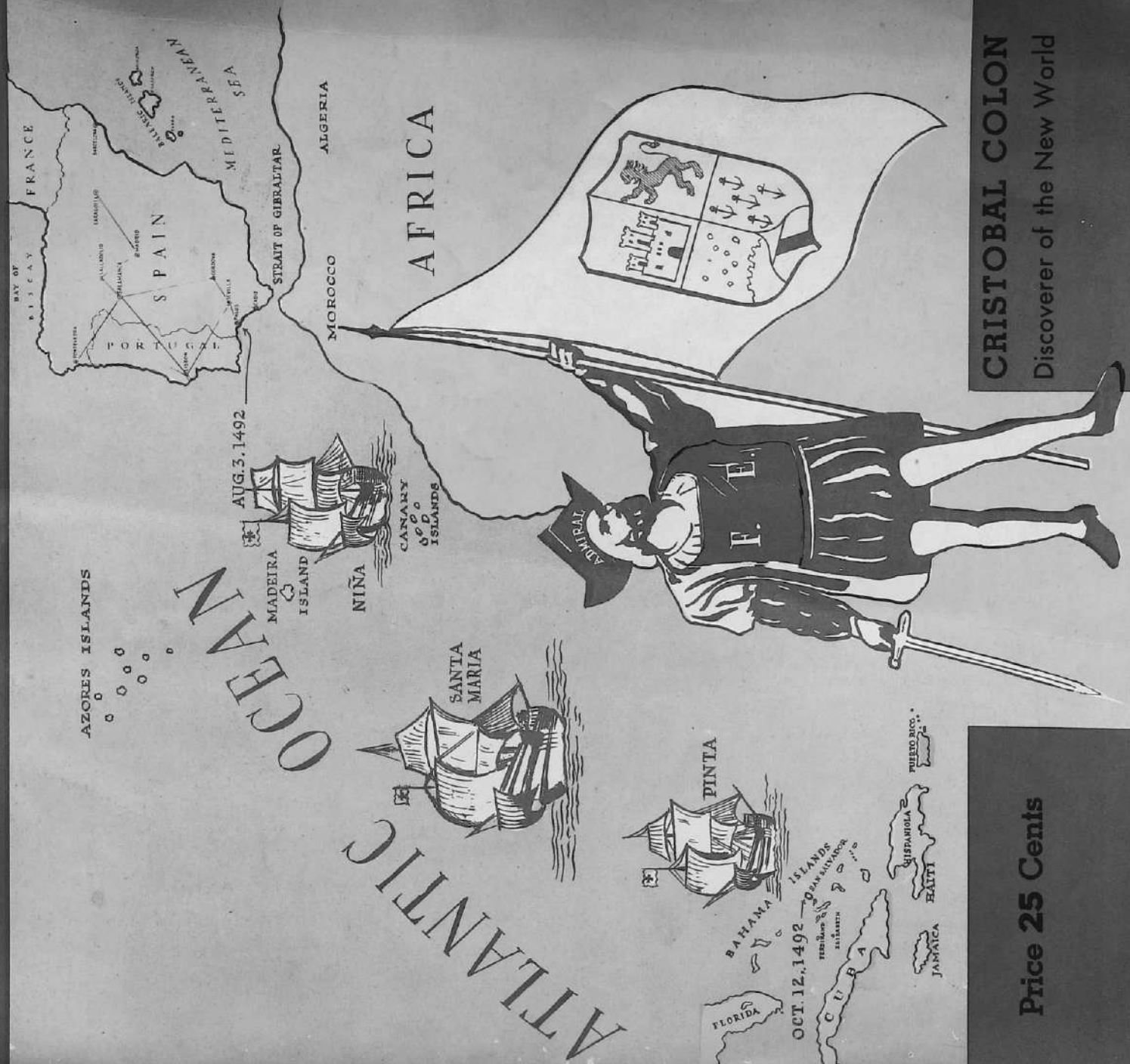


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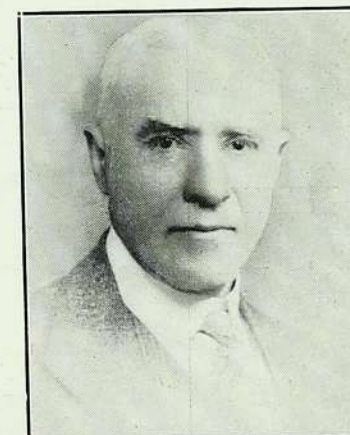
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## Foreword

God created this world for the benefit of humanity. He created the heavens with all the planets; 200 thousand square miles of earth; 140,000 square miles of water in oceans and rivers and 60,000 square miles of land; animals to feed human beings; fruit trees; various kinds of grasses to feed the animals and to produce medicinal drugs for the prolongation of human health and preservation of lives. He created animals with feelings for their multiplication only, and human beings for their multiplication and civilization. He created them in pairs of males and females, loving each other as equal partners. The male to work hard and support his female partner; the female to produce the best quality of human beings.

