

**A**VOIDING minor details, framing the story of the great Northwest in simple way, we offer especially to young people a continuous history of events and actors therein from the days of Cortez, whose tyrannical but enterprising rule over New Spain (Mexico) saw first attempts at acquisition of territory in this region for his King, not forgetting himself for, selfish, he had unbounded ambitions. The timidity of these Spanish rovers materially curtailed their efforts in way of exploration for to "New Spain" all northern waters were unknown, the Spanish mind in this superstitious age having vague ideas of whirlpools, monsters of the sea, hidden reefs which made progress of their cruising caravals and permanent settlement on coast of "missions" by zealous fathers, a very tardy accomplishment, for under different Viceroy's a period of two hundred and fifty years or more elapsed at end of which all Spain could show were a few "Haciendas" or Missions on southern coast of California.

Having but little historical interest, the visit of mere traders to the North West Coast about time of Kendrick and Gray's presence here, has been omitted and referring in a brief way only to those who discovered or accomplished something of note, we bring the story up to a comparatively recent date.

Cortez, the terrible, in his day, 1539, (Charles the First was King), sent "Ulloa"—in 1540 "Mendez" fitted out, then "Cabrillo," who named "San Diego and San Miguell." Cabrillo dying, his lieutenant,