

**STRIKING AT THE SUPPLIES.**—The destruction of the whole sugar cane crop by the Cubans may prove a terrible blow to Spain. What Cuba stands for in the Spanish monarchy is a mine. She is a source of immense wealth, and the revenue drawn from the island has long been the only vital spot in Spanish finance. Spain has now in the first year of the rebellion a deficit, and if in another year Cuba stands in the returns opposite a vast army expenditure, with no equivalent revenue from the crops, the revolution in Spain may fail through actual financial collapse. No revolution can defy finance save one that has its origin and impulse directly from the people, as the French revolution had. This in Spain is not of that character. Cespedes, therefore, in the destruction of the cane crops, in making Cuba a desert, has it in his power to strike at Spain a more terrible blow than the Spaniards deem possible.

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