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Thus, you see, in the space of a few years after the settlement of Virginia, a large portion of what is now called the United States was inhabited; and the settlement of the country thus begun, it flourished and increased beyond what has ever been known in any other country.

STORY OF AMERICA IN VERSE.

COLUMBUS was a sailor brave, The first that crossed th' Atlantic wave. In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, He came far o'er the ocean blue, Where ne'er a ship had sailed before, And found a wild and savage shore, Where naked men in forests prowled, And bears and panthers roamed and howled.

The others came to see the wonder, To gather gold and seek for plunder; And many a cruel deed was done, Far South, beneath the tropic sun. There Cortez came with sword and flame, And, at a blow, proud Mexico Was humbled in the dust; Pizzarro too, in rich Peru,