

Two Queer Points in Washington.

In Washington they are just now stirring up very thoroughly the affairs of Cuba and of St. Domingo, and with unexpected results. The enemies of Cuba have been shrieking frightfully over the story that Cuba was seeking recognition by corrupt means—that she was ready to buy her way through Congress. It was in such a fact to damage the prospects of Cuba. But upon inquiry—upon following up the charge to its point of origin—it was found to begin with the creatures of Spain. Spain herself, in fact, was putting down money to make public opinion—just what was charged against Cuba. This being true, sentiment at once turns against Spain, and the blow that was expected to seriously injure the Cubans really reacts in their favor to a wonderful extent. Sympathy is with a people that is so fearfully lied about. Somewhat the same thing happens in the case of St. Domingo. Somebody trumps up a genius named Hatch, who, like George Francis Train, has “sweltered in a bastille,” and it is charged that government officers have connived at his incarceration lest the dreadful Hatch should come home and kill the treaty for the purchase of St. Domingo. Over the case of Hatch, therefore, is shrieked a fresh opposition to the treaty. Presently Hatch appears in his true light—the tide turns—and the treaty is commended to popular honesty by the acts of its enemies.