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## OUR RETROVE!

"If There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Before another issue of this paper comes into your hands, the New Year will have come. May we thank every man, woman and child reader of the NEWS for their co-operation of the year past and wish the readers and advertisers, the happiest of New Years. It is the co-operation of the readers and advertisers that has made possible the NEWS.

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## RETROSPECTIVE—PROSPECTIVE.

It has been a great year and as we look over it, there is much to be thankful for. What wonderful achievements have been accomplished, records have been broken and the year will go down in the pages of memory as one of the greatest. Perhaps the greatest achievement was the discovery of the North Pole (?) By who? Well you settle that.

Have you time to enter into the question of Cook and Peary. Then those great men of the air, record after record was established. Many were killed, and yet at the price of human life there was advances made along the line of air sailing. Yes, and it will go down as at this writing one aviator went up as lost in the fog, and has not been found. The headline of the papers say he perished. Two words read between the lines of hopes, fears, successes and failures that must have been in his thought and you have an epitome of all the stories ever told of any men in any clime.

Then the sailing of the Mauretania in twelve days on the round trip, across the seas and return. The records for fires in the great cities was equalled, (not one great fire for there have been greater) but fires in numbers of cities. The last in Chicago and Philadelphia.

The attempt of Wellman to sail over the ocean in his dirigible. All of these, and others that will come to your mind while you are reading.

The great political changes, how they aroused us, and the "world do move" and we are still on earth, peering away.

But the future, what is the prospect. Well, that depends on which way your thoughts turn. The country is going on to greater things, men are going to achieve more of the seemingly impossible, greater strides will be made in the flying machines. Excuse me, biplanes, monoplanes, and the other technical names.

Will the south pole be uncovered, and then will the travelers, like Alexander of old sigh because there are no more worlds to conquer? But politics, that's the world of action that will arouse the think wheels in many minds. What is the prospect. Were you disappointed? Did you read the message of the President? If you did, and if you kept in touch with the usual backing and filling, first one day the message given to the press, then after a time condensed, and the fact is that the press published more than the house heard read, for as usual the President made some eleventh hour changes. That message lacked backbone. Lacked the initiative, lacked the clarion call to arms, that the rank and file of the party were looking for after that memorable eight day of November. If anyone ever told you that the President was of a judicial turn of mind, and that's what they kept telling us long down the months of his seeking, FORGET IT.

Well, politically for the Republican party, at least, there is a prospect of a sigh, WRIT LARGE, being placed somewhere near the White House, or perhaps it would be better to put it on the apex of Washington monument LEADER WANTED, for a party that ONCE DID THINGS, but now is waiting like Dickens, Micawber, for something to turn up.

The prospect is, and we are neither prophets or the sons of prophets, that unless some leader show his head above the horizon during the days, it will be a cold time for the Republican, and there will be the standing outside the doors, for some office holders, kicking to keep warm.

If you are not in harmony with the above, you will be if you will take a retrospective look over the past two years and your prospect will, we are sure, be no different than ours.

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## DO NOT BE A QUITTER.

In the lobby of the United States Senate, a group of politicians, not long ago were discussing the qualifications of certain men as candidates for the Presidential nomination. It so happened that some of them were pledged to advocate the interests of a mutual friend. One of these said, "I have changed my mind as to the eligibility of Mr. and am inclined to we had better drop him. A moment's silence; and then another member of the group said simply, "GOD ALMIGHTY HATES A QUITTER."

That may seem a strong statement but, there is a world of truth in it, and that statement is one that it might be well to think over these days, the closing days of 1910. Men hate a quitter whether God does or not, and the facts are evident that the fellow that wants to win must not be a quitter.

Now you are taking count of your life these days, if you are not you ought to. It's a good time to find out where you are, as a citizen and more than all else as a man. Hark back, its only a step, 65 days more or less. You recall some of those resolutions you made to make the most of yourself. Got along fine for a time, didn't you? Thought you were coming up to your ideal and then you woke up one morning and found out that you had fallen. No, broken that resolution didn't mean so much to others, but meant a heap to you.

