

but bitter disappointment and grievous humiliation awaited him, when on one of them he was made a prisoner and *sent back to Spain in fetters*; and thus instead of the rewards and honors which were his just due, he was allowed to be victimized and ruined through the envy and machinations of enemies. After some years of suffering through courtly neglect, poverty and bodily pain, he died at Valladolid in Spain, May 20th, 1506. His body was first taken to Seville, then across the Atlantic to St. Domingo, and finally to Cuba, where it reposes under a monumental tomb in the cathedral at Havanna.

At this period of time the idea was universal that the new discoveries were but parts or were pertaining to the continent of Asia, and hence the name West Indies; an error which was not corrected till the isthmus of Panama was crossed and the Pacific ocean discovered in 1513. By another grave mistake never likely to be corrected, the name America was given to the New World, from Amerigo Vespucci, who was sent by the Portuguese King to examine the new countries. He took a plausible and extensive, but superficial view of the whole, with a chart of the Brazilian coast; and thus through the presumption, skill and address, of an obscure drawer of charts, the New World missed taking its rightful name of Columbia.

While Columbus had been busied in prosecuting his researches in the vicinity of the Mexican Gulf, other Spanish and Portuguese navigators were making dis-