

## A Case of Spanish Insolence in Cuba.

In Saturday's HERALD we published the details of the arrest and subsequent expulsion from Cuba of an ex-correspondent of the HERALD. The communication detailing the treatment to which the gentleman was subjected plainly shows the high-handed measures adopted by the Spanish officials to bolster up their waning cause in the Ever Faithful Isle. Without sufficient reason, and acting under the belief that Mr. Koppers was the author of some letters which appeared in the HERALD, he was arrested on the eve of a public holiday and kept in solitary confinement for two days, and denied even the privilege of making known his situation to either the American or English consuls. Here we have an evidence of the beauties of Spanish rule in Cuba. No sense of justice, right or decency seems to be possessed by these insolent Spaniards. The slightest independence, if that independence is contrary to their views, is considered a crime in its possessor and is punished as such. This overbearing spirit is the most prominent characteristic of the race for centuries. In the case of Mr. Koppers we think they have overshot the mark. Mr. Koppers is a British subject. He has entered a protest against the treatment he has been subjected to and placed his complaint in the hands of the British Consul in Havana, who has forwarded it to Earl Clarendon, the British Minister of Foreign Affairs in London, strongly endorsed. As the English government has always evinced a lively interest in its subjects, no matter in what part of the world they may reside, there is little reason to doubt that Spain will be compelled to pay for the insolence of her Cuban officials in this matter the £3,000 sterling at which Mr. Koppers sets his damages.