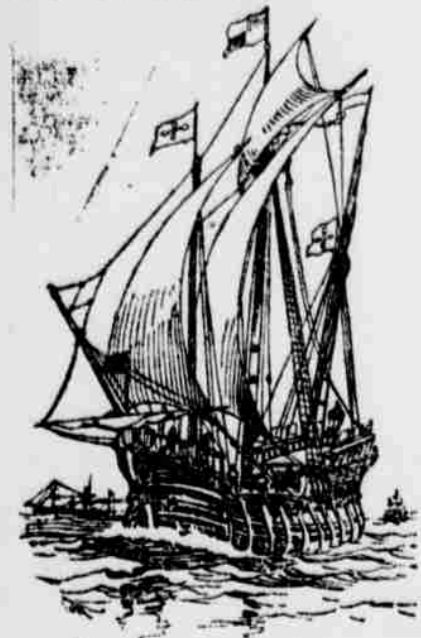


FAMED SANTA MARIA.

COLUMBUS' FLAGSHIP COMPARED WITH MODERN SAILING VESSELS.

The Wonder to the Mariner of Today is how the Navigator Crossed the Ocean in His Little Caravel—A Fastmille for the World's Fair.

Spain is now in the midst of a series of fetes in commemoration of the discovery of America which will last till late in October. On the 3d of August, date of the sailing of Columbus from Palos, the jubilation began, and of all the sights the exact reproduction of the flagship of Columbus, the Santa Maria, excited most amazement. Among the sailors in the vast gathering there was a loud chorus of astonishment and unbelief. Almost unanimously they declared that such a ship had not done the thing—it was impossible.



THE NEW SANTA MARIA.

It is indeed hard to believe that the little caravel of 240 tons at the outside could have made such a voyage, and when one compares it with the large sailing vessels of today he may well be incredulous. With the achievements of steam and practical science we are tolerably familiar, but the fact then (though sailing vessels antedate written history, the progress therein since 1492 is as great as in anything else) comes to one as a great surprise. Compare the little Santa Maria with, for instance, the magnificent Shenandoah, the American four masted bark and queen of all sailing vessels, which a few months ago went from San Francisco to Liverpool with 5,002 tons of wheat on board.

Consider first the big sailer. The Shenandoah, commanded by Captain Murphy, was one of the five which left the Bay of San Francisco last year on the famous race around the Horn. They sailed at high tide, of necessity, as they drew twenty-seven feet of water. The weight of wheat aboard, 5,002 tons, was the greatest cargo of the kind ever placed in a vessel and equivalent to 196,783 bushels, or the crop of an average agricultural county. An adequate description of the Shenandoah would fill a column. Sailer as she is, she "makes sail by steam," as sailors say—that is, the sails are pulled into place by a little donkey engine, and of all glorious sights to the seaman's eye there is none more glorious than to see her swell from bare poles to full rig of snowy sails in less than five minutes.

The Santa Maria might have been placed on the deck of the Shenandoah without adding perceptibly to her weight of cargo. She was a decked vessel, and while the Spanish historians do not deal in exact measurements they are so minute in details of her capacity that her size is known. Captain Gustavus W. Fox, after a very careful calculation, declares that her length was "63 feet over all and 57 feet along her keel," with 20 feet beam and 10½ feet in depth. Her crew consisted of fifty seamen, and in the list are found the names of one Englishman and one Irishman. It is really a pity that this list is not certainly authentic; it would be interesting to know the name of the first Irish emigrant to America. This historic vessel was wrecked on Christmas eve, 1492, on the coast of Hispaniola, a calamity due to the gross carelessness of the sailing master.

Small as she was, her consorts, the Pinta and the Nina, were considerably smaller, being mere barks, called caravels, without decks, unless the high prow and stern may be so called. In the



THE SHENANDOAH.

center such a vessel was absolutely open and in no respect superior to the fishing craft and other light coasting vessels of today. That men should have been willing to dare the passage of the stormy Atlantic in such craft gives us a high idea of their courage, and as a matter of fact only Columbus, Las Casas, the Pinzons and two or three other mad enthusiasts were willing. The crew consisted chiefly of desperate characters compelled to take the trip. Many were released from prison to go, and some had been condemned to death and volunteered as a bare chance for life.

Our astonishment is but slightly mitigated when we read that Columbus did not ask for large vessels, for there were many in the Spanish ports larger than those. He firmly believed that the voyage would be comparatively short

and the sea where he was going always smooth, and he particularly requested such vessels as would enable him to run close in along the shores and sail up the rivers. On his third voyage, when he actually reached South America, he complained of the size of his vessel, which rendered coast exploration difficult.

