

in one large volume, as mentioned in our first issue, but owing to the mass of material accumulated, it is now being issued in three volumes, with a possibility of a fourth in the shape of an appendix. We have seen upwards of forty of the excellent plates which have been prepared, many of which are from copper. These engravings include portraits, fac-similes of documents and letters and rare views. There are also several large plans reproduced from the originals, some of which are in color. These valuable illustrations, together with the numerous unpublished journals of the siege will render the "Story of the Siege" the most complete work on this portion of our history. A limited number of copies will be open to subscription, particulars of which will be announced in our columns.

Early Americanas.

Messrs Breslauer & Meyer, booksellers, of Berlin, Germany, have issued recently a most interesting catalogue of very valuable ancient books. This catalogue is illustrated with several fac-similes of rare prints and manuscripts. Although the items re-

lating to America are not numerous, some of them are very scarce, such as the following atlas containing 88 maps by Giovanni Francesco Camotio, Zenoi, Furlani, and Martinus Rosa :

Isole famole porti, fortezze, e terre maritime sottoposte | alla Ser.^{ma} Sig.^{ria} di Venitia, ad altri Principi | Christiani, et al Sig.^{or} Turco, nouamète poste in luce. | In Venitia alla libreria del segno di S. Marco.

This atlas was executed between the years 1566-1571, and all the maps are made from finely engraved copper-plates. The following names are inscribed on that part of America shown on the first map: *More della Nova Francia, C. Berton, Granza, C. Despera, Terra de Bacalos, Rio-neuada, C. del Labrador, C. Fredo*, etc.

This atlas is not in HARRISSE'S *Bibliotheca Americana Vetustissima*, nor even in Baron de Nordenskjöld's famous work, and an account of it is to be found only in Marinelli's *Saggio di Cartografia della Regione Venetas*. The price asked for this geographical rarity is 480 marks.

Besides this item, some other valuable and scarce books relating to the early geography of America are to be found in this important catalogue.

