

master. The name Brazil, or, as the French write, Brésil, is that given by the natives of the country, and it has prevailed over that of Holy Cross. Cabral then resumed his voyage to India, arrived at Calicut on the 13th of September, thence passed to Cananor, and finally to Cochim.

Brazil.

Nothing is more fabulous than the story, then current in Spain, and much circulated by those envious of Columbus—namely, that a caravel, carrying Spanish wines to England, after being long buffeted by the winds, was forced to run south, then west, and at last found itself near an island, where the crew landed to rest after their hardships at sea. Others say that it was on the coast of Pernambuco, but all agree that it was in Brazil. They added that the Andalusian, Biscayan, or Portuguese pilot (for they vary on this point), returning to Europe, after losing almost all his crew, died at the house of Columbus, in the island of Porto Santo, and left him all his notes, of which he availed himself to discover the New World. This matter was in the sequel examined in the Council of the Indies, and the imposture confounded. Moreover, if Columbus had had these notes he would have crossed the Equator, which he never did.

This same year Gaspar de Cortereal, a Portuguese gentleman, landed in the island of Newfoundland, in a bay to which he gave the name of Conception, which it still retains. He then visited all the eastern shore of that great island. Other discoveries are attributed to him in the adjacent continent, where ancient maps lay down *Terra Cortereal*. Accustomed to milder climates, with his mind filled with the idea of the riches of Africa and the Indies, he was soon disgusted with a land in which naught was to be seen but frightful rocks covered with snow, frozen rivers and sea, unfitted for the establishment of trade, except in a fish which had not yet been appreciated, and was even apparently unknown. So he sailed away for Portugal again, but was lost on the way. Champlain pretends that Cortereal made two voyages to Newfoundland, and perished in the second, where or how was unknown. He adds that Michael de Cortereal, his brother, seeking to prosecute his enterprise, met the same fate.

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