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MYSTIFICATION ON THE WANE.

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ONE thing the agitation for the Recall, including the judiciary, has done that nothing can undo, not even the move in Congress for changing the terms of judges. That thing is the revelation of the fact that the Age of Mystifications is rapidly passing away.

Within the last twenty years utterances like these could often be run up against in sober articles:—"The sanctity of the Courts is the Nation's Palladium"; or, "Respect for the Courts is the sheet-anchor of the Nation's stability." Of course, by "Nation" was always meant the pockets of the capitalist class; by "sanctity" and "respect" nothing else was in mind than indiscriminating subservience; and the expressions conveyed their utterers' abiding confidence in the perpetuity of Mystification, which to promote some very owlish phrases were frequently set afloat.

Almost like a bolt from a clear sky came the demand for the Recall—the recall, not of minor officers only, but of nothing less sacrosanct in the pagoda of the bourgeois than the Judges. As if by magic the gowns, with which the very peccable judiciary anatomies were covered, seemed rent; almost immediately the mummery of the judicial cap flew into the air; and into very thin air, so thin that nothing is any more seen of it, vanished the propositions to "wig" our judges, and thereby "add dignity to their appearance." No gowns, no caps, no wigs, no incantations staved. Facts, more potent than Fiction, crowded from all sides upon the popular mind, and "humanized" the Judge.

It is so in many other respects. Altho' people innumerable may still believe that "the sun do move"; altho' multitudes are of the opinion that "Darwin has been refuted"; altho' not a few will say with dancing eyes: "Marx has been confuted";—in short, altho' numbers still fondly cling to mysticism and are mystified to their hearts' content, these numbers are cyphers. Tho' a drag, no doubt, upon Progress,

the dupers and the dupes of Mystification have ceased to “count.” They retard Progress: they no longer can block it.

Mystification is far on the wane.

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