

sovereigns proclaimed their determination to plant there the symbol of Christianity. Party jealousy was forgotten, old feuds were buried, while responsive emotions of loyalty and devotion to the crusade, swelled every breast throughout the land, and an immense army was kept in the field which proceeded from one conquest to another, until the gates of Granada gave way, and Spain was reclaimed from the Moslem sway. The land, purged from the lifeless forms of Mohammedan belief, received the tokens of a better worship; and the pious heart of Spain's devoted Queen beat with new fervor and joy as she beheld the ensigns of her beloved faith raised where false religion had so long held sway.

The crusade thus happily terminated, the sovereigns turned their attention to political economy, and disbanding their army, held court from place to place, redressing wrongs, and issuing new forms of polity in accordance with their enlightened views of propriety.

Columbus, no longer able to repress his ardor, now appeared at court to urge his project before his royal mistress. His enthusiasm touched Isabella, though failing to meet an answering response from Ferdinand, whose cooler temperament could not at once appreciate a plan which seemed so chimerical. She immediately, and with great exertion, raised funds for the expedition from her private resources; for jewels and crowns faded in her view, in comparison with the grandeur of this enterprise,—an enterprise which, unknown to her, was to perpetuate her name, enwreathed with golden laurels to the latest ages.

At last all was nearly ready for the expedition, and Columbus, with overwhelming emotions, received authority to set out on his perilous but long wished voyage of discovery.

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CHARADE.

Dost ever think, love, of that shady retreat,
Its dear tufts of pansies for true lovers meet,
Dost think of the time, when the pale queen's light,
Had burnished with silver the deep shades of night;
All nature was hushed, save the musical air,
Which ardently played with thy tresses so fair.