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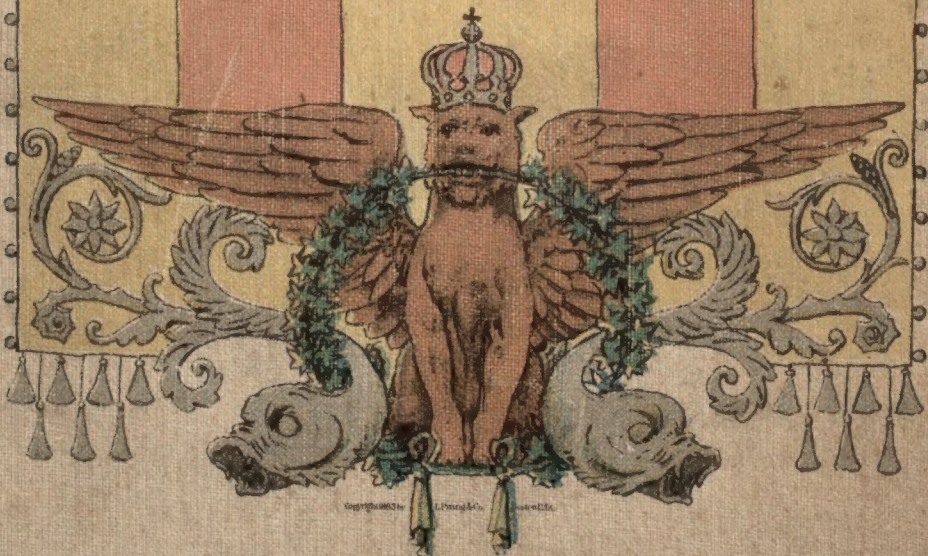
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BIRTHPLACE OF CHRISTOPHER
COLVMBVS — GENOA ITALY
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THE BIRTHPLACE

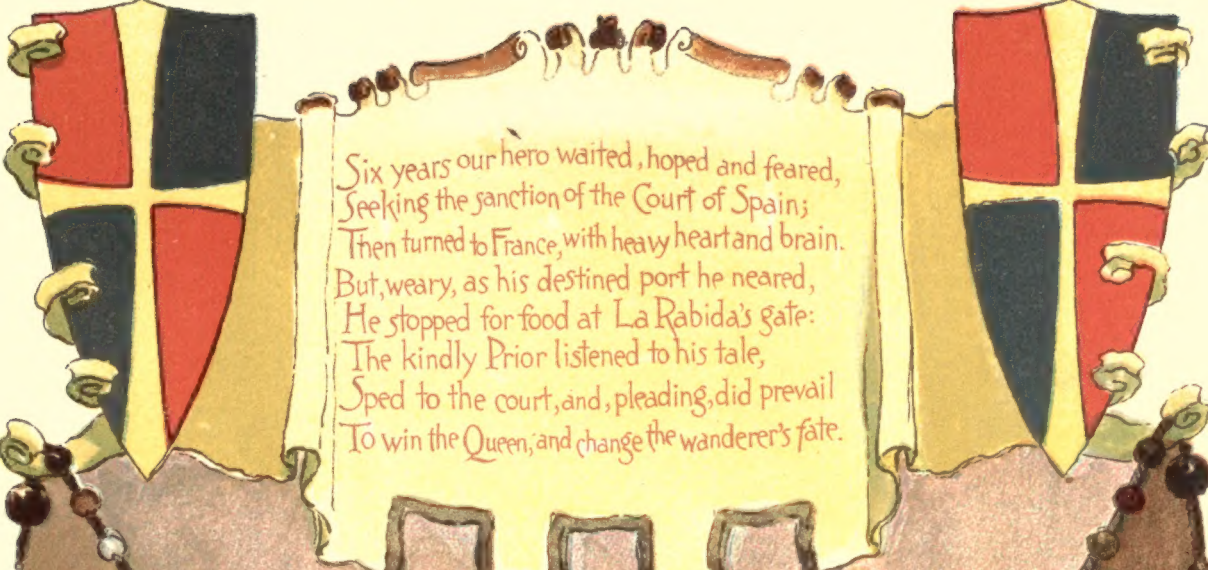
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Six years our hero waited, hoped and feared,
Seeking the sanction of the Court of Spain;
Then turned to France, with heavy heart and brain.
But, weary, as his destined port he neared,
He stopped for food at La Rabida's gate:
The kindly Prior listened to his tale,
Sped to the court, and, pleading, did prevail
To win the Queen, and change the wanderer's fate.

AT THE MONASTERY
of
SANTA MARIA DE LA RABIDA



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JUAN PEREZ DE MARCHENA

But at the court not all approve his schemes,
Envy and Jealousy protested loud
Against this best of penmen and proud
A fore-er of a dynasty of wild dreams -
Others, more discerning, perceived the gain
Success would bring to Church and Spanish throne -
The Queen inspired to raise his cause her own
Preferred her husband, the bridegroom of Spain.



ISABELLA PLEDGING HER JEWELS




Riding dejected, from the royal Court,
In friar's frock, deep-brooding o'er his woes,
A sound of hoofs out of the silence grows,
A steed approaches, what can this import?
A royal messenger dismounts; bends low;—
The heart beneath the friar's robe stands still,—
He hears the message of the Queen's good-will,
And turns his rein: with zeal his soul's aglow.

