroit Free Press.

As He Sized Him Up. "Caroline," said Mr. Graynes, leading operator on 'change, "I wish that young prig of a Spoonamore would quit coming here."

"Why, Lorenzo," protested Mrs. Graynes, "I think he's one of the most correct and amiable young men of all our acquaintance."

"He may be long on manners," growled Lorenzo, "but he's devilish short on brains."—Chicago Tribune.