Then got discouraged, didn't you? Own up! Been doing some thinking these days. Want to be better, sorry you didn't win last year. Now what? Saying to yourself, no resolutions this year, what's the use, only will break them. All discouraged. But you are the fellow whose ears we want and we want you to hear it good and loud, DON'T BE A QUITTER.

Get after the thing you want for yourself and try it again. It may be from some little habit. You will have it come without anyone suggesting what it is and don't sit down in the dumps. Put your back against the wall and fight. DON'T BE A QUITTER.

It is written that on the night before the execution of Sir Walter Raleigh he, sitting in his cell, contemplating the morrow with a candle burning low beside him. Its light grew dimmer and dimmer until it was reduced to a mere glow in the charred wick. In the glimmer he wrote these words: "Towards may fear to die, but courage stout, Rather than live in snuff, would be put out."

That's the kind of spirit that makes men dare. See the analogy? The days of 1910 are passing. Each one means nearer the end of the chapter. Lights going out, what are you going to do? Quit? No sir. Resolve and if you will resolve something along the lines that follow.

Resolve to make your home better with all the true home spirit, where there is rest not only for yourself but for everybody that crosses your threshold.

Resolve:—To make Andover a better place to live in. Failure, no! Get all you thought Andover should have gotten the last year. No. But DON'T BE A QUITTER.

Resolve:—To make your manhood or womanhood the best you know how and then? Some more. Well you have it. If you want the biggest, best, happiest year you ever knew DON'T BE A QUITTER.

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Do we take time during the busy and bustle of the holiday season to review our work of the year and see where we have made mistakes, jotting them down in our memory as to be avoided in the future? That boy would never have become a perfect workman if he did not avoid the mistakes of yesterday. We must never make the same mistake twice, and in order to guard against doing so, we must look back and find the mistakes we have made.

Delight and pathos are inextricably mingled with the thought of New Year's day. It is only a conventional point of time; any other would do as well. Every day closes an old year and begins a new one, but for all we cannot help thinking that this day which is agreed upon throughout Christendom for the beginning of a new year, is somehow unique. The pathos comes from the review of the past, and from the sense that another notch has been cut for us on the stick of time.

The pessimist delights in derision of the good resolutions which mark the celebration of New Year in the minds of many people. Shame upon the man or woman who would dull the bright ambitions and desires for the better of any human being! But there is little time to give to habitual mourners and augurs of evil. The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned, and the man or woman who resolves to be happy in a healthful, unselfish way, is taking the first road toward happiness.

A new year is here. It is a time for invoice. Business men take an invoice of their stock. Wouldn't it be business for you to take one of yourself. Life, each life, is a business. Have you used the talents that have been given you so as to gain other talents. Is there any prospect of your being placed over ten cities of five cities or one city? Have you declared any dividends in the way of loving and helping others, and have you added anything to the capital stock of your character? These are pertinent questions that press us all for an answer.

If the old year has brought sorrow and desolation and hung crape on our doors, the new year will bring us the leaves of healing, and we are glad to part with the one and welcome the other. If, on the contrary, the old year has brought us only joy and comfort, we part from him sorrowfully, but meet his successor with the ardent hope, that he, too, comes with blessing. The sober jollity of New Year's day is always of an impressive nature. It is like standing for one brief moment on the threshold between time and eternity. Here is the world we know—yonder the world that is new and untried.

If you find it so difficult to keep your New Year's resolutions, perhaps it would be a good idea to make a few bad ones this time, for a chance. For instance, you might resolve to be cross to your wife (if you have one) every day during the year, and then give her gentle words and loving kisses instead. You can thus be consistent with your past record, and possibly be a better man when another year rolls around.

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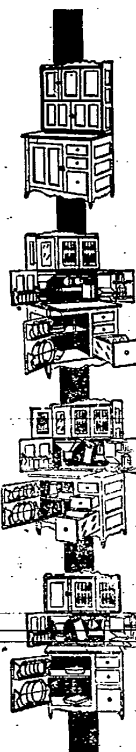
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