

“Reaction” (1898)

Abstract

Thomas Theodor Heine's (1867-1948) cartoon “Reaction” appeared on the cover of the satirical journal *Simplicissimus* in January 1898. Set during a New Year's celebration, it mocks the culture of the German aristocracy. A nobleman orders his courtiers to make time “go backwards” – a critique of the reactionary outlook of many aristocrats, who felt threatened by popular participation in politics and saw their privileges waning.

Source



Source: Thomas Theodor Heine, “Reaction,” *Simplicissimus* no. 40, January 1898, cover page.
http://www.simplicissimus.info/uploads/tx_lombkswjournaldb/pdf/1/02/02_40.pdf

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