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Secretary Fish Paltering with  
the Cubans.

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A SUIT AGAINST BOUTWELL.

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Employes of the Treasury Department  
Suing for Their Twenty Per Cent.

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Speculation Among the Na-  
tional Banks.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 14, 1869.

**Vacillating Course of Secretary Fish Toward  
the Cuban Revolutionists.**

It appears now that Secretary Fish has been acting towards the Cubans to some extent after the manner in which the witches did towards Macbeth keeping the word or promise to the ear and breaking it to the hope. When the Cubans approached him on the question of recognizing them as belligerents he said they must first get a capital, a fixed place for their government. They afterwards went to him and said they had complied with his request, and again urged recognition. Fish told them that the capital was very well, but they must get a constitution. Eager to comply with every reasonable requirement, a constitution was drawn up and adopted, and in due time Mr. Fish was informed of the fact. "That is very good," said Mr. Fish; "but you must get possession of some of the ports of Cuba and build some ships." The *Hornet* or Cuba was purchased and put to sea as a compliance with the last part of the request, and with a view of acquiescing in due time in the second. Now Mr. Fish complains that the Cubans are violating the neutrality laws. The Cubans begin to think that Mr. Fish is not in earnest and that he wants them to make brick without straw; in other words, when they have driven the Spaniards from the island of Cuba and achieved their independence he will probably recognize them. Some of them are doubtful, however, whether he will not even then require that they shall first go over and subjugate Spain before they are recognized by the United States.