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WHETHER ARE WE DROPTING?

Thoughtful men of our country are anxiously asking, "watchman, tell us of the night. What its signs of promise are?" The echoes from peace jubilees still ring among our hills while rumors of another war fill the air.

COL. WARREN, who went to Cuba to make investigation and report on sanitary conditions, estimated that it would require \$10,000,000 to clean up Havana, to say nothing of the rest of the country.

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AN electrical contrivance has been invented for the killing of bed bugs. Let the good work proceed.

"How the world wags," is the subject of Polk Miller's new lecture. He ought to know all about it.

MR. BRYAN wants to know how President of the United States and Emperor of the Philippines would sound?

CONFEDERATE CAMPS, without exception, so far as we recall, oppose any asking of government aid for the boys who "wore the gray."

CRICKET against the policy of the Democratic party in no wise weakens its chances for success in a national fight.

IGNORANCE should be restrained from doing harm to the government, but what can be done to muzzle the average single-standard advocate who, whether he intends it or not deals hurtful blows at the highest good of the every-day folks of the land?

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CYRUS HALL McCOMBICK, the inventor of the reaper, was born in Virginia. And by the way the French Academy of Sciences said of him "he had done more for the cause of agriculture than any man living."

HOBSON'S account of the sinking of the Merrimack, as given in Century, is well written. If you wish to know something of heroic daring as well as the value of description, you should by all means read it.

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