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Cuba Letting Things Go Again, A much more serious matter than strikes in Hayana is the proof which has lately been developing that the Cubans are lapsing back towards the Spanish standard of governmental inefficiency. Yesterday morning there was a fire in a popular restaurant next to the venerable "palace" in Santiago, made memorable by the first hoisting of the Stars and Stripes on an official building in Cuba. The fire department was called out. The Cuban firemen, under present conditions, are a gorgeous and noble expression of insular officialism. Personally they are impressive. But when they tried to accomplish the unusual feat of putting out a fire it was found that they had no fuel for their engines. And what tended to still further impair their useful. ness as extinguishers of a conflagration, there was not a drop of water in the mains! The fire had to burn itself out; and if there had been a breath of wind the palace would have een destroyed

The United States Legation at Havaua has just made our govern' ment a report which brings out a much more alarming state of affairs than that indicated by the absence of water in the Santiago fire hydrants. The relaxation of the sanitary system of Havana, feared by all Americans in Cuba, has begun. Plumbing and cesspool regulations, inspection of premises, street cleaning, are being neglected. Uafes are in a filthy condition. The replacement of primative and dangerous drainage arrangements with a more modern apparatus is not insisted on, for the reason that a complete new sewerage system is contemplated. But this system is a thing of the dim future, and meantime unsanitary conditions are becoming worse.

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Mr R. E. Briggs, of Amesbury Mass., are the promoters of a rew enterprise for High Point. They have been here this week in consultation with Mr. J. Elwood Cox and as a result a company will be organized at once for the manufac ture of carriage wheels .- Winston

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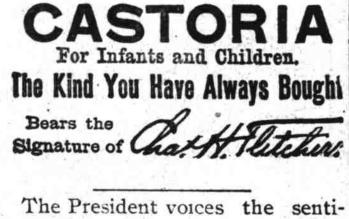
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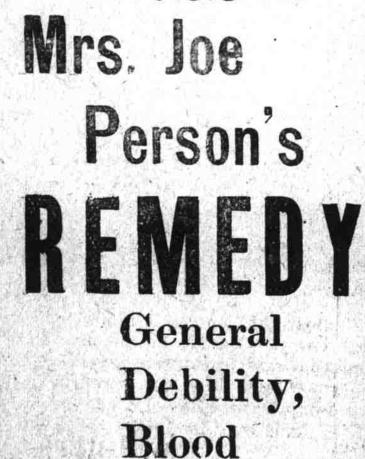
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