

name America was given in honour of Amerigo Vespucci (am-er-ee-go ves-poot'-chee), a Florentine merchant, who touched the continent somewhere in the north-east of South America, in 1501, on his third voyage, and wrote an account of the discovery.

Jacques Cartier, the Discoverer of Canada, 1534.—The real discoverer of Canada was Jacques Cartier (zhäk' kar'-tee-ä'). The Norsemen, the Cabots, the Portuguese Captain Cortereal, the French navigator, Verrazano (ver'-ratz-ah'-no), and a few others,



VOYAGES OF CARTIER AND CHAMPLAIN.

merely touched its outlying shores ; and were driven back by the fogs of Newfoundland, or the rocky and ice-bound shores of Labrador. It must be kept in mind that all these early voyages, except the Norsemen's, were made with the object of finding a shorter passage to the Indies or Cathay, so that the riches of the far East might find their way more easily to the shores of Europe. Cartier,