



A satire of the Spanish-American War of 1898

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He's a Corker.

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Uncle Sam uses crouching figures of US naval officers to cork bottles containing Spanish ships. On the right is Admiral George Dewey, whose Asiatic Squadron sank or captured the entire Spanish Pacific Squadron at the Battle of Manila on May 1st, with the loss of one American life. On the left is William T. Sampson who, with Winfield Scott Schley, destroyed every Spanish ship in Santiago de Cuba Harbour on the 3rd July. In the centre Sam is about to cork a bottle marked 'Cadiz' with Commodore John Crittenden Watson who, having fought at Santiago, would have been sent to Spain if hostilities had not ended in August. This satire was published in 'Judge', a Republican satirical magazine published between 1881 and 1947. It was drawn by Grant E. Hamilton (1862-1926), a political cartoonist and the magazine's art editor for twenty years.

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