

COLUMBIA'S FLOWER.

MARY BRADLEY.

Upon a day in merry May, Among the buds of spring, My bonny lass Columbia, Went lightly wandering...

AN IRISH SAINT

SAID TO BE THE FIRST DISCOVERER OF AMERICA.

Lines Drawn From History and Historical Documents.

In the Colorado Catholic we find the following admirable sketch of St. Brendan.

Although by common consent the credit of having discovered this western continent is given to the great Catholic navigator of the fourth century of whose life and exploits it is so widely celebrated...

The earliest European discoverer of the western world appears to have been St. Brendan, who lived in the sixth century and after leaving a monastery...

It happened that St. Brendan obtained his first voyage, as it were, of this western world from an old man, Bormuthus by name...

Coming back to Kerry, the saint procured him a stout vessel, provisioned it for a cruise that might last for a year, and taking with him a number of monks...

The place where St. Brendan and his companions landed is generally believed to have been the Virginian shore; and after remaining by the sea for some time...

ed in England by Capgrave in 1516, we are told that "St. Brendan, with his followers, abode there seven weeks, until Trinity Sunday was passed..."

The fact that considerable legendary uncertainty attaches to St. Brendan's voyages is not surprising when one takes into account the age in which the Saint lived. It is certain that there was a St. Brendan, whose name may be found in any good "Life of the Saints..."

The Saint, after his return to Kerry, was not ungrateful of the promise he had made to return to the new world which he had discovered, and tradition relates that he fitted out a second expedition...

THE UPAS TREE.

Its Poisonous Quality Really Exists. The upas, or Antidris toxicaria of Java, has been long known as the deadly tree to many of the popular writers...

SHAKESPEARE'S FAITH.

AN ABUNDANCE OF PROOF THAT HE WAS A CATHOLIC.

It Came from a Devout Catholic Stock, and in His Writings Great Respect is Shown for the True Religion.

The elucidation of the question, "was Shakespeare a Catholic?" was undertaken recently by Mr. John Hand, of the Liverpool (Eng.) School Board...

In dealing with the sentiments in Shakespeare's works, Mr. Hand said there were innumerable passages throughout the works bearing on Catholic observances...

My heart is almost gone When I see purgatories and tormenting flames That render up myself.

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an indifferent Catholic as indeed he likely was, but a Catholic they had every reason to believe he was imbued with a true Catholic spirit and containing in his heart the Puritanism then rampant.

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The Other Way. Hojeck—Are you going to make any good resolutions this year? Tomdick—No. I always break them.

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