

1516.

Nata, first
Spanish city
on the Pacific.

The licentiate Espinosa founds the city of Nata in the province of Veragua. It is the first Spanish city on the Pacific.

Rio Janeiro.

On the first day of the same year, John Diaz de Solis, already mentioned, entered a river in Brazil, which he called Rio Genero, or Enero, River of January. The Portuguese, the actual masters of all that great country, call it Rio Janerio. Diaz next discovered a much greater river, which he called after himself, Rio de Solis, and which was subsequently named Rio de la Plata. Landing here, he was killed by the Indians. Rio de la Plata is properly only a long bay, formed by the confluence of the Parana and Uruguay. The Parana, two hundred leagues above, receives the Paraguay.

1517.

Yucatan.
Campeachy.

On the 8th of February, Francis Fernandez de Cordova embarked at Havana, by order of Diego Velasquez, governor of Cuba. He next discovered all the coast of Yucatan from Cape de Catoche to Potonchan. In this interval, he found a town called Kimpech, where the city of Campeachy was afterwards built.

The Portuguese in
China.
Cathay.
Cambalu.

In the month of August, of this same year, Ferdinand de Andrada, a Portuguese, reached China. It is the first voyage made by the Portuguese to that great empire, of which the more western and northern part formerly bore the name of Cathay. Cambalu, capital of Cathay, is the same as Pekin.

1518.

New Spain.

Francisco Fernandez de Cordova having died on his return from Yucatan, John de Grijalva was sent by Velasquez to continue his discoveries. He first discovered the island of Cozumel, and named it the island of Santa Cruz; then the river Tabasco, to which he gave his name; then the island or key of Sacrificios, so called because he found men there who had just been sacrificed to the idols. A little further on, he discovered the island of Ulua, to which he gave the name of San Juan, and which is still called the island of San Juan de Ulua. It is opposite Vera Cruz, of which it forms the port. He then