All animals are born naked, but their clothings grow on them, while human beings also born nude, have to be covered with clothes first by their parents and later by themselves. They must be able to produce and support themselves to attain a life of pleasure and satisfaction. All human beings are created with equal feelings.

Nobody knows when God created the world. Many scientists, astronomers and geologists claim that the universe has been in existence over 2 billions of years, while others believe that the world is only a few thousand years old. No matter when the world was created, have we reached civilization or are we still uneducated savages? The people of the old world of Europe, Asia and Africa, with a population of 2 billion human beings, do not know how old is their world, but we know that our new world is only 450 years old, dating from 1492 when this continent was discovered by CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS or CRISTOBAL COLON.

When God created the universe, He created not only the old world, but also our New World. Why for billions of years was this new world not discovered? Why could no other person do what Columbus did? This great secret, we will try to explain in this little, but very important book.

Every person living in our New World must keep in his home a copy of this little book, not only for the benefit of the head of the family but for the benefit of their children. Everybody must know the Important Story of the discoverer of this New World, in which they live in freedom, peace and prosperity.

Let us now compare, what the Old World accomplished in thousands of years with what our NEW World accomplished in only 450 years.

The Old World made very little progress towards civilization, because there never existed durable peace. The rulers of many Governments often declared wars against other peaceful nations for the purpose of robbing their lands, conquering and enslaving their populations, and enlarging their own countries. To accomplish these aims, Czars, Sultans and Kings emptied their treasuries to teach militarism to their peoples, sending them to battle and killing millions of people. The aspirations of these rulers were only to conquer land at any price and any amount of sacrifices of innocent men. Science was limited to the discovery and manufacture of the most powerful weapons for human destruction.

They made forced murderers of their honest and peaceful inhabitants, instead of giving them a chance to invent and produce things for the welfare of humanity and civilization. The rulers of such countries and their military advisors caused the destruction of their own populations and countries under the false pretense of patriotism.

Their people became discouraged and poor. Realizing that peace would never exist in their native countries, they hoped for other lands where they could enjoy the benefits of peace. But, there was no such land to be found until Columbus discovered our New World.

These harassed people of the Old World, emigrated to our New World where they found the freedom and peace they desired, and made new homes here.

The New World is actually populated by 300 millions of human beings, about half of them citizens and residents of the United States of America and the other half spread over numerous countries of Central and South America. The latter are known as Latin American countries because their official language is Spanish. The United States and Canada are known as the North American countries, where the official language is English—the language spoken in three-fourths of the Globe.

The United States of America is in existence for only 165 years and is actually the most powerful country on earth. Its population of about 150 millions consists, mostly, of the best class of immigrants from all parts of the Old World, who left their native countries because of the injustices, intolerance, militarism and fanatical persecutions of the rulers of these various countries.

Every human being desires peace. No person wants war. Nobody wants to be killed on battle fields, battleships or airships by high explosives, made by the militaristic-minded group, for destruction of human life. Nobody wishes to see the horrors of war and nobody wishes to remain disabled if he is lucky enough to remain alive.

Peace is the only factor toward progress and civilization of humanity; and wars cause only destruction. The Old World is a Vulcan of fire, with no rest for any person wishing to live in peace.

This was the reason that the Great American President JAMES MONROE proclaimed the MONROE DOCTRINE, advising every American President to keep away from the murderers of the Old World and never to take part in their false politics and treacherous dealings. Our motto must be: "Maintain peace on this Continent." Thanks to the Monroe Doctrine, we can stay thousands of miles away from fire.

No nations of the Old World would dare attack our great country because they would be destroyed before they could approach the shores of this continent. Peace is the only cause of the progress and greatness of the United States of America.

The peace and freedom of America will be protected by all persons enjoying the liberty of this country, including American citizens native and naturalized, and even aliens who hope to return some day to their native countries. Because of our

continued peace, all progressive Inventions were made in America. Steamships, Railroads, Automobiles, Airplanes, Telegraph, Telephone, Radio, Television, Talking Pictures and Films of all kinds are American Inventions; Agricultural Machinery for mass production of wheat and food products; Machinery such as the Linotype, Ludlow and Automatic Printing Presses, for printing and publishing all kinds of books, Advertising and the greatest newspapers in the universe, that brought the greatest benefits to mankind. The invention of Electricity is the greatest of all. Electrical conductors are the mediums of transportation; and the Edison bulbs produce light like sunshine. The machinery for producing textiles for clothing, hardware, cutlery, Shoes and Leather goods were perfected here for mass production. The Typewriter, Sewing machine, Cash Register are also American Inventions.

