

that the court of France would not have permitted the Spaniards in America to be molested; but, after the death of Louis XIV., the plan proposed in the Council of the Regency, namely, to plant a strong colony in Louisiana, enabled some adventurers to profit by the disagreements that ensued between the courts of France and Spain, and revive the project of the Sieur de la Sale. On the faith of some apocryphal relations,¹ they indulged the hope of soon pouring into the kingdom, treasures which never existed, except in the heated imaginations of some men; and this new enchantment produced still more deplorable results² than those we have just seen. We shall have occasion to speak of them in the course of this history, of which it is time we resumed the thread.

¹ Alluding, apparently, to Sagean. See *Extrait de la Relation des Aventures et Voyages de Mathieu Sagean*, New York, 1863, printed in an abridged form in the *Mercure Galant*, November, 1711. *Historical Magazine*, iv., 198; x., pp. 61-5.

² This, of course, alludes to Law's Mississippi project.

Besides the references already given, the reader may, in relation to Rutel, the sailor, and his son, see Bossu, p. 125.