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every great atruggle in human society. Re-
bellons, wars, revolutions, are bat the explosion of forcen that have long been gathoring
and awaiting the fiting occailon for the mani-and awaiting the fiting ocoanion tor the mani-
fentation of their strevgth. The avalanohe that
tomera down the mountain side, sweeping thinders down the mountain side, sweeping
all hefore it, is no casual or chance ocourrence.
and The elements have long been preparing for
event. The snow, the rain, the sunshing,
froot, and the ever-active force of gravity, ha frost, and the ever-active forve of gravity, hav
contributed each its quota, perhaps through a long series of years, towards the final, tremen-
dous catastrophe- of which the footfall of the
pasing traveller or the echo of a mountain pasing traveller or the echo of a mountain
sogng may lave proved the immediate ocoasion.
So of a great convolefion in human soclety So of a great convblsion in human soclety,
like the Frevh Revolution or the Slave.
holders' Revellion in our own country. These events are but the oonsummation, the dffoneue-
ment, of canses long in operation, and all tending towards the final result.
True statesmanship consists in a True statesmanship consists in a compre
hension of the philosophy of ideas, and fit
praotioal akill in directing the course of legispraotioal akill in directing the course of legis-
lation in accordance with ctose immantable
laws of jastioe and right whifh are the foundation of all true human progress. All el
is political quackery and charlatunism. The great war through which this country
has just pased, iovolving directly and indi
rectly the loss of not leas than a milliono
Iives and five thousand milloois of dollurs hnd been waging in this country from th
Deolaration of Independence own to th
fring apon Fort Sumter. Those simple souls Who suppose that this great strugle wa
cansed by what they are pleased to oall a fey
"fanatica" on either side, the "abolitionists" and the "fire-eaters," are to be pitied on
account of their tgnorance. They are the
chilldren of that cold anoevent man"" who
thonght that the baildiog of Tenterden Steeple numerous, and will never be extinet until the
logioal faoulty shall be more fully developed
smong the masses of men. The fundamental ides of the Amerioan poll-
tioal system, as enunciated in the Deolaration men in the natural endowment of essential
human rights. This idea, though widely per-
meating the oody politio and giviug cearracter
to what we call our "free institutions," and
sitimet stimulating the pation to the wonderial pro
gress it has mate in many direotions, has
nevertheless, never yet found fall and com
plete realization amonget us. There has been exactly opposite idea that there is so suoh
thing as human equality, and that what are
called "trighta" are mere privilgeses, granted
or withheld at the arbitrary election of those Who may be in the posiession of power. Thi
confliot is by no means distinotively American
It is the grand conflict which divides the lotism and demoeracy. Oar civil war wa country. It ought to havese done so, but it did
not. It did strike down one of the ehie
citadela of oligarchical power, the Americitadela of oilgarchical power, the Amerr-
can system of chatitel slavery; but it
has not yet reealized the ffll measure
of viotory in the complete establishment of equal rights. Arlatooracy still tights despe
rately to anve something from its terible over
throw. It has lose strives. to hola on to to its ancient monopoly political pover. It would defraud the popular
causo of half its victory. It seeks to build up
an oligarohy in exih of the late Rebel States, an oligarohy in ewhh of the late Rebel states,
and thus to lay the foundatiou for another
sppeal in the fature to the arbitrament of physppeal in the fature to the arbitrament of phy-
sioal fore. It would fortif itself onoe more
with the tremendoas power which our system with the tremendous power which our system
gives to States in the Union, and thas
panoplied, seek a more favorable ocoasion to strike at the nation's lifo. They who deem
the "loat cause" of the Southern Confederacy to be fanally abandowed have forgotten the obeervers of passing eveats. Says one of the Ing year makes the 'lost cause' more sacred to
the lovers of liberty, dearer to the hearts of thote who were faithful to it from its finception
to its temporary fall." Says another, antiof-
pating the accession of the so-oallod Demo cratio party
Virg iwis ahall hive her own agains and all
theese crashed Southera States shall rise from
the dast and repuill shiedds," practical question for Amerioan states mavehip now to settle, iswhether, by the crea-
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great war of deas between repubtionism and
aristooraoy, whit h has already oont aristooraoy, whi h has already cost us so
much in blood and trensure, and shall hy the foundation for a more terrible war in the
fature, with ite new holooansts of human lives, and its new loads of taxation and debt:
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