

CUBA THE LITTLE

Spain's Other "Possession" in the West Indies.

Cuba has been called the "Pearl of the Antilles" in Porto Rico, Spain's other possession in the West Indies, is her "diamond." Smaller in size, but proportionately, even more valuable, it will probably become, with Cuba, the jewel of the nation.

Cuba and Porto Rico have always been striving for the same result— independence—but by different means. So-called autonomy has been thrown to Porto Rico, but as to Cuba, many times as a sop to abate insurrection, the native population, while rising again and again in revolt, has not possessed the same courage and stamina of the Cuban insurgents. Yet, their hatred of Spanish rule would prove very advantageous to any attacking force.

While the martial force of Spanish soldiers stationed in Porto Rico is only a few thousand, during the last three years the military force of Cuba has been compelled to send fully 40,000 regulars and conscripts there in order to retain possession of the island. Hosts of these have died, some from fever, many from the malarial fevers of the marshes and swamps. The fortifications are old and the guns of ancient type.

The present Spanish Governor of Porto Rico, General Gonzalez Alonzo, while not so high as General Cervera, was far from popular. To-day the Cuban revolutionary party is organized on a little native party, and from Spain unless Porto Rico is recognized as the same time.

Porto Rico, which is reported, ranks in size only as fourth of the Great Antilles. It is bounded on the east by the Gulf of Mexico and on the south by the Gulf of the South. It has 3,580 square miles, and a population of about 1,000,000. Of the inhabitants more than half are white, a much larger portion than exists in any other of the West Indies.

The island is nearly three times larger than it is broad, with its four sides facing the four cardinal points of the compass. The northern and southern sides are indented like the edge of a saw. The eastern coast, from the south-west are strewn with swampy tracts. In general elevation Porto Rico is far inferior to Cuba. The Great Antilles. Its uplands are dissected by the four or more river valleys and where the climate is comparatively cool and salubrious. Indeed, Porto Rico is far more healthy than Cuba or Hayti.

Its death rate is low, its temperature varying from 40 deg. to 100 Fahrenheit. Columbus discovered Porto Rico in 1498. Ponce de Leon founded the city of Caparra, now San Juan, in 1509. Drake sacked it in 1595. The Duke of Cumberland followed suit in 1780 and laid it waste again after a three days' siege. In 1823 the Porto Rico made a valiant effort to throw off the yoke of the Castilian, but unsuccessfully, and with great results. The island has been renewed several times since. Up to 1873 slavery was in vogue there. The sugar exportation in 1890 was valued at \$800,000, the greater part of the trade being carried on with the United States.

Ten years ago only one-seventh of the population was returned by the census as able to read and write. Since then, however, public instruction has made considerable progress. San Juan is well laid out, with straight, regular streets, and the cities go. Here the Spanish merchants transact the business of the island.

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VISITING THE GAOL.

The following arrangements have been made by the Guelph Ministerial Association for visiting the County Gaol and conducting religious services.

Week beginning 1st May, Rev. Dr. Wardrop. 8th May, Rev. Dr. Torrance. 15th May, Rev. F. W. Thompson. 22nd May, Rev. J. W. Weeks. 29th May, Rev. S. Selley, D.D. 5th June, Rev. Wm. Savage. 12th June, Rev. E. M. Glassford. 19th June, Rev. Mr. Ballard. 26th June, Rev. W. A. J. Martin. 3rd July, Rev. B. H. Williams. 10th July, Rev. D. Strachan. 17th July, Rev. John G. Scott. 24th July, Rev. B. H. Williams. Service at two o'clock in the afternoon. If the minister appointed unable to take the service on the day fixed, he is asked to provide a substitute.

ROBERT TORRANCE, Sec. G.M.A. Guelph, 5th April, 1898.

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When... a Woman Loves.

By Beatrice Mearns.

CHAPTER XXIII.—A TERRIBLE CONFESSION.