The Spanish authorities declare that the Santa Maria of 1892 is an exact reproduction in every detail of that of 1492. It has the same old fashioned shape, the same primitive masts, rigging and sails, and even the same armament of falconets and mortars, halberds and arquebuses. The cabin of the commander is furnished in the style of the Fifteenth century, and its table is littered with maps, documents and nautical instruments of the period. Finally, its mastsheads are decorated with the royal standards of Castille and Leon, in exact imitation of the flags which Columbus planted in the New World on Oct. 12, 1492. The vessel is manned by an excellent crew, obtained from among the fishermen and sailors of Cadiz and San Fernando, and placed under the orders of a detachment of officers of the royal navy.

At the opening of the Spanish fetes, on Aug. 3, the war vessels of all nations were at Huelva to salute the new Santa Maria on her first voyage down the river, and her entrance into the Bay of Cadiz was greeted by deafening salvos. As there was almost a dead calm, however, she had to be taken in tow by a gunboat, which marred the representation somewhat. Later, however, she sailed out beautifully on the route taken by Columbus, and returned to receive renewed salutes. At this naval congress of nations the fact was humorously commented on that Columbus took with him for interpreter a scholar who knew Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Coptic and Armenian, in addition to Spanish; that this learned gentleman was a failure in the New World, and that the first to master any of the Indian tongues were the most illiterate sailors. But this is an oft repeated experience.

J. H. BRADLEY.

EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

She Wrote the Ode for the Columbus Day Celebration.

Miss Edna Dean Proctor, the descendant of a highly honored New England family, was born at Henniker, N. H. In early life she became a contributor to the best literary publications and published a volume of poems, mostly patriotic, which gave her a leading place among American poets. After traveling extensively in the east she wrote "A Russian Journey" in a vivid, picturesque Latin style, which has become a classic.



EDNA DEAN PROCTOR.

Her later poems have been slowly produced, but are everywhere held to be masterpieces of art and among the strongest voices of patriotism in our literature. She lives much of the time in Boston and at Framingham, Mass.

Miss Proctor was honored by the committee of the popular Columbus Day celebration soliciting her to write the ode which is to be rendered in every locality of America on Oct. 31. The lyric is the result of months of labor, and will take permanent rank as one of the foremost poems ever written on America.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

He Recommends the General Observance of Columbus Day on Oct. 31.

Whereas, by a joint resolution, approved June 23, 1892, it was resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, "That the president of the United States be authorized and directed to issue a proclamation recommending to the people the observance in all their localities of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, on the 21st of October, 1892, by public demonstrations and by suitable exercises in their schools and other places of assembly";

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States of America, in pursuance of the aforesaid joint resolution, do hereby appoint Friday, Oct. 31, 1892, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, as a general holiday for the people of the United States. On that day let the people so far as possible cease from toil and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and their appreciation of the great achievements of the four completed centuries of American life.

Columbus stood in his age as the pioneer of progress and enlightenment. The system of universal education is in our age the most prominent and salutary feature of the spirit of enlightenment, and it is peculiarly appropriate that the schools be made by the people the center of the day's demonstration. Let the national flag float over every school house in the country, and the exercises be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duties of American citizenship.

In the churches and in the other places of assembly of the people let there be expressions of gratitude to divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer, and for the divine care and guidance which have directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 21st day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and seventeenth.

Benjamin Harrison
By the President: JOHN W. FOSTER, Secretary of State.

WOMAN'S WORK AND AIMS.

The Queen of Italy is organizing a superb show of native Italian lace for the World's Fair.

The Duchess of Abercorn and the Countess of Aberdeen have collected 25,000 to be used in making a suitable display at Chicago of the women's industries of Ireland.

Mrs. Osborne, a widow, has cleared 25,000 to 28,000 a year from her ranch near Salt Lake City. She raises vegetables. Lately she added a chicken ranch and two incubators and expects to clear \$10,000 a year.

Madame Jeanne Chauvin has presented herself before the faculty of the University of Paris as a candidate for the degree of doctor of laws. Her thesis will treat of the professions open to women, and the historic evolution of the position of women in society.

Mrs. Rosa Holub, who shared the thrilling experiences of her husband's expedition to Central Africa during four years, beginning in 1834, has been honored by the Emperor of Austria with a special medal in recognition of her bravery and services on that memorable journey.

