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It is a long while, since we have bid our readers a happy new year, with such wellfounded estistaction at the history of the year just passed, and such confident anticipations of good fortune in the year to come as we greet them with to-day. The last twelve months have been a period of trouble throughout the world, but out of the troub'e has come peace, and through much tribulation mankind has made lorg strides in the way of progress. Pierce battles in Europe have resulted, we may hope, in that national unity for the sake of which Itali and Germany have suffered and struggled so long. Conservative England has been aroused to a sense that equal rights and justice cannot long be Genied to any class of men in that

Frequencies and the second sec Irelaud has failed to conquer by revolution she may attain in part when England, terrified by gathering troubles at home and abroad, is com-pelled to adopt a policy of justice and gene-rosity.

In Mexico, republican principles have received In Mexico, republican principles have received a cheering vinderion, and almost in the very day when petty kingships and feudal principali-ties were toppling to their ruin in the Old World, the daring attempt of European sovereigns to impose an empire upon unwilling subjects was being signally discomfited in the New. In South America, also, liberty comes out of long wars with redoubled strength and lastre. The whole world seems to have studied the lessons of our contest, and taken fresh heart, and given new promise of the future.

if we look at home, we have surely every reason for gratitude and hope. The echoes of the late combat are still reverberating; but order is gradually coming out of the turmoil; policies are skaping themselves; issues are rowing cleater; men of good heart are less and less perplexed to know the right from the wrong, and the people are learning to distinmore carefully their true friends from their false, the guides who would lead them to permanent peace and prosperity from the guides who would lead them to destruction. The firm stand which the people's representa-The nrm stand which the people's representa-tives have taken in the people of the right, and the entinsiasm with which the people have applauded and sustained them; the irmness with which Congress is now following up the path which it traced out last year; the passing of the Civil Rights bill and the District of Columbia Suffrage ball; the resolute inquiry into the New Orleans massacre, and similar wrongs-all these things afford us certainly abundant food for satisfaction. And in matters of a more material kind, the progress made during the year has been no less marked and gratifying.

The great enterprise, so long deferred, so often defeated, of bringing two continents into instantaneous communication with each other, has at last been perfected; and another enterprise-that of laying an iaon rall across the whole of our broad continent-an euterprise which twenty years ago would have been, like an Atlantic telegraph, thought a wild chimera, is rapidly advancing towards completion. The year 1866 has seen the railway laborer digging up the great plains of Kansas and Nebraska, sacred only yesterday to the Indian and the buf-falo, and its close hears the whistle of the locomolive on the summit of the Sierra Nevada. And just as we are about to bid farewell to this year, news comes to us across the great submarine wire that America, having again vindicated her reputation for daring and enthusiastic adventure by sending three yachts on a race across the stormy ocean, has shown also the superiority of her naval constructors by beating with these little salling vessels the great steamers of England's favorite passenger line. So, proud of what we have done, confident of

The approximents of the foremost power to lay in The approxed provinces are distati-tacy are the last remnants of liberty. their former masters had left them, vice lackseded over them. Taxes are increased, commercial ventures are shaping, employment is scarce, wages low, confidence desiroyed, and all manner of business is, to use an expressivo phrase, consumptive. The pollucal situation of Europe is anything but encouraging; difficulties of a most important

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but encouraging; difficulties of a most important character rise up in the East; Bussa is arming, concentrating her troops; Turkey I in agony-internal convulsions and external dangers menace her at every point. Austrian preparing herself to be ready at any moment toucht-who knows whom? Her own subjects, ce Prussia, or Russia, or the Turks? Russia is on be lookout, sitting, as it were, ou the watch towr of opser-vation, prepared at all times to trn affairs to her advantage. The decrepit codition of Austra; the growing dissatisfaction of her numerous and incongruous nationalities; the daubions situation of things near th mouth of numerons and incontruous indicates; the dubions situation of things near the mouth of the Danubos the quarrels of the Greek Chris-tians with their Mussulman rulers, at to speak of the grand extension of Russian power in Asia-all these press heavily upon he public mind of Europe.

