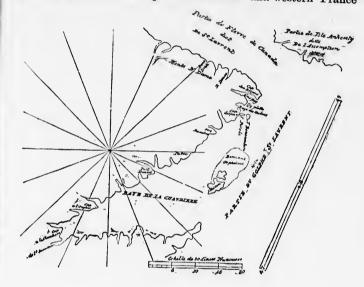
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available material which had been gathered from the Atlantic seaports had not yet reached a conception of this great watery portal of a continent which lies back of Newfoundland. That there could not have been knowledge of this obscure gulf in some of the seaports of northern and western France



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JEAN DENYS (alleged Map), 1506. [Reduced from a Tracing furnished from the Archives at Ottawa.]

may indeed admit of doubt; and perhaps some day a dated chart may reveal the fact. We need not confidently trust the professions of Michel and other advocates of the Basques, and believe that a century before Cabot their hardy fishermen had discovered the banks of Newfoundland, and had even penetrated into the bays and inlets of

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