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Cuba's Fitness for Freedom. The American people entertain no doubt of the ability of the Cuban people, once freed from Spanish oppression, to maintain in Cuba at least as good a government as Spain has maintained.

Not at all. It simply means to advise those who don't take The Tribune that they are missing the best thing in the newspaper line now accessible to Scrantonians.

Not Covetousness. To some sneering remarks in a thick-headed Canadian journal attributing to the United States a selfish motive in its anxiety to see Cuba liberated the New York Sun makes spirited reply, in substance as follows:

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