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A satire of the Spanish-American War of 1898

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Spanish-American Fireworks. Uncle Sam (to Europeans Powers) - "Gentlemen, this pin-wheel will conclude this entertainment."

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Uncle Sam as showman, playing to an audience of figures representing European countries sitting on the bleachers. Behind him two displays marked 'Philippines' and 'Santiago de Cuba' have already burnt out, but a catherine wheel marked 'Blanco's Army' is still flaring. Pinned in its centre is a dummy of Ramón Blanco, the governor of Cuba. In the bleachers the audience is turning to glare at John Bull, the only one enjoying the spectacle. This satire was published in 'Judge', a Republican satirical magazine published between 1881 and 1947. It was drawn by Eugene Zimmerman (1862-1935), who worked for the magazine from 1885 until he retired in 1912.

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