RECEIVING HIS COMMISSION
FROM THE
OFFICER OF THE ROYAL GUARDS
PINOS BRIDGE







Now with the blessing of the Holy Church,
And favor, full and free, of royalty,
The little fleet from Palos put to sea:
For land and gold, for power and fame to search:
Three fragile barks, full-freighted and well-manned,
What freight of burning hopes, of purpose bold
And lofty courage, never can be told,
And over all "Our Admiral" in command.



THE DEPARTURE FROM
PALOS.



"Kindled as with a fire from on high,"
"Agent of Heaven for a grand design,"
Our brave commander noted every Sign
Betraying that the longed-for shore was nigh:
The birds, the floating weeds, a fitful light,
And then, O joy, at last the land, the land!
At that dear word tired hearts with hope expand,
Tired eyes are strained to catch the blissful sight



THE FIRST
SIGHT of LAND.

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TAKING
OF THE

POSSESSION
COUNTRY.

O happy day! O cherished dream come true,
When our discoverer, kneeling on the strand,
Set up the royal standard, sword in hand,
And cried for Spain the island named anew.
How did he see the while with friendly eyes
The gentle natives gaze at these strange birds,
And how strange the sound of their
And how their island from the sea



From isle to isle, as in a dream, they sailed,
And each in turn seemed fairer than the last;
Forgetting pains endured and perils past,
The summons to return with joy they hailed.
From Palos to the Court, in grand array,
The wanderers a royal progress made,
While, to behold the dazzling cavalcade,
The people hushed and eager, thronged the way.

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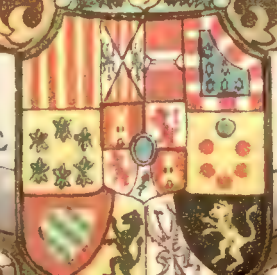
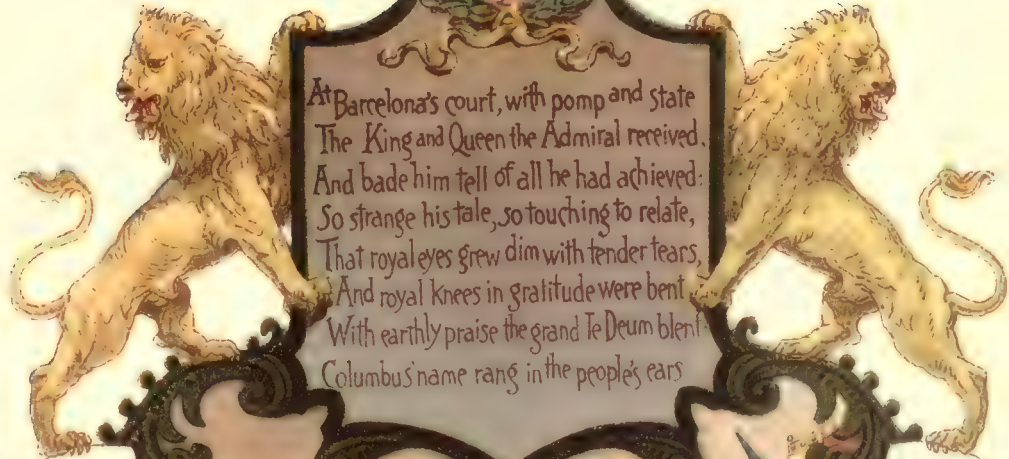
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THE FIRST RETURN
TO SPAIN





At Barcelona's court, with pomp and state
 The King and Queen the Admiral received.
 And bade him tell of all he had achieved:
 So strange his tale, so touching to relate,
 That royal eyes grew dim with tender tears,
 And royal knees in gratitude were bent
 With earthly praise the grand Te Deum blent
 Columbus' name rang in the people's ears





**CLYMBUS
BROTHER**

Now on the topmost peak of
power and fame
The wonder and the awe of the world
Awhile he stands as if
To depths of ignominy, scorn and shame
In or for any chains, heaved, raised and
his daring deeds, his courage all forgot,
Noble he takes his part, a grateful lot
A conqueror still with an unconquered mind

**AND HIS
MONKEY
IN CHAINS**



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The Queen, indignant, learns of his sad plight
And orders him at once to be set free,
Invites him to the court and hears his plea
Sunshine of hope breaks in upon his night
Restored to favor once more in command,
From Cadiz now the Admiral sets sail
On his last voyage, nor does his courage fail
Assailed by countless ills on sea and land.

Second Voyage


THE FAREWELL TO CADIZ.

IN HIS

OLD AGE

O lion heart,
of chance and change the sport.
His life-work done, his gracious Queen no more
His fame eclipsed, he sits upon the shore,
Waiting his summons to a higher court.
What visions sweep before his fading eyes,
Of splendors past, brave deeds and ventures bold
Of tropic seas and skies, with isles of gold
And waving palms, foretaste of Paradise!





At last the restless heart is freed from pain,
The restless, soaring soul has winged its way
To unknown regions of perpetual day,
New seas to traverse and new worlds to gain.
Honor to him, who to himself was true;
Honor and reverence to his great name,
Who dreamed not of the vastness of his fame,
Nor half the grandeur of his conquest knew!

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