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Capt. Cook,

America, the name of Capt. James Cook will be thought of in connection with the islands of the Pacific. This great sailor was born in 1728, of poor parents, and, one would have thought. with but little prospect of a great career. His father designed him for a haberdasher, but young James fretted for the sea, till at last he was placed on board a collier vessel. Hesoon made himself trusted and respected; and he rose in a few years, so as to take a prominent part in a Canadian expedition. A little

English vessel, well named the Endeavour, was, a few [years after this, fitted out on an expedition to the South Seas, for the purpose of studying Astronomy and

mand the vessel. Great difficulties surrounded him, and at length a terrible disease broke out on board, UST as the name of Columbus is associated with and cut off many of the crew and passengers, and he

was compellto return. But in a second voyage to the same regions, Capt. Cook succeeded in the objects which had been put before him. and proved that the great continent which it was supposed by many existed at the South Pole was a mere dream. A third voyage-his last -followed.

1778, he, with his two ships, the "Resolution" and " Discovery," reached the Sandwich Islands. The natives had never before seen a ship, and they looked upon these as floating

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islands, and Capt. Cook as a great god. Early the following year, the Captain returned and anchored on the western side of Hawaii, and soon after some circumstances Natural History. Capt. Cook was chosen to com- transpired which led to ill feelings between the natives

