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It is better to have failed in a great undertaking than never to have made the attempt.

When a rich man suddenly becomes poor, or a poor man suddenly becomes rich, his true character crops out.

Don't expect to get something for nothing. Value for value is the only honest rule in business, politics or morals.

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From a letter of Thomas Bayard, minister to Germany, to Hon. Thos. F. Bayard, Wilmington, Del., we learn that Germany and Great Britain are now in a commercial alliance to fight the United States. This is a simple, but very effective way of settling the tariff question. If we can induce the Sandwich Islanders to come over and take a hand in the game, we will be able to beat the world. Let us have peace.

The plan of a commercial alliance between Germany and Great Britain to fight the United States would be admirable except that Germany and Great Britain would then each want another alliance with somebody else to fight Germany and Great Britain respectively. An alliance between Germany and the United States to fight Great Britain, or between the United States and Great Britain to fight Germany would likewise be a good thing if each party to the alliance could be assured that somebody else would come along and help it whip the other party.

On the march toward Shiloh, young color-sergeant noticed that Gen. William Nelson always muttered to himself when he passed the flag. One day, as this happened, his adjutant supposed from all appearances, and called out, "I did not understand general!" The reply came like a shot: "I said, God bless the flag!" "Amen!" cried both the sergeant and the adjutant. "Amen!" repeated the thousands of veterans of the civil war who during the recent encampment in Chicago, marched, solid, battered, lame, loyal—down the banner-hung Avenue of Fame. Not for self-praise, but for the honor and glory of the flag were they there. Not for self-praise, but for the honor and glory of the flag were they there. Not for self-praise, but for the honor and glory of the flag were they there