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The Swiss surgeon who demonstrated that one could live without a stomach, has opened up a new field of operation in anatomical science.

The emperor of China attributes much of his trouble to the coming eclipse. Perhaps that's what's the matter with Mayor Bailey.

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1897. From the Troy Times.

Further American point of view the year 1897 has been marked by no revolutionizing occurrences. In its political happenings it was decidedly dull, as contrasted with its immediate predecessor. It witnessed, however, a change of national administration, the good results of which are plainly discernible. The single political event which stands out before all others was the enactment of a new tariff law, thus reversing the tariff policy which had been maintained by the government for three years previous.

During the year Europe has witnessed the first war to be fought within its borders in two decades. The defeat and the flight of the Greeks by their ancient enemy, the Turks, were of more than passing interest, as the consequences of that brief and bitter struggle promise to be far reaching. A new old year passes out the quarrelsome European powers are again aligning for what may prove a belligerent but is more likely to be an inspiring cause. England, which has been the champion of the South, this time the theatre of their altercation is in the far East, but as in the case of former collisions jealousy and greed are the inspiring causes. England, which always has some war, large or small, on her hands, has this year been kept busy by a native uprising in northern India, the further advance of the Spanish expedition in upper Egypt and more or less alarming quarrels with France and the Boers in Africa. Spain has brought the insurrection in the Philippines to an end, but is still fighting in Cuba without any brighter prospect of a termination of the war than was visible a year ago.

In the casualties occurring on land and sea the experience of 1897 has been very much the same as that of former years. Misadventures have been numerous, and great loss of life has been caused by cyclones, hurricanes and earthquakes and the fire fiend has been unusually busy. The destruction of the Paris charity bazaar in May last, but there have been numerous others almost as horrifying.

The neoclassical record includes the names of many distinguished men and women whom the world can ill afford to lose. Among those who had acquired fame in the political arena who have passed away since the beginning of the year may be mentioned former Senator Daniel W. Voorhes and Congressman William S. Holman, of Indiana; Congressman Seth L. Milliken, of Maine; General Francis A. Walker, William P. St. John, General John Cleveland Binning, former Senators Joseph N. Dolph, of Oregon; Angus Cameron, of Wisconsin; Richard Coke, of Texas; James R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin; John R. McPherson, of New Jersey; Charles W. Jones, of Florida; Thomas James Robertson, of South Carolina; Algernon Sidney Paddock, of Minnesota, and N. P. Dixon, of Rhode Island; Senators Joseph H. Earle, of South Carolina; Isham G. Harris, of Tennessee; and James Z. George, of Mississippi; former Lieutenant Governor Charles G. Alvord, of Oregon; and Earl of Castle, of Spain; Count Mutsu, of Japan, and former Premier de Bartlet, of Belgium. Royalty has lost the dowager empress of Japan, the Countess of Montpensier, Prince Louis William August, of Baden; the Duke d'Annam, of France; the Duke Frederick William, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin; the Duke of Teck. From the world of letters have been taken Joel T. Headley, 'The Duchess,' Professor Henry Drummond, Mrs. Gessner, Mrs. L. M. L. Banks, Mrs. Olinthant, Jean Ingelow, Francis Turner Palgrave and Alphonse Daudet. Among those who were distinguished in the art world are mentioned Johannes Graham, Homer Dodge Martin, Edmund Charles Yon, William T. Best, Max Maretzek, Francis Louis Francis, Sir Eyre Crowe, Miss and Sir John Gilbert, while of the distinguished journalists there were Charles Anderson Dana, of the New York Sun; Frank McLean, of the Philadelphia Times, and Charles H. Andrews, of the New York Herald. The Troy Times itself met with the saddest of bereavements in the death of its honored founder, editor and proprietor, John M. Francis, the state lawyer, Nelson Wheatcroft, Mm. Arnold-Plessey, Alice Linard, Marie Seebach and Thomas Wiffen, while George B. Roberts, Theodore A. Havemeyer, Barney Barnato, Henry W. Sage and George M. Pullman were removed from the ranks of those who had achieved notable success in business and finance.

While much has occurred during the year 1897 that has been harmful, progress has not been interrupted and the world is not better, it is at least more capable. If the new year on the threshold does not well the human family will be the gainer.

UNSELFISH LOVE. From the New York Sun. The superiority of the tumultuous youthful passion of the daughters to the calm and mature judgment of the parents is the chief theme of the stock novel. It is a fact, however, that the only love which approaches unselfishness is the parental love. The desire of a man who wants possession of the object of his affection is purely selfish and predatory by the side of it.

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