

THE MODE OF FIGHTING IN CUBA.—An eye-witness of the Cuban revolution, who has lately arrived in New York, says that the war is carried on more as a guerrilla war than by regular operations. Whenever a force of Spanish troops appears anywhere, the Cubans scatter from its front, and seek, by ambuscading behind trees and in the thick woods, to annoy the troops and diminish their numbers. The great object among the insurgents in these encounters is to get hold of the musket and knapsack of every one they can wound or kill. In this they will run extraordinary risks, three or four running out from the bush at every Spaniard who falls. The Spanish troops generally behave well in these ambuscade encounters, and whenever forced to halt or form during their march, they roundly abuse their unseen foes, styling them cowards, and calling upon them to come out of their hiding places and show themselves.

The feeling among the Spaniards is very bitter indeed. They formed almost entirely the trading population of the country, and every cross-road and country-village was occupied with their shops. These are now abandoned wherever the insurgents have appeared and their owners have withdrawn to points held by the troops. Thus the country is bare of goods. At first a lenient policy towards the prisoners prevailed, but the Spanish volunteers have now become so violent that they shoot nearly all they capture, calling them leaders. No regular civil government exists in the districts held by the insurgents, and no formal attempt has yet been made to organize one.