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 "EASTERN QUESTION,"—TURKEY, and the transit  
 for the commerce of Asia, between the Mediterranean and  
 the Persian Gulf.

All America should not be less concerned with the  
 "WESTERN QUESTION,"—MEXICO, and the transit of our  
 great Isthmus, for the commerce of the Western Hemi-  
 sphere, between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

English statesmen have called British India, with its  
 vast commercial interests, the 'jewel pendent' of Asia.  
 Mexico is the 'jewel bracelet' of the New World. To  
 understand this, it is necessary to consider the double con-  
 tinent, North and South, the great connecting Isthmus,  
 and the mutual relations of the three.

If there had been no Continent for Columbus to dis-  
 cover, there would have been, from Spain westward to  
 Japan, one vast, unbroken waste of waters, covering more