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A Counter Blast to General Sickles—Newspaper Repudiation of the Cuban Insurgents.

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The Paris correspondent of the *London Times* writes as follows:—

The note of the American Minister to the Spanish government in regard to Cuba varies both in its tone and conclusions from the diplomatic communications between the Spanish Minister at Washington and the government of the United States. The diplomatic experience of General Sickles is limited, and probably insufficient to enable him to rightly estimate the value and effect of his words. Doubtless he is much surprised at the excitement they have created, and it will be difficult for his government to approve of them. No pretext exists for recognizing the Cuban insurrection, which does not hold a single town or position, and owes its prolongation to the action of the climate on its opponents and to the facilities afforded to the insurgents in a thinly peopled country. The appointment of General Sickles as Minister to Spain was greatly criticised, and has not yet been sanctioned by the Senate. That body will do itself credit by refusing to confirm the appointment of a man who has made so bad a first appearance in diplomacy.
