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NEWS IN BRIEF.

(1). Picture.:- Cuba is preparing for a different war now. Who is--

--Cuba's prettiest and most perfectly proportioned girl ? That should--

--easily start another war, but in this one guns--

--are barred. It's unsporting to shoot a sitting bird.

The winner is Miss Conchita Astravez, brunette, 17-years-old,

--and never been - - I say, isn't she enjoying herself ?

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(2). Picture.:- Once again spring has come. It's the--

--same spring as last year, and --

--it's having the same effect on--

--the birds as it has on young--

--men and maids. Pelicans make love in public. That's what the public parks teach them. Gulls dream of spotted eggs, and Father--

--Cormorant comes home to see how the matter stands, and how--

--the mater sits. And Drake goes west for a duck.

(3). Picture.:- While our civil servants are smiling at 50%--

--back on their pay, French civil servants are getting arrested--

--for protesting against more cuts. Their protest is so riotous that the Police have--

--to protest against their protest and protect the--

--protesters by arrest. Arguments about their protests take so

--long to express that the Police - - well, they just say "Pass along, please !"

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