The most interesting person present at the meeting of Black Hawk survivors at Freeport, Ill., was Mrs. William Leuborn, of Leona, Ill. She was in the fort at Apple River at the time of Black Hawk's murderous attack, and dealt out powder and shot to the defending soldiers.

The latest work of Miss Mary Tillinghast, of New York, is the stained glass window designed for the new Alumnae Hall of the Western Female Seminary, at Oxford, Ohio. It is to be presented to the seminary by the class of 1866, and will be sent first to the World's Fair for exhibition.

The German Empress has written to the Minister for Education to bring in a bill forbidding young girls to enter any museum or other show except in the company of their teachers or parents, as Her Majesty has noticed that the wax-work shows in Berlin often contain things very unbecoming for young girls to see.

Miss Elliot, the daughter of the late Dean of Bristol, has given a valuable present to the Bodleian Library at Oxford, in the shape of twenty-two volumes of collections made by her father for a bibliography of all books on religious subjects from the fifteenth century down to 1825, arranged chronologically.

Marianne North, who spent her time and talent in painting flora of the tropical regions of the earth, was one of the busiest of women. In fifteen years of travel she visited North and South America, Africa, Hindostan, Japan, the West Indies, and Australasia. Her first introduction to the public was through the loan of her pictures to the South Kensington Museum.

Miss Eliza Gordon Browning, who belongs to a family identified with the literary and poetical history of Indiana, has been elected librarian of the Public Library of Indianapolis. She became an employee of the library twelve years ago, and for years was the assistant librarian. The institution—a large circulating library with a full corps of assistants—is soon to be removed to a fine new building now being erected.

Mrs. Phebe Taber Willets, of Roslyn, Long Island, has been for some years a practical stock-raiser. She has a fine herd of Guernsey cattle, and some excellent trotting stock, bred under her own supervision. Starting at first with butter making, she turned her attention to the breeding and raising of cows. The result of her labors is one of the finest herds on Long Island, and first class butter, bringing fifty cents per pound.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

The gray rat came to Europe from India by way of Russia.

Gold was mined in Egypt and the Eastern Empire 1800 B.C.

In 1635 John Blackstone sold the site of the city of Boston for \$150.

As late as 1772 women rode astride. Side saddles are modern inventions.

The market price of a wife in Equatorial Africa is ten bundles of hairpins.

The tall hat worn by men first appeared in France nearly 500 years ago.

When terrified an ostrich travels at the rate of about twenty-five miles an hour.

Playing cards have been known for 500 years, but their origin is lost in mystery.

St. Martin's, Canterbury, is said to be the oldest church in England. It was built about A.D. 360.

Edison has invented a torpedo with which twenty-five men can hold a fort against 1,000,000 enemies.

A hippopotamus invented by a French clocker will measure the paces and ground covered by a horse.

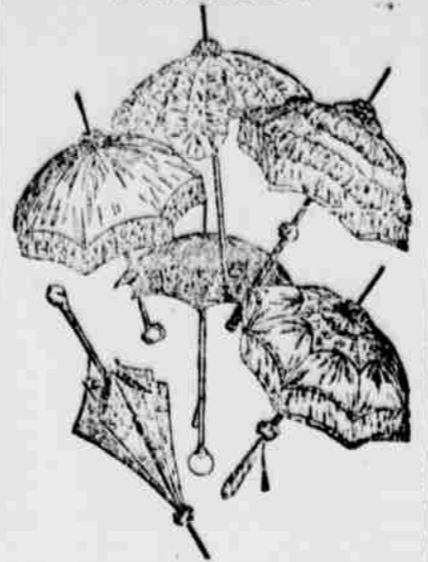
The longest animal known to exist at the present time is the roqual, which averages one hundred feet in length.

The forty-first chapter of Genesis, fourteenth verse, contains the earliest reference to shaving of the beard, where it is told of Joseph that he shaved himself.

King Shen Kung, of China, is said to have discovered tea entirely by accident. While replenishing a fire made of branches of the tea plant some of the leaves fell into the pot in which he was boiling his supper, and ever since that date—2,636 B.C.—the Chinese people have been tea drinkers.

Colonel Wachoupe, who antagonized Mr. Gladstone in Midlothian, is one of the most popular residents in the district—a big, frank and good-natured Scot, with a record as an officer of the Black Watch in Ashantee and Egypt. He has been several years engaged in pursuing the Midlothian constituency for just such a shake-up as he gave the G. O. M. during the last campaign.

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