

TURKISH STUPIDITY.

The Turkish authorities have prohibited the entrance of any American newspapers into the Sultan's dominions. The reason is that the journals of the United States tell the truth about the horrible Armenian massacres; properly denounce the barbarous wretches who perpetrated them, and express the opinion that a Government under which they can be possible should be blotted from the face of the earth.

This idea of suppressing the truth by shutting out the newspapers is not monopolized by Turkey. There are "Turks" nearer home than Constantinople who seek to conceal their misdeeds by muzzling the press or stopping the circulation of fearless journals in which the truth is plainly spoken. The folly of the attempt is, however, every day made apparent. A newspaper against which such efforts are directed is certain to keep on steadily increasing in circulation and influence, for the reason that everybody desires to see what it says, and everybody believes what it says. All intelligent subjects of the Sultan will now be anxious to know what the American journals contain, while, but for the prohibition they would not have given the matter a thought.

The "Turks" who make a crusade against the press in the hope of concealing the truth are the best friends of the newspaper they assail, whether in Constantinople or New York.