CUBA'S VAST RESOURCES.

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Most recent discussions of affairs in Cuba spot been about the progress of the war has made the size and the peaker that the war has made the island 'a howing wilderness,' and that should Spain win she would have gained nothing but the continued right to rule and tax a people already ground down to the point of starvation by unjust taxation, and because of these statements the questions most frequently asked have been: Why should Spain want to hold Cube? I have been been to the wonderful near the progress of the want that make the progress of the state state of the climater of the progress of the want that does not the progress of the weather that the progress of t

patriots for freedom has aroused, sight has been lost of the wonderful natural resources of the island itself, of the wonderful ferrilwealth that taxation, almost to the point of confiscation, has made it unprofitable to secure from its hiding place. The Spaniards know these things, and in them they see the possibibility of further plunder almost end-

Raimundo Cabrera, in his book, 'Cuba and the Cubans,' says: 'Oh, we are truly rich!

'From 1821 to 1826 Cuba, with her own sources, covered the expenditures of the

are no statistics, and because the recently organized assessment is a hodge-podge and a new burden; but we have more than at

ando Po. We paid for the ill-starred Mexican expedition, the costs of the wars in San Domingo and with the republics of the Pacific. How can we possibly be poor? While England, France and Holland pay the system of protection to the commerce of the mother country. The four columns of the tariff are indeed sublime invention. Our agricultural industries require foreign machinery, tools and utensils which Spain does not supply, but as she know that we have gold to spare, she may make us nay for them very high. and since our sugar is to be sold in the United States, never mind what they cost. When there are earthquakes in Andalusia and inundations in Murcia, hatred does not prevent our sending to our afficted brethren large sums. We are opulent? Let us see if we are. From the earliest times down to the present the officials who come to Cuba amass in the briefest space of time fortunes to be dissipated in Madrid, and which appears never to disturd their consciences. This country is very rich, incalcalably rich In 1830 we contributed \$6.120 034: in 1840, \$9.505,877; in 1850, \$30,074... 677; in 1860, \$29,610,779 During the war we did not merely contribute, we bled We had to carry the budget of \$89,000,000.

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is to say, one million and a half of vicious, voluptuous, pompous spendthrifts, full of hatred and low passion, who contribute to the public charges and never receive a cent in exchange; who have given as much as \$92 per capita, and who at the present

ing its value as a naval station, whi h in itself is almost incalculable, for it coming its value as a naval station, which in itself is almost incalculable, for it commands the Gult of Mexico. The nation that controls Cabs controls the mouth of the Mississippi River. There is no denying that fact. But I don't core to speak of that teature. It is of the wealth of the islard and its recuperative powers after such wars as have been waged there that you want to hear. The island contains about the same number of equare miles as the State of Virginia. There are about 28,000,000 acres, and not five per cent, of the 000,000 acres, and not five per cent, of the available land has ever been cultivated.

Think of it. They have been growing and cutting sugar cane there for 300 years. By cutting sugar cane there for 300 years. By Mother down stered Dr. Williams' Pink Mother down stered Dr. Williams' Pink and the is Now Cured. Treasury. Our opulence dates from that available land I mean land with a richness period. We had already sufficient negro of soil exceeded nowhere in the world and slaves to cut down our virgin forests and equalled in but few lands, a soil in which equalled in but few lands, a soil in which

Treasury. Our opinience date from that period. We had already sufficient nagrous and ample authority to force then to work.

By means of our vices and our luxury, and in spite of the harred of everyhing of the period of the harred of everyhing of the period of the harred of everyhing of the warm of the harry of the mother country two and had millions of the same stuff. According to several Spanish statisticians these sums anomated in 1864 to 889,107,266. We were very rich, don't you see; tremendous the harry of the mother country two and had been dead of the contribution of the harry of the harry of the mother country two and had been dead of the contribution of the harry of the harry of the mother country two and had been dead of the contribution of the harry of the

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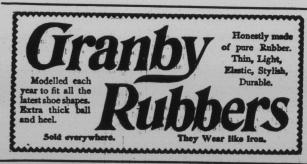
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