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FRANCISCO PIZARRO
(From an Original Painting in the Palace of the Viceroys at Lima, Peru)

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PREFACE

Some day we are going to know our friends in the other America a great deal better than we do now. Big ships are plying back and forth through the new canal, and every year it grows a little easier to travel in South America. Nowadays a trip to Callao is likely to be advertised by enterprising steamship companies along with tours to Bermuda or over the Great Lakes.

Here are twelve men who have done big things for those countries beyond Panama—the men who ought to head our list of South American acquaintances. Whether a patriot like San Martin, or a rascal like Pizarro; loved by his countrymen like Bolivar, or hated like Rosas; a brilliant success like Mr. Grubb, or a failure like Allen Gardiner—all had their share in the making of the continent, as Washington and Jackson and Lincoln helped in the making of our country.

Lord James Bryce, the Englishman who has written the best history of the United States, went down to South America not long ago, prowled around for a few months, and then wrote the finest volume of general information about the whole country that we have ever had. In South America: Observations and Impressions, he has selected just the things about each republic, past and present, that every one wants to know-history, romance, people and places, anecdotes, adventures and legends. William Prescott's Conquest of Peru, the story of the glorious Inca dynasty and old Pizarro's hairbreadth escapes, we have most of us read long before this in the days when we pored over Ivanhoe and The Last of the Mohicans. For the story of the picturesque old mission towns of Argentine and Paraguay, the Arcadia where the Jesuit fathers once collected the Guarani Indians, there is W. H. Koebel's In Jesuit Land. The best book on the wars for independence will not be so easy to find in your library, but it is worth hunting for. It is called The Emancipation of South America, and Bartolomé Mitre, one of the greatest historians of his country, wrote it. The translator has left out some cumbersome details, but if it still seems overdetailed for general reading, it is easy to skip without missing the main points and the thrilling accounts of men and battles. You will find in it many anecdotes of San Martin and Bolivar, the battles they fought, the men who helped them, and the story of their mysterious interview. In those days it seems to have been the fashion for every sea captain and army officer to keep a journal and find some one to publish it for him. Captain Basil Hall's Journal of Travels in Chile and Peru is the best of dozens you might read. He was cruising along the western coast just at the time that San Martin went to Lima, and he tells story after story of what happened during the campaign, of meeting the great general, of picnics and balls and