

We do not have to expend enormous sums, build huge armies, to hold the Philippines. Our flag over a territory—if other nations know we are not fooling, and will back it up—has greater effectiveness than cannon.

“No nation,” says High Commissioner McNutt, “would think of attacking the Philippines while the American flag flies over them, even if there wasn’t a rifle in the islands!”

The simple act of annexation would insure the safety of the islands. We had disputes with foreign nations about Hawaii until we annexed it; that ended that. We could divide the Philippines into several units, with consideration for racial problems, and take them into the Union as states; this would multiply the disinclinations to tamper with them—*W. B. Courtney, condensed from Collier’s.*

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### CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

A MAN was charged with shooting a number of pigeons, the property of a farmer. Counsel for the defense tried to frighten the farmer.

“Now,” he remarked, “are you prepared to swear that this man shot your pigeons?”

“I didn’t say he did shoot ’em,” was the reply. “I said I suspected him of doing it.”

“Ah! Now we are coming to it. What made you suspect this man?”

“Well, firstly, I caught him on my land with a gun. Secondly, I heard a gun go off and saw some pigeons fall. Thirdly, I found four of my pigeons in his pocket—and I don’t think them birds flew in there and committed suicide.”—*Kablegram.*