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Atlantic—(at-la'n-tie), the name is derived from the Atlas Mountains, whose base this ocean washes ; extends from the Arctic to Antaretic, (ant-arc'-tic) circle; area about 25,000,000 square miles.

Buc'caneer, from bou-ca-ner (bou-ka-ne'), to smoke or broil meat and fish, to hunt wild beasts for their skins. A robber upon the sea—a pirate—a term applied especially to the piratical adventurers, chiefly English and French, who combined to make depredations on the Spaniards in America, in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Caribbean (car-ih-be'-an), the body of water north of South-America and south of Cuba, Hayti and Porto Rico.

Chagres.—(cha'-gres), a town and river on the Isthmus of Panama'.

Darien (da'-ri-en), the isthmus that connects North and South America.

Galleon, a large ship with three or four decks, used as a man-of-war, also in commerce, as in the text.

"Honor among Thieves."—Whatever they might do to others—to each other they would prove true, and act with fairness in every transaction among themselves.

Isthmus (ist'-mus or is'-mus), a narrow piece of land joining two larger portions.

Jamalca (ja-ma'-ka), one of the greater Antilles (an-teel) islands, the third in size of the West India Islands ; capital, Kingston, belongs to Great Britain.

Knighted, having the order of Knighthood conferred by his Sovereign, which entitles him to be addressed as Sir ; as Sir John, Sir Alexander. This honor is conferred by a blow of the flat of a sword on the back of the candidate kneeling before the monarch who bestow the honor.