

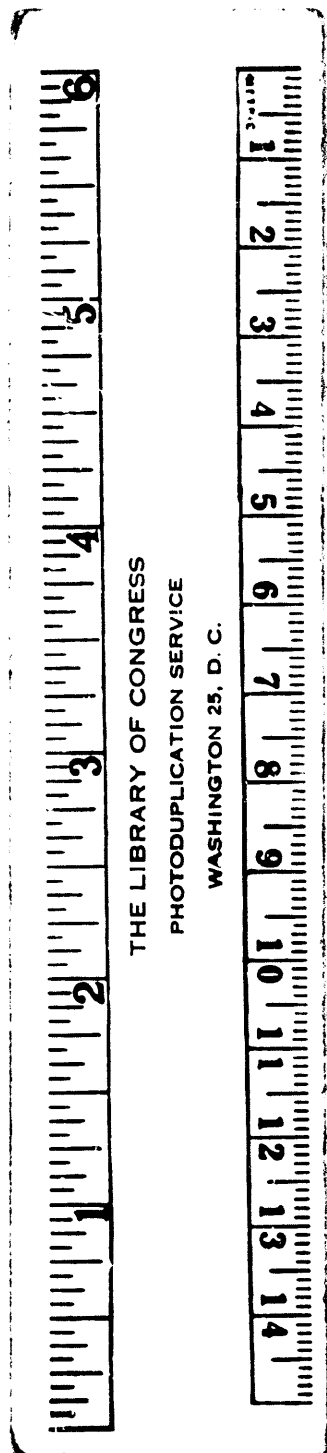
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thological description of all
the Empires and Kingdomes, both of
*Continent and Ilands in this ter-
restriall Globe.*

Relating their scituations, manners, Cu-
*stomes, Prouinces, and Go-
uernements.*

*Ars iam naturam superas, nam pendere Terra,
Quam facit hac facit hic pictor habere pedes.*

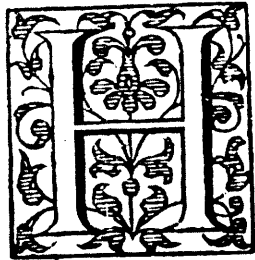


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CHAP. IX.

De America, siue India Orientali.



AVING discours of three parts of the world, *Europe*, *Africa*, and *Asia*, I will now venter on the last & greatest part, which is *America*.

Limits.

1 *America* is inuironed on the East with the maine Ocean, on the South with the Straights of *Magelane*, on the

West with *Mare Del Zur*, or *Pacificum*, and on the north with the vnknowne Land.

2 This part of the world, was first discried by *Christopher Columbus*, in the yeare 1492. and then after that made better knowne by *Americus Vesputius*, of whome it is called vnto this day *America*.

Qualitie.

3 The fruitfulnessse of this soyle is to be admired, for in it are wonderfull store of Spices, Birdes, and Fishes. There is also gol in such plenty, that the *Spaniards* haue reported they haue digged in some places more Golde then earth. The chiefest want in this part are Horses, of which they haue few or none, and which was the occasion, that when the *Spaniards* brought Horses in the battell against them, they fell down astonished, thinking that when the horses neighed, they had spoken vnto them.

Inhabitants.

4 The inhabitants of this mighty Territory, are most barbarous, being in some places men eaters, they are altogether ignorant and vnlearned, which was the chief cause

cause that they conceited themselues, when any one of the *Spaniards* did read a letter, the Diuel told him the contents. They are ignorant of the vse of yron, and estimate glasse aboute gold. To conclude, they are excellent runners, and swimmers.

5 This fourth part of the world, is chiefly vnder the *Gouernment* King of *Spaine*, and is diuided first into two parts, *Mexicana*, and *Peruana*, afterwards subdiuided as followeth.

DE MEXICANA.

