

*him?* Thus, with his nose turned up at the country and its people, yet keeping three of them unlawfully and unmercifully under his nose, he sailed away South, and discovered Florida. The natives of this country would not have been as amiable as were their northern brethren had an attempt been made to select specimens from their number!

In 1500 Gaspar Cortereal, a gentleman brought up in the court of the King of Portugal—a man of learning and ability—sailed into the arctic seas in command of many ships, made important discoveries for hundreds of miles above Labrador, stole a few natives, and returned home. The next year he visited, as is supposed, Hudson Strait, but the sea avenged the crime he committed against the people whom it nourished, and devoured him together with his vessel. One of the ships returned home in safety, but nothing was ever heard of Gaspar or his crew.

Gaspar had a brother, Miguel, who begged the king to allow him to go in search of the lost one. Three ships were put under his command, and he sailed for the region about Hudson Strait. On arriving in the vicinity of the probable loss of Gaspar's vessel, the three ships took each certain inlets to examine, agreeing upon a harbor of meeting. Two of them met, after a diligent search. But the ship commanded by Miguel never returned. The sea had, doubtless, swallowed up both him and his men.

There was still another brother of these Cortereals whose name was Vasco. He begged to be sent in