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To some folks this annual stock taking in conscience and intellectuality is not encouraging. Many a man who began the year with high resolves to improve himself in the grace of thought and purpose ends it with his schemes of advancement unfinished. The health of mankind consists in its general ambition to be better; its weakness arises from the common tendency to place too much confidence in the strength of the individual and to underestimate the countless temptations that are inevitable to everybody. Every fresh cycle of existence should be approached with the caution of a soldier in a hostile country; with a prudence that foresees and is prepared for the pitfalls and hindrances which oppose invasion. The lack of these precautions in the past has its influence to abate our resolution in the present, and the disappointments of yesterday must lessen the enthusiasm that faces the tasks of to-morrow. Yet it is apparent to every one who considers the matter thoughtfully that the fault was not in his stars, but in himself. A great number of people begin the year with such ambitious moral intellectual purpose that in order to carry out the self imposed schemes of improvement a radical change in the tendencies of nature must be effected. We cannot all be admirable Crichtons except on the last day of the year.

Therefore in adding up the ledger of the year it is unwise for any one to be wholly discouraged by the small total of profit. Nobody has a business balance of sufficient prosperity to make him satisfied, and certainly no one of proper ambition is content with his advancement into symmetry of character. Yet it is this almost universal absence of self satisfaction that enables us to begin a new era with resolutions to do better by ourselves and our neighbors. Such a wish is practicable. During the coming twelvemonth we may not achieve eminence in the qualities that are most envied. But it is in the power of every man to make the world richer, in some degree, because he has lived in it. At this period of general repentance over past errors and resolves of reformation for the future it is well not to attempt too much. Christmas week is a good time to begin healthful changes in the mind. By entering into full sympathy with the cheerfulness and charity of the day a man's resolution is strengthened for new virtues on the morrow, and at the end of the week he may, by this gradual system of development, be ready to commence the year with an unalterable purpose to give a good account of his use of its opportunities.

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The Chicago Times, by all odds the strongest Democratic paper in the west, has a Washington correspondent who daily strips the hide off the mostodious form of Mr. Cleveland. Speaking of some of his recent appointments this correspondent says:

Wayne MacVeagh is named ambassador to Italy. MacVeagh is a Republican—always and always will be. He was one of Garfield's cabinet. He is a lawyer. He is elegantly eastern in all of his belongings. His intelligence is afflicted with a consumptive cough and a hectic flush glows on his delicate cheeks. His politics go in overshoes and muffler, and never handles anything without first putting on its kid gloves. He was never a Democrat nor in sympathy with Democrats. He never drank a cupful of water from the Democratic spring. He never labored a moment in the party vineyard. His whole life has been spent in efforts to defeat Democracy. His whole future will be devoted to contriving its overthrow.

Why does Cleveland name him for private personal reasons of his own? Because in a spirit of narrow apostacy and personal enmity directed against the party's nominee MacVeagh turned traitor to his party standard and wrote a letter devoting his one puny vote to Cleveland. His reward for this tremendous treason and little service is the Italian mission. Democracy is robbed to pay the personal debts of its dictator. The party is outraged and insulted and the Greshams and MacVeaghs are named.

The Democracy is made to stand without its temple, while mugwumpery is given the high places in the synagogue. The harpeis of Republicanism, the Greshams and MacVeaghs are allowed to pollute the solemn feasts of the Democracy.

It is hard to make the far-away intelligence comprehend the character and sort of this dictator of ours. There is a haze of distance and the halo which seems to go with the White House. Take the veriest clod of the common place, make a president of it and presto, its apotheosis begins. So it is with Cleveland. Look at the Democracy of a year ago. It swept the country. It was healthy, ruddy, eupeptic, full of hope. It believed in Cleveland and elected him and he has betrayed his trust. He accepted the nomination on a silver platform, in a silver letter. He has since dishonored the platform and shown his letter to be false. He has murdered silver in the midst of its friends. He was elected to reform the tariff. He cares nothing for the tariff, and has exhibited not the slightest interest in the bill just framed, except as far as placing coal on the free list, and a tariff on wool pulp and the preservation of a $10,000,000 cash bounty on sugar redounded to the money-making advantage of the American Investment company and the Havemeyer Sugar trust, in both of which bandit organizations he himself has a personal, principal, pecuniary interest.

That is true, every word of it. Every Democrat of the ways and means committee, and one of them is Havemeyer's paid attorney, knows this is true. Wilson knows it. Bynum, Tarsney, Whiting, Montgomery, Turner, McMillin, Breckinridge, Bryan, they all know it. And especially does Burke Cockran, of all men, know it. And there isn't any five of them who can be brought to or dare sign a card which asserts that Carlisle and Lamont, and Cleveland and Whitney, and others of the Wall street White House ring have not for weeks and months, as late, indeed, as last week, labored and lobbied with them to provoke a report on these same items of coal, wood pulp, lime, carbolic acid, and sugar, not to say steel rails and iron ore, which would put disreputable money into their disreputable purses.

I have no personal interest in these people or these charges. Personally—praise be to some benignant spirit—my acquaintance with Cleveland goes no further than the merest introduction. I am a Democrat too, and have a natural partisan interest in his defense. But what's the use? I know what I set forth here to be true. And the ways and means Democrats know it also. Privately they'll tell you so. Publicly they'll skulk, and sprawl, and hide in the grass. If it is not so, where and how did Cleveland, a poor prey to poverty but eight short years ago, manage to become the multi-millionaire he is today? I tell you, Democrats, your White House today is nothing but an intrigue, managed by a back-stairs cabinet from New York City, and your president who deceived you in your convention and in your campaign, and who has added outrage to insult and deception ever since you installed him: I tell you your Cleveland is an empiric and a political quack. He belongs to no school and is simply the Cagliostro of American politics.

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1862. Universal suffrage established in Greece by act of congress.

1863. The national banking system established by congress; superseded by national bank act of 1864.

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1865. Diet of Frankfort. Action of Prussia condemned; Austro-Prussian war.

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1865. The thirteenth amendment to the United States Constitution adopted.

1865. The Diet of the Confederation celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.

1866. The Diet of the Germanic Confederation held its last sitting.

1867. Meeting of North German Parliament; 295 deputies from twenty-two States.

1867. New legislative reform measures carried through Parliament by Disraeli.

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1868. Vote by proxy in the House of Lords abolished by specific action.

1868. The fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution adopted.

1870. France declared a republic, with a constituent Assembly.

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1871. German Parliament proclaimed the empire, with William I. German Emperor.

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