

**CUBA—A FAIR OPENING FOR INDEPENDENCE.**—Captain General De Rodas has just returned to Havana, and the campaign against the Cubans may fairly be considered as at an end, for the present, at least. Looking at the late campaign from an unprejudiced standpoint we cannot help coming to the conclusion that while the Spaniards have accomplished little with well equipped and well disciplined soldiers, the Cubans, lacking these, have been able not only to hold their own, but to gain a little. Lately the Cubans in the Eastern Department have been active. So much so, in fact, that more troops have been asked for by the Spanish generals. Where the reinforcements asked for are to come from it is difficult to say. It is out of the question to think that in the present state of affairs in Europe Spain can forward them. Now is the time for the Cubans to hit hard and hit often. They have a chance which they should not lose. Spain's difficulties at home may prove Cuba's opportunity to win her freedom.