1 *Mexicana* is limited on the east with *Mare Del Nor- Limus*. te, on the West with *Mare Del Zur*, on the South with an *Isthmus*, betwixt *Peruana* and it, and on the North with the vnknowne land.

2 In this part of *America* are many Prouinces, the chief of which are *Quiuira*, *Mexicana*, *Nicaragua*, *Iucatan*, *Florida*, *Virginia*, *Norumbega*, *Noua Francia*, *Terra Cortea- lis*, and *Estotiland*.

3 The Prouince of *Quiuira* extendeth it selfe vnto *Si- Quinira*. nus *California*, being a most dry and barren ground.

4 The Prouince of *Mexicana* was first found out by *Mexicana*. *Ferdinando Cortesius*, in the yeare 1518. There are in this place many Riuers, in which breede great store of Crocades, whose bodies the inhabitants doe eat. There are also many mines of golde. And there is a mountaine called *Popochampeche*, which doth continually vomit forth flames of fire. The chiefe and Metropolitane citie of this Prouince, or of whole *America*, is *Mexico*, in which the Prorex for *Spaine* doth lie, and in which there is both money coyned, and bookes printed.

5 The next is *Nicaragua*, wherin is a great lake which *Nicaragua*. hath no entercourse with the Sea, and yet doth ebbe & flow as the Sea doth. The people in this place are more

manlike then others, both in behaviour and shape.

Incatan.

6 In *Incatan Chersonesus*, the chiefe citie is *Guatimala*, where another Vice-Roy for *Spaine* doth lye. The inhabitants of this Countrey did adore the Crosse before *Cortez* comming.

Terra Florida.

7 *Terra Florida* (so called of the French, who first founded it) hath in it many Prouinces, whereof *Panuca* is one, in which the people are very warlike, but butcherously minded, killing all the captiues they take, and eating them. Furthermore, they neuer marry vntil they be 40. yeares of age, and liue most vpon Serpents & worms. There is another place in this Prouince, called *Alberdosia*, where in the women let their children sucke vntil they be 12. yeares of age.

Virginia.

8 *Virginia* (so nominated of our late Queene) was first found out by Sir *Walter Rawleigh*, who gaue it that name. Of this Countrey what may be spoken more at large, see the discourse of Master *Harriot*, and Master *Hackant*.

Norumbega.

9 *Norumbega* (so called of certaine fishes which are in it of that name.) The chiefe Citie of it is *Norumbega*.

Noua Francia.

10 *Noua Francia* lyeth neere vnto that great *Sinus* of *Saint Laurence*. It was discovered and taken first of the French men, vnder *Frauncis* the first of *France*. The inhabitants of this Prouince haue little boats made of leather, which they vse to fish in, & when they haue done to take them vp at their backe, and carry them away.

Terra Corsealis.

11 *Terra Corsealis*, is little famous, vnlesse it be for a riuer there, which is called the three brothers.

Estotiland.

12 *Estotiland* was first found out by *Anthony Zenus* a *Venetian*, neere vnto which lyeth *Fretum Davis*, where they haue sought oftentimes for a passage vnto the *Moluccoes* & *China*, but it could not be effected. Not far from
this

this lyeth *Newfound-land*, frō whence commeth most of our fish. And in the North part lyeth a land, called by Sir *Frauncis Drake*, *Noua Albion*, of which nothing can be certainly spoken.

13 Thus farre of the Prouinces of *Mexicana*, now followeth the description of *Peruana*.

De Peruana.

