

### The Radical Dilemma.

It is some consolation for honest people to know that sooner or later the sins of wilful misgovernment recoil with a double power upon the heads of their authors. Violations of law and of justice are like the Australian boomerangs which, flung into the air, returns to wound the hand that sent the weapon on its errand of mischief. When a Radical Congress passed the Tenure-of-Office act, which transformed the President of the United States into a personage of less political importance than one of his own, the whole Radical party approved and applauded the deed, as eminently wise, benevolent and patriotic. In vain did the Democracy point out the palpable unconstitutionality of the measure, and the disastrous consequences which were sure to follow the establishing of such an unnecessary and dangerous precedent. The voice of a helpless minority was drowned in the shouts of the triumphant mob, and as the legislative fathers were riveted about the limbs of the Executive, fools and fanatics cheered the miserable device to the very echo, and thought they had astonished the world with a feat of wonderful statesmanship.

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Within the last three months a change has come over the spirit of their dreams, and the vicious seed so lately planted is beginning to bear its legitimate fruit. General Grant is at once entering the Presidential chair. He and his particular friends naturally desire him to assume the reins of government untrammelled, but there upon the statute book stands this Tenure-of-Office act, ready to drop over his devoted head like a huge extinguisher, and consign him to the same nemesis as his unfortunate predecessor.

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