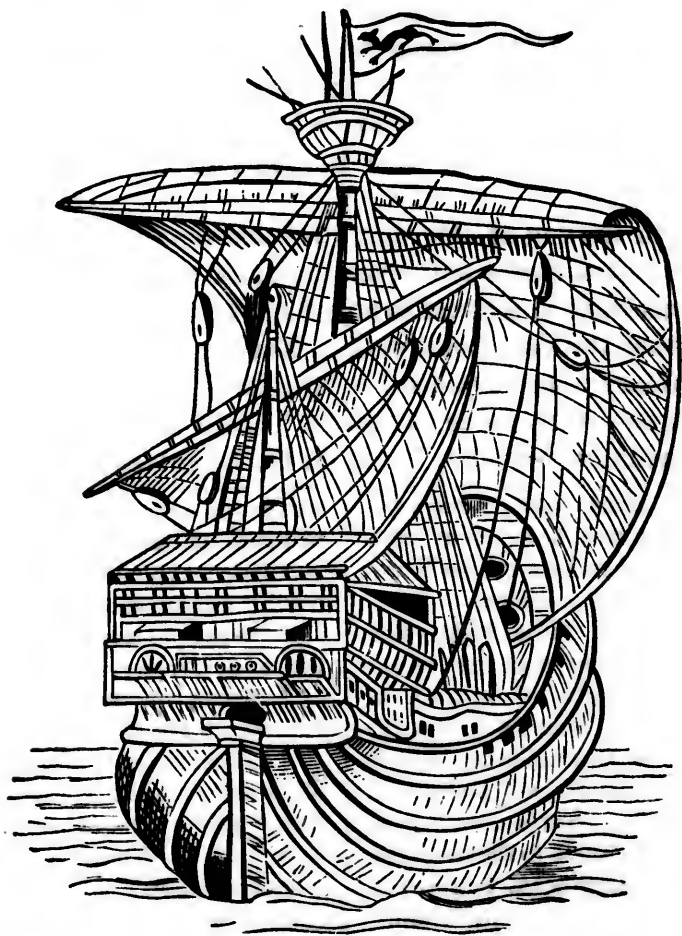


1524, set sail from a barren islet in its neighborhood, and bore away for the unknown world. In forty-nine days they neared a low shore, not far from the site of Wilmington in North Carolina, "a neue land," exclaims the voyager, "never before seen of any man, either auncient or moderne." Yet fires were blaz-



ing along the coast; and the inhabitants, in human likeness, presently appeared, crowding to the water's edge, in wonder and admiration, pointing out a landing-place, and making profuse gestures of welcome.