

THE DOGS OF WAR.

Spain After the Yankees and Those Gunboats—A Hostile Squadron Discovered by the Cuban Junta En Route for New York.

Ever since the flag of Castile was first introduced to the winds of the Mediterranean it has been a cardinal principle of Spanish honor not to be whipped by an inferior force if there was any possibility of strengthening her adversaries when their triumph seemed inevitable. According to Cuban accounts this characteristic is about to have a striking illustration in our own waters, and before our very eyes. The Cuban Junta is in possession of a private letter written by a prominent member of the Madrid government, which states that Spain, realizing her inability to hold Cuba, is determined not to let the world be a witness to her weakness in yielding to an insurrection, and therefore is about to send a formidable squadron to the United States with a peremptory demand for the Spanish gunboats, believing that Jonathan will not surrender them, but at once "get his back up," hurrah for Cuba, and give Spain an excuse to gracefully submit to unavoidable circumstances.

The Junta has another letter in proof of this. It comes direct from the lair of the Cuban Captain General, and must therefore be correct. A Cuban patriot sends to the Junta from Havana, by the steamer City of Mexico, which arrived day before yesterday, a long communication, giving the same information, heard by him from the lips of a Spanish brigadier in the palace of the Captain General the day before the steamer left Havana. Here is corroboration of the strongest kind, and the indications are that the oystermen along the Jersey shore will be soon and suddenly swept from the sea by a Spanish fleet. A protracted war is not expected, however, as the HERALD steam yacht off Sandy Hook will promptly give notice of the ravages of the Castilian squadron and afford our government an opportunity to assume an attitude befitting the occasion and the particular wishes of Spain before the delicate matter shall have been complicated by diplomatic correspondence.