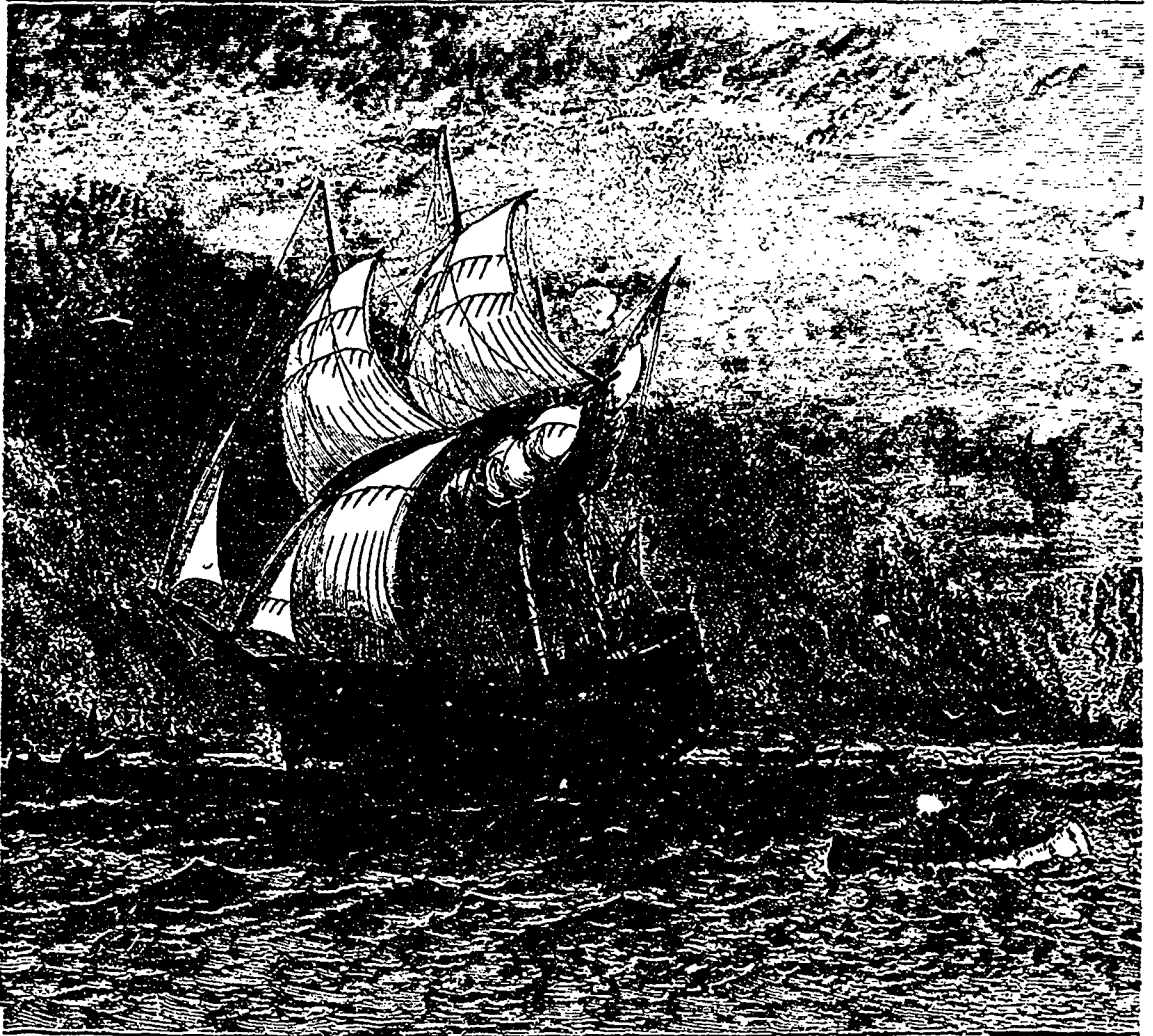


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THE "HALF MOON" ASCENDING THE HUDSON.

DISCOVERIES IN AMERICA.

WHEN the men who first discovered the different parts of America sailed into any large river they nearly all thought that they had found a short cut to China. Such a man was Sir Henry Hudson. He was an Englishman in charge of a Dutch vessel called the "Half Moon." It was a very curious looking old ship and very different from the vessels which are made now. But that was a long

time ago. It was in the year 1609, or nearly three hundred years ago. There were no cities, or towns or green fields or railways then. There was only the thick forest or the broad prairie through which the splendid rivers rolled on their way. Hudson, having crossed the Atlantic in his ship, found himself at the mouth of a splendid river. He sailed up this river in his "Half Moon" and as he went on and on he felt sure that he had found a passage way to China and the east. It was in the month of September when the trees were beginning to