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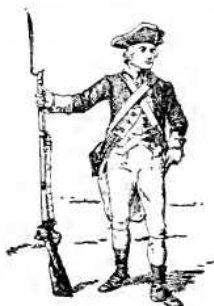
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INTRODUCTION.

WE feel sure that all the boys and girls who read this little book will be glad to be told about the land they live in, the great country which is known as the United States. They will find it pleasant to read how, many years ago, this land was first seen by bold sailors who came across the broad Atlantic Ocean. And they will wish to learn how white men began to live here, and what they said and did, and how, step by step, they built up this great and mighty nation.

All of you should be glad to learn what kind of people were found in this country, how they spent their time, and what became of them. And you should seek to know what the white men did: how they cut down the great trees, and built for themselves homes, and sent ships abroad, and in time had large cities, and broad farms, and all that makes a people great. You cannot help loving your country better when you have read the story of its wonderful growth.

It is a long story you will need to learn, one in which many great and wise men took part, in which there were many years of war and more years of peace, and in which the country grew rich, and more and more people came to

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it, and in time it grew into the broad and grand nation which spreads around us to-day. By history, you should know, is meant the acts of men, and in this book you will read of the lives and doings of our best and greatest men, of how they thought, and worked, and acted, for our good, and how this mighty nation grew up out of their deeds and those of the people who followed them in war and in peace.

And now we must start into the story we have set out to tell: how this great land was once covered with forests in which red men hunted wild animals and lived in a very simple way, and how it was found by white men, who came here to live, and all else that took place down to our own days. First, we have to tell the wonderful story of Columbus, the great sailor who was the first to cross the ocean to this new land.

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THE UNITED STATES.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

The Man and Boy.—Many, many years ago, on a sunny autumn day, a man and a boy walked along a dusty road in the south of Spain, as you may have often seen people walk on our own roads. The man was tall and strong, but he looked as if he had come far and was tired. The boy, dusty and hungry, held fast to his father's hand as he walked along by his side. This was very long ago, more than four hundred years in the past, and millions on millions of men and boys of whom we have never heard have died since then. But the story of that day will not soon be forgotten, for it is told in a hundred books



COLUMBUS AND SON ON THE WAY
TO LA RABIDA.