P*eruana* is in euery place inuironed with the Sea; vn-
lesse it be towards the North, where it is ioyned vn-
to *Mexicana*, by a little *Isthmus*. *Limits.*

2 This part of *America* doth chiefly flourish with gold, pretious stones, Spices, Suger, & strange hearbs, among which is that hearbe *Tobaco*, which is so much, and idely vsed amongst vs. *Qualities.*

3 The inhabitants of this place are generally cruell, rude, barbarous, and men eaters, not vnhke vnto those of *Mexicana*: They go naked, and if they take any man captiue, they slice his body out into collops, and broile it vpon the coales, making mery so long as that indures them. They are towards the South part mighty great men, being all Idolaters, worshipping the Diuell, or some monstrous mishapen Idole. *Inventions.*

4 The chiefe Riuer of this Southerne part of *America*, are three, the Riuer *Amazon*, *Maragon*, and the golden Riuer *Rio*, or *de la Plate*, in which there is found much gold and siluer. *Riuers.*

5 This *Peruana* is diuided into foure great Prouinces or Kingdomes, *Castella Aurea*, *Peru*, *Chile*, and *Brasile*: In each of which the King of *Spaine* hath his Agents. *Division.*

6 *Castella Aurea*, doth comprehend in it the whole *Isthmus*, which doth linke and tye the two parts of *America Aurea* together. In it are the two famous Ports or Hauens, in
which.

which the Spanish Ships are either laden for *Spaine*, or disburdened for *America*. The one called *Theomina*, or *Nombre de Dios*, the other *Panama*.

Pern. 7 *Pern* is limited on the North with *Castella Aurea*, on the West with *Mare Pacificum*, or the calme Sea, on the South with *Chile*, and on the East with a *Mediterranean* vnknowne. This place was found out by *Frauncis Pizarro*, in the yeare 1525.

Inhabitants. 8 The inhabitants of this Region are great Idolaters, worshipping in some places blacke filthy sheepe, in other places Serpents. They are also such great men of person, that the Spaniards haue found teeth of them that were three fingers in breadth, and foure in length.

Qualitie. 9 The fruitfulnessse of this countrey doth chiefly excell in the hearbe *Tobaco*, and *Cocam*, which if it be put into any mans mouth, it quenchem his thirst. And there is a certaine Beast, that when hee runneth away hath a bag hanging downe vnder his belly, into which his young ones conuey themselues. There is also such plenty of Gold, that the inhabitants care not for it, and when the Spaniards came thither first, they shooed their Horses with it. In this Prouince are the three riuers before mentioned in the generall description of *Pernana*.

Citie. 10 The chiefe citie of this Kingdome is *Michaelia*, in which lyeth a Prorex for *Spaine*.

Chile. 11 *Chile* doth flourish in many things, but that which is of greatest note, there is a Riuier which in the day time doth runne, and in the night standeth still: the reason is, because this riuier lyeth vnder Mountaines, on which snow falling, in the day is dissolued, in the night congealed. The chiefe and Metropolitan City of this Prouince, is the citie of Saint *James*, in which lyeth another Prorex for *Spaine*.

12 *Brasile*

12 *Brasile* is extended from the riuier *Maragon*, vnto *Brasile*, the straights of *Mazelan*.

13 The inhabitants of this large Prouince, are *sine Fide, Lege, & Rege*: that is, without faith, law, or King. They are also such excellent swimmers, that they can tary vnder water for the space of an houre. They are very great dissemblers, shedding teares (which they haue alwayes in readinesse) when any of their friends come vnto them.

14 The fruitfulnessse of this Countrey lyeth much in Sugar, and a wood called *Brasile*, which is transported from thence into many parts of *Europe*. In this Country is also that Beast, called *Pigritia*, which in fiftene dayes will be going as farre as one can throw a stone. Here are also many strange Hearbes, whereof two are of most note. The first is the hearbe *Copaibas*, of which the excellent *Balsomum* is made, that cureth all greene wounds. The other is an hearbe, which of the Portugals is called *Sentida*, of *Lincotanus Sentiens*, and of others *Vina*, whose qualitie is, that if any one throw any thing vnto it, or touch it, it will shut his leaues, and will not open them vntill the partie which did displease it be departed. Here are also neere vnto the Sea-shore, Fishes which will flye like vnto birds. And to conclude, here are trees of that bignesse, that there are as many families dwelling in one of the limbs of them, as are in some Parishes of England.

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