

Affairs in Cuba from a Spanish Point of View.

The captured Spanish letters which were published in part in the HERALD yesterday ought to convince the most obtuse-minded advocates of the despotic government of Spain over Cuba that the Spaniards have little hope of subjugating the Cubans. The mendacious reports and arguments we have been receiving all along through Havana and the newspapers under Spanish influence of the successes of the Spaniards and the prospect of suppressing the insurrection are all exploded by the testimony of the Spaniards themselves. There is no doubt about the authenticity of the letters referred to, and, of course, they were written without the least idea that they would fall into the hands of the Cubans and be published in the United States. Well, these Spaniards conclude that the pacification of the "Gem of the Antilles," by the power of their government, "is about as difficult to accomplish as the squaring of the circle or perpetual motion;" that they "are making no headway, notwithstanding all the crowing of the (Spanish) newspapers;" that they "are worse off every day;" that nearly "the whole country is in possession of the rebels;" that "one (Spaniard) cannot go half a league out of town without surely losing his skin;" that "all the creoles who are *insurrectos* in the towns have become volunteers, so that we (the Spanish soldiers) have our enemies armed among ourselves, which seems very Quixotic on the part of our government;" that "this island (Cuba) is a tomb for Spaniards;" and so on all through these significant and confidential communications of Spanish officers and soldiers to their friends. But the horrors of the war and brutality of the Spaniards to the Cubans are depicted in still more forcible language. One Spaniard has frankness and heart enough to declare that "such acts are committed that but little is wanted to make us ashamed of saying that we are Spaniards." Will not the administration at Washington and Congress take notice of these facts? Is it not time that this country should put a stop to the atrocious war Spain is carrying on against the Cubans? Will not our government understand now that the Cuban war for independence is a grand movement—a national movement—and that Spain can have no hope of suppressing it, even with the utter desolation of the island? There are facts enough to show this if the government would only pay attention to them, rather than to the mendacious statements of Spanish officials and the Spanish press.