

too ready to throw him overboard, both for the sake of popularity, and in order that it might get the appointment into its hands. Aristocracy, besides the sins which can directly be laid to its door, is answerable indirectly for a number of unfounded alarms. We cannot help fearing, however, that there is something besides the apprehension of aristocracy at work, and that the evil game of party politics, of which the offices are the stakes, is taking a fatal hold upon the popular mind. Be that as it may, the people will have to make their choice. They cannot have at once a colossal bribery fund and a pure government. If the latter course is chosen the only effective measure will be a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the dismissal of public servants except for cause. Statutes forbidding the levying of political assessments upon office-holders are mere child's play.

—It is impossible for any one but a citizen of the United States to take an interest in the making of slates for the Cabinet, which at present is the chief political occupation of our neighbours; more especially as the question in each case seems mainly to turn, not on the merits or opinions of the candidate, but upon the place of his residence, it being regarded as essential that all the quarters of the compass shall be duly represented in the Administration. What chief of industry, wishing to form an efficient staff, would allow himself to be swayed in the slightest degree by the consideration which is permitted to prevail in selecting the servants of the nation?

—In the meantime, it seems that the maker of the Cabinet himself has been in some jeopardy, and the Union has run a risk of being once more presided over by an Accidency instead of an Excellency, with, perhaps, the same bad results as on the last occasion. General Garfield was reported to be sick: a few days afterwards we were told that he was better, "the number of his visitors having decreased." This, in appearance a petty, is, in reality, a serious evil. No man can be a statesman who does not think; no man can think without time for think