

the Atlantic, he could reach the eastern shores of Asia. Having applied in vain to Genoa, Venice, France, England, he finally repaired to Spain, where he met the Superior of the Convent of Rabida, Dom Juan Perez, who recommended him to Ferdinand and Isabella, the Spanish sovereigns. Three small vessels being fitted out, named respectively, the *Santa Maria*, the *Pinta*, and the *Nina*, Columbus sailed from Palos, on the 20th of August, 1492. On the morning of Friday, Oct 12th, 1492, he landed at one of the Bahama Isles, which he named San Salvador.

4 What places did Columbus next discover ?

A. The Islands of Cuba, and St. Domingo or Hayti, where he found the potato and tobacco plants. He then left a colony in the New World and returned to Spain, bringing with him a large quantity of gold, and products of the soil. He was received with enthusiasm by the royal court, and the King and Queen of Spain bestowed on him the highest honors.

5 Did Columbus return to the New World ?

A. He made three other voyages to America.