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☞ Our carrier on the route comprised between Canal and St. Louis streets, being suddenly taken sick, those of our subscribers who may not have received this morning's issue, are requested to send to the office for their copies.

WHY WE SHOULD BE NEUTRAL.

We have been more than once chided by the ardent advocates of the Anglo-French alliance, because we do not appear distressingly anxious for the discomfiture of Russia, and are content to remain in an attitude of calm and cool neutrality. We have heretofore taken some pains to show why the American people occupy a position of seeming paradox in this matter, and have pointed out at some length the reasons which induce them to withhold their sympathies from the Allied powers, and especially Great Britain. Our principal argument—the unvarying tone of hostility evinced towards us by Great Britain—has been combatted. It has been said that the English press does not represent the English nation; that the London *Times* no more speaks for the sentiments of Great Britain, than does the New York *Herald* those of America; that we should pay no attention to the occasional indiscreet outbursts of the news papers, and that at heart the subjects of Queen VICTORIA entertain the strongest feelings of regard and friendship for their transatlantic cousins. This mode of reasoning will hardly satisfy thinking minds. The press of England is free. It is the grand exponent of public opinion. If flogs at America, if covert menaces, or direct vituperation did not find an echo in the public heart, they would soon cease. The conductors of the British press understand quite as well as we do here, how to cater for popularity, and how to minister to the predominant taste. Articles well spiced with sneers and sarcasms against America are relished in England, and are doubly mischievous in that they gratify evil and pernicious prejudices, and tend to keep alive an unfriendly animosity.

But if the public press of England really exaggerates or misrepresents the sentiments of the British people, it will hardly be contended that the grave Quarterlies which render the periodical literature of Great Britain the richest and noblest in the world, which discuss the gravest questions in political science, which never speak lightly and heedlessly, and which are the vehicles for the thoughts of the finest minds in the nation—it will not be contended, we say, that these Reviews and Magazines deliberately distort, magnify or pervert the opinions of the people. Now, Blackwood, and the North British Review, and other Quarterlies repeat in a less vulgar and offensive form the language of the *Times* and *Morning Chronicle*. Here are two brief passages taken almost at random, which will establish our assertion beyond a peradventure:

[From the North British Review.]

Our foes have had a forewarning with what sort of a people they will have to deal; and the transatlantic cousins will find a trifle less insolent and overbearing, when they find that the fleet which summers in the Baltic, can without cost or effort, winter in the Gulf of Mexico.

[From Blackwood's Magazine.]

England and France together are strong enough to bind nearly all the world over to keep the peace; but