Then there is Spain, with a revolution at her door. The last of the Bourbons, o the race which never learned and never forgotanything, is tottering on her throne. "Let the body be lost, if only the soul be saved," Queen Isabella is reported to have answered to remoastrances of members of her own family, thus indicating her purpose to persevere in the course she has aconted

And there is Italy, with the still unsolved question of the temporal power of the Papacy. And not only this—brigandage throughout the provinces of Naples and on the island of Sicily a depreciated currency and a constantly recur-ring necessity for new loans. Enthusiasm for a newly created nationality is all very well, a.d. it goes some ways, but it pays not in the end. The proposed mariages of Italian Princes with enormously rich beiresses will not mend the matter. The proplect large must be brought to a sober recognition of their affairs. France herself is all in a hubbub. Silk manu-

facture not only but many other industrial pursuits are at a low chine The people begin to grumble. The Mexican expedition is a failure, and the presige of the Emperor, as a man of sagacity and discernment, is on the wane. And when the French grumble, that's the half-way

station to revolutiou. Now, if the ruling monarchs of Europe were to have sense enough to fully comprehend the present situation, they could find no better opportunity than the usual New Year's gratulations, of which we have spoken, to illay all apprehensions and satisfy, for a time at least, all the wishes of their people. Were they to speak words of honest truth to the Ambasadors of the different nations presenting theselves, doubt and uncertainty would vanish. But to expect that of them would be valu.

The Adjourned Questions of the Old Year. From the World.

There is a turn of phrase which we have seen attributed to Cicero-although the conceit it conveys seems somewhat finical for so respectable a source-to the effect that, on the decease of a certain person, the gods did not so much take away his life as make him a present of death. The spirit of this remark is pertirent to the year that has just closed. It is a year which has shirked its proper burdens. It is a year of tasks not completed and expectations unfulfiled. The laying of the Atlantic cable, and the Prisslan war must, indeed, be excepted; for these are consummated achievements which must always make a brilliant figure in history. with these exceptions, the problems of the lat year are passed over to the present.

The dignitaries and citizens who paid their re-spects to President Johnson yesterday could more appropriately express hope than tender more appropriately express hope than tenden congratulation. He ought to have been felicitated this New Year's day, on the complete restora-tion of the Union, and the removal of every root of bitterness between the alienated sec-tions of our country. The fault is not his; but the failure is none the less deplorable. Con-gress has left undone the things which it ought to have done and the whole country. to have done, and the whole country has cause to mourn over a year worse than misspent. And, unfortunately, there is slender reason to hope that the settlement so mischievously adjourned that the settlement so mischievously adjourned will grace the year on which we are entering. The business interests of the country have been as criminally neglected and postponed as its political. We are still in an era of in-flated currency, high orices, and rulined navi-gation. So far from any effectial reduction of the currency, there is a strong clamor, to which Congress is disposed to listen, for its enlargement by authorizing further issues by the national banks. Instead of fostering our blighted industries, we are faxing them out the national banks. Instead of tostering our blighted industries, we are faxing them out of existence. We ought to be the first nation on the globe in commerce and naviga tion; but instead of aiming anew at this supremacy, we are transferring the business of shipbuilding to our rivals, and resigning to them the profits of the carrying trade. Another great branch of our national industry— the growing of cotton—languishes also under imposed burdens, and instead of our old crop of four million bales, we have raised the past year Another great branch of our national industry— the growing of cotton—languishes also under imposed burdens, and instead of our old crop of four million bales, we have raised the past year only about one million and a hull. Wise legis-lation would at once, on the close of the war, have removed obstacles to the recuperation of the two great pursuits in which our natural adventages enable us to dery all competition. The earnings of navigation, and the export of a full cotion errop would remder the country so inancially strong in reference to other nations that the currency question would be releved of is chief difficulties. Unfortunately, we have no solid ground to expect anything better the next year than has taken place in the past. To be anything better the country so indicating to other parts of North A beries, we like wise ind questions adjourned instead of re-solut achieved. On the South, Mexicoi is not indication of the British Provinces still hangs in doubt. But the prospect of a solution in both the other side of the Atlantic the new position of the Pope is an adjourned question, or which this year will probably witness the trops, and the change which must thence for how in the sides of the papexy, marks the com-position of a great cycle in the altern you the transment. The withdrawal of the French toops, and the change which must thence for how in the side of our own count?. On the other side of the anishing a soon of which this year will probably witness the trops, and the change which has yet ap-proper the fourteen celuries will, as soon which this year will probably dimest the to any dividuation. The venerable hierarchy of the catholic Church will bereafter rest upon the purely spiritual foundation on which it was organized fourteen celuries will, as soon be the pending questions with the Halian overnment are soluted, stand merely as a peared of the supremacy of organized moral informations in each other's Herature, was the present forms. The wind interest of Christian hations in each other's Hera which field planted and watered. If the Holy Eather we some higher than the proudest kings, the paped hrone, and all the offices of the hier-archy web open to Christians of the humblest birth. This was tostered, in the boson of the Church, these ideas of democratic equality which haveburst their protecting huak, and are the seminal principle of the world's fitted politics. The Church, as the foster-motien of religion, has et a great career: but as de pro-tectress of civilization, the arbitrer bar en con-tending sovereans, the bond of mity between Christian nations, she yields, her place to daughters who new their first furthment from

