

## THE CLOSING YEAR.

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8. The Atlantic cable is broken in New York harbor by the expiring of a yacht.

9. News of the conclusion of peace between India and Afghanistan.

10. The United States Senate passes the Legislative Appropriation bill, with the Democratic political amendment.

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13. Senatorial elections in France result in a great victory for the Republicans.

14. Reassembling of Congress.

15. The American Cheyenne Indians by the military at Fort Robinson, Neb.

16. Colliery fire in Wales; sixty miners lost.

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