



TWISTING THE LION'S TONGUE.

Father Time (closely examining small incision in tree-trunk) — "Who's been trying to cut this tree down?"

"Teddy" Roosevelt (in manner of young George Washington) — "Father! I can not tel a li. I did it with my litt ax."

Father Time — "Ah, well! Boys will be boys!" —Punch (London).

self-government, which characterizes the Anglo-Saxon race. No nation ever acted more chivalrously than the United States in giving autonomy to its Cuban conquest and with a more fair and open-handed polity in intervening to save it from anarchy and give it another chance to establish a free government. The poor little toy of independence has come sadly to grief, and we fear the chances of its permanent repair are small. Uncle Sam's experiences in the Philippines are not a very encouraging warrant to meddle with the wasp's hive of the Cuban belligerents, but, he may have to bear the yoke of the white man's burden in spite of himself. Punch represents the sarcastic smile with which the Spanish mother country comments upon the situation.

The cartoonists continue to caricature the spelling reform. The sturdy oak of the English

language is not likely to receive much damage even from the most zealous efforts of Teddy the Strenuous at language reform.

Another cartoon shows him as firing somewhat recklessly the tin-e-honored dictionary, but if he only strikes out the superfluous u's and k's he will not excite very much apprehension in the shades of Chaucer, Bacon, or Johnson. Many of the reforms are but returns to old Shakespearian methods.

If the Czar could pacify the Mujik with spelling instead of political reform, he would have an easy task, but the Mujik is not much given to either reading or spelling.

The versatility of the Kaiser is shown in the accompanying cartoon of his proposed visit to Spain. If we only had a figure showing the



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