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may perhaps reach their goal some time dural, the opening year. Without particularizing further, we may per-haps be justified in considering the past year as, in the main, a year in which great questions have been agitated but not solved. It has been in the throes of parturition, but has not had strength to bring forth. A part of the mighty, offspring with which the period is treming will probably find birth in the present year, which, if we date errs from their completion rather probably find birth in the present year, which, if we date errs from their completion, rather than from the activity of their producing causes, may prove one of the most algual in history. If (which is hardly to be expected) our Union should be restored; if the British Provinces should be restored; if the British Provinces should be restored; if the future status of the Pope should be passed; if the feature status of the Pope should be passed; if the Featan diffi-culties about be settled—these consummations would mark the coming year as one of the most would mark the coming year as one of the most truttful in recent times.

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what we are going to do, thankful for the past, resolute for the future, let us all wish each other a HappyNew Year.

The Secret Mission to Mexico. From the Herald.

It is stated that the steamer Don is to replace the Gettysburg, which, like so many other Mexican ventures, has got stuck in the mud, and that General Grant is to go out in her. We hope that he will have better success than his brother soldier Sherman. If he really wants to find the Mexican President, and is not instructed merely to make a show of hunting him up, nothing is easier. He has only to take as guide our correspondent, who paid Juarez a visit the other day, and who had the advantage of hearing from his own lips a statement of his position.

This, let us incidentally observe, is a good one, for it repels the idea of further interference on the part of any foreign Government, and even on that of the United States. If the Liberal party can adhere to u, may will be doing well for themselves and the country. We have but one one objection to their programme, and that is the Tehauntepec job. We think they have made a mistake in that little matter, and the sconer they rectify it the better.

It is a curious affair, this whole business of hunting up Juarez. It would seem as if those entrusted with the task were doing their best not to accomplish it. When Sherman and Campbell undertook it, we sent out in the same vessel with them a sharp long-nosed correspond-ent whom we could have backed to ferret out. anything. As soon as Sherman discovered who he was he put him on shore at Vera Cruz, and as a matter of course, lost his way. If he really wanted to find Juarez, he did a very toolish thing in discarding so serviceable

a cicerone. He would have conducted him straight to the marble halls in which Juarez and his beauties were dancing the egchucha as it was never before danced, even in Fanny Ell-ler's time. We don't know but that the exhiler's time. We don't know out that the expense bition would have amply repaid all the expense and fatigue of the journey.

Europe-The Political Oracle on the Opening Year.

From the Times.

On New-Year's day every year it is customary in Europe, as well as at Washington, for the representatives of foreign powers to present the "compliments of the season" to the head of the nation to which they are accredited. These gentlemen are in the habit-or rather it is their prescribed rule -to say something very commonplace, and they are generally replied to in the same fashion. The present Emperor of the French, however, made one remarkable exception.

On the 1st of January, 1859, as every one romembers, he overstepped even the furthest limits of conventional and diplomatic courtesy, limits of conventional and dislomatic courtesy, and told the Austrian Ambassador that, although the relations of France with Austria were not such as he desired, yet M. Von Hueb-ner might be pleased to assure his Imperial Master that the personal relations of the two Emperors would not change. A panic on the Paris Exchange came at once; a panic do the Paris Exchange came at once; a panic throughout Europe followed the omi-nous New Year greeting, and the Italian war was the consequence. We televe that some simi-iar oracular expression from some of the sove-regars of Europe, hinting at their intentions, is