"A low tap on the door of the sick room. It is only Doctor Hamilton who has come to make his daily visit to the master of Hospital No. 1."

"The doctor places his fingers upon the patient's wrist, and nods his head approvingly. "That last remedy was the right one; your nerves have not been so quiet since you left home."

"The patient does not reply; but looks into the nurse's placid face, and a smile, full of meaning, hovers an instant around his thin lips."

"Continue the last medicine, Mrs. Evans," says the doctor, rising to take his leave. "Give it as you gave it yesterday, and he will rest well to-night." He glances up at and medicine cases and bows himself out.

"Let him think that the sedative drops wronged him," says the patient nurse when the door closes after the physician, "but you and I know differently. What drug or nostrum can relieve a mind diseased or a spirit tortured by the sorrows of a broken heart?"

"But no historian has yet devoted any considerable attention to the last war with Spain. For the United States did once make war on Spain, and though war was not actually declared, hostilities continued between the two countries for eight or ten years. It was shortly after independence had been recognized that all the trouble occurred and it was while Washington was yet President."

OVER A BRITISH TREATY. The difficulty was over a secret article in the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which provided that not one of all or much more than half of what is now known as the United States, the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Louisiana and about all of the far West belonged to the Spanish. But the secret article in the treaty provided that should Great Britain gain West Florida, that part should go to the United States. In and Spanish territory, and for reasons other than business occurred, too."

THE SPAIN OF THOSE DAYS. The historian of that day gives a description of Spain, which is certainly very interesting, even at the present time. The following is the quotation: "Spain had become the most despotic and torpid of nations. But torpid as she was, there still remained one point on which she was exquisitely sensitive. Whoever touched her there, touched her to the quick. Her Treasury might be empty, her finances might be in frightful disorder, her army a rabble, her ships rotting at the docks. A horde of pirates might exact from her a yearly tribute, competition might drive her merchants from the sea, and she might in European politics exert far less influence than a single city of Amsterdam or less than the State of Denmark. All this she could bear, the slightest encroachment on the American domains had more than once served to rouse her from her lethargy, and to strengthen her feeble nerves. It was so on this occasion."

CLOSED THE MISSISSIPPI. Spain heard of the secret treaty and at once informed Congress that she certainly such time as Spain should admit that the boundary between the United States and the Florida and Louisiana territories had truly described, then the Mississippi would be closed, and the Mississippi was closed.

The West was not of very great importance in those days and the Easterners for some time refused to believe that to make any effort at all to defend the western possessions. But for 15 years Kentucky was in a state of rebellion. Many stories have been told of the career of Clark, who made war on Spain in the life of Wilkinson, who was bought off of United States vessels secured to raise her from the river, and to strengthen her feeble nerves. It was so on this occasion."

DELLA AYRES, PROCURESS, Gets One Year in the Mercer Reformatory. Hamilton, May 4.—Swift punishment was meted out at today's police court to a Canadian blue-blooded butterfly, Della Ayres, from Tonawanda. Less than a week ago Della, who also goes by the name of Mrs. Garlock—came to Hamilton for the purpose of procuring a Canadian Minister's wife for her husband, a young man who she could take back to her home of Tonawanda. She secured two thoughtless, seventeen-year-old girls, and had got them as far as Niagara Falls last Friday evening, when, as a result of the warning sent to the Falls police by the watchful "Laxa-Liver Pills" of Dr. Picher, at Stuart street station, Della and her charges were held, and the woman sent to the police court next morning, charged with procuring the girls for an immoral purpose. This morning she was found guilty of the offense, and sent to the Mercer reformatory for one year. Her punishment should not be a warning to women of her class to stay out of Canada.

Up-to-Date Catarrh Cure. Woodville, Ont., Feb. 23rd, 1897. It gives me great pleasure to testify to the excellent effects of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. It has completely cured me of Catarrh of the head. I praise it as an up-to-date cure.

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