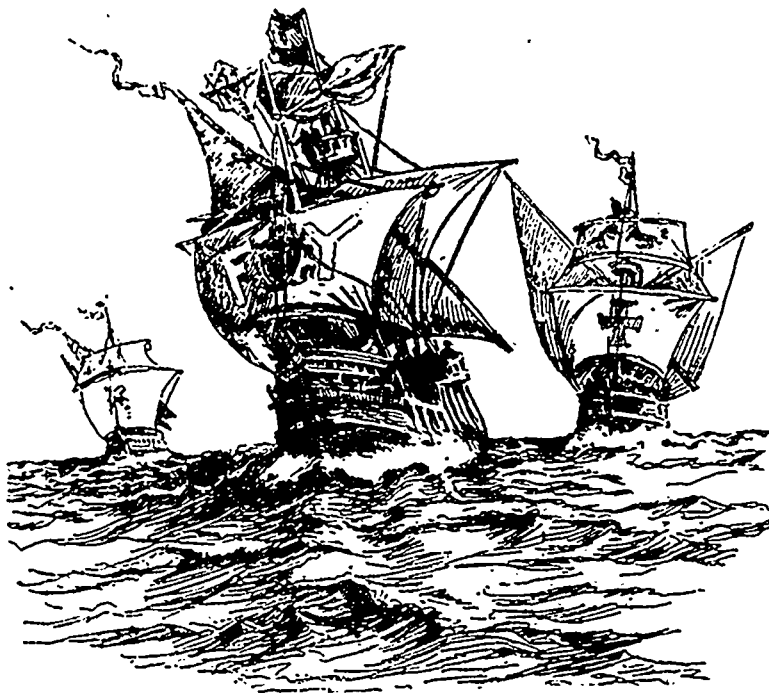


Young People's Department.



COLUMBUS' THREE CARAVELS.

COLUMBUS AND HIS THREE CARAVELS.

The World's Fair, Chicago, three vessels were to be seen of very different shape from the fine ships which we have at the present day. They were made to show people what the three ships looked like which Columbus commanded when he started out to discover a new land.

These ships were called caravels, because of their peculiar shape and rigging. The largest of these was named the *Santa Maria*, or the St. Mary, so called in honor of the Virgin Mary. Columbus, being a Roman Catholic, thought it proper to give this name to his ship. He had a great respect for religion, and he undertook his great journey in the spirit of devotion and prayer.

The other two ships were called the *Pinta* and the *Nina*. These were good, stout coasting vessels, and floated lightly on the water. The men that were sailing with Columbus got very tired and very frightened. They began to think that

something dreadful would happen to them, for they did not know where they were going or what would become of them, but the cry of Columbus was always "On ; still on !"

They sailed and sailed, as winds might blow,
Until the mate all trembling said,
"Why, now, not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.
These very winds forget their way,
For God from these dead seas is gone,
Now speak, brave Admiral, speak and say——"
He said, "Sail on ; sail on, and on !"

He had faith in his undertaking, and his faith brought him to what he wanted to get. Other men, though frightened, became strong because he was so hopeful. And this faith led to the discovery of a new land—the great continent that we call America.

These three ships, then, give us two lessons : first, the value of faith, and, second, the value of perseverance, or never giving up. If we have faith in religion, others will be helped by it ; and if we always do right and *stick to it*, it will help others also. So when you see the three caravels think of the two lessons, faith and perseverance.