

SPAIN HEDGING ON CUBA.—Some time ago the Spanish government wanted to divert the attention of the Spanish people from some of the little games about the crown, and it found a convenient pretext in an American proposition relating to Cuba. It called upon the people in the name of the national honor to rebuke us by their indignant declaration against our proposal. That answered the purpose very well; but now the Spanish government begins to feel that it manufactured a little too much popular indignation against our proposal. It would like to consider that proposal, but the indignation aforesaid is in the way. So now it is manufacturing the other view, and the Spanish press holds that as the rebellion is nearly put down the national honor can no longer be compromised by a sale of the Ever Faithful Isle. It does not make much difference to us if they prefer it that way, and when we buy the island we should certainly prefer it with the rebellion "put down."