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The Times on the Cuban Question--Results of the International Rifle Match.

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The Times, in an article on the Cuban question, says:—The progress of Spain toward an enlightened commercial policy will soon become a necessity; and with a more liberal tariff system it will be difficult for her home produce to compete with American, and she will be unable any longer to monopolize the markets of the Antilles. Under these circumstances Cuba will become useless to Spain, and pride alone can lead her to hold on to a dominion which is disputed in the teeth of the best Spanish troops. General Prim and other statesmen are convinced that the separation of Cuba is only a question of time. National honor prevents Spain from taking such a step as long as insurrection prevails; but when the island is pacified the natural dictates of reason ought to be listened to. Cuba is valuable, Spain wants cash, and a purchaser is at hand. Should the island be canvassed a *plebiscitum* would result in favor of annexation to the United States. The only serious question is, can the Americans at this moment afford the purchase money? It is for the advantage of both hemispheres that each should follow its own course, untrammelled by the interference of the other. Spain, like Russia and Denmark, may well consent to sell the remainder of her transatlantic possessions. It is only fortunate that she has anything left to sell.

In the International Rifle Match at Wimbledon Common the riflemen of Scotland were victorious, beating those of England and Ireland.