This great country possesses the highest buildings, the strongest and largest bridges, the longest tunnels and subways, elevated trains, surface cars, Auto Buses, automatic elevators for high buildings and the fastest trains, etc.

This country builds the greatest and strongest battleships, submarines and Airplanes with heavy types of guns and the most powerful explosives, for self defense only and not for attacking and robbing other nations, or to conquer and enslave their peoples.

This continent possesses mines of gold, silver, copper and other metals; coal, sugar-cane, tobacco, oils and minerals; cattle in abundance to feed the population, also great quantities of fruits, cotton etc.

Every person is glad to be a resident of our New World, discovered by the greatest world Navigator CRISTOBAL COLON or CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

Everything that the Old World learned to manufacture is made in our New World in more practical ways for bigger and better production. Thousands of factories build all kinds of machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of goods necessary for the existence of human beings, thus investing many billions of dollars in corporations.

The New World produces more iron and steel, glass, paper, flour, sugar, tobacco etc. than any country of the Old World. Eggs and chickens are produced in large quantities by interesting machinery of American invention.

The South American countries such as: Argentina and Brazil, produce great quantities of wheat and coffee; Mexico produces oils and gasoline; Cuba produces sugar cane, tobacco, fruits etc.

Since there is no limit to American inventiveness and natural resources, the New World is richer than the entire Old World.

There is no compulsory military service in the United States in peace time. Education is compulsory in the United States and there are thousands of schools with the best available teachers, maintained by State and City Governments for the free use of the population. This advances the people toward civilization. In the American schools freedom of thought is taught for the benefit of humanity. The study of religions that create fanaticism and hate is prohibited in American schools. But every person is free to practise and believe in the

religion of his own choosing. There are thousands of Churches and Synagogues for spiritual worship, maintained privately by the people through their various organizations and not by the Government. This great country is against any fanaticism in religious belief.

The New World also formed civil and criminal laws, in accordance with the Ten Commandments of Moses and in accordance with the Doctrines of Christianity. The American people admit that JESUS was a Jew, born in Bethlehem, son of Joseph and Mary. There is no reason for hate and persecutions of Christians against Jews because both MOSES and JESUS upheld the same principle of "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" for the benefit of the entire human race. American Courts execute these civil and criminal laws, and give justice to all, without discriminating against nationality and religious belief.

The Jewish nation has been in existence for over 5700 years, and all other nations believing in Christianity, Mohamedanism etc. are in existence less than 2000 years. The nations believing in Idols make up half the world's population; they are half savage with no progress in civilization.

God placed the white race in Europe; the yellow race in Asia; the black race or Negroes in Africa; and the red race in America. But the New World is populated by all races and nationalities, the white race dominating because the discoverer of the New World was of the white race from Europe.

The Jewish nation appears as the first in civilization. For 4000 years it had kingdom and freedom in Palestine. It was known as THE NATION OF PEACE, because it never believed in militarism and never dreamed about attacking other nationalities. It had to defend itself when attacked by other nations. The Jews were called THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK.

Through their studies, they helped bring civilization to the world. They were forebears of the greatest men in the world, including CRISTOBAL COLON who, with able help of the great Jews, Prof. Abraham Zacuto, the astronomer and mathematician from Salamanca; the scientist DON ISAAC ABARBANEL; the financier Don LOUIS DE SANTANGEL of Madrid, and many others as we will prove in the following pages of this little book, discovered our New World.

The Christian World has been in existence for only 1941 years. They tried to imitate the Jews; but because they did not have their abilities in science, finance and industry, the Jews became the victims of jealousy and were subjected to hates and persecutions on the part of many Christians, who robbed them of the wealth and properties they acquired through their ability. But the Jews could not be robbed of their education, and therefore remained the authors of the world's progress in civilization.

The Jews do not ask for any compensation for their great achievements for the benefits of humanity. All they want is PEACE; the right to live and work equally with all human beings on earth; they struggle for existence in the most honest way, while in this world, in order to leave a good name in the world history.



## WHO WAS COLUMBUS?

For billions of years, the New World existed, populated partly by savage people of the red race, but mostly unpopulated.

No one thought about the discovery of our New World, because no one dared to risk his life and the lives of all participants in such a dangerous enterprise.

Why only 450 years ago, was Cristobal Colon or Christopher Columbus, the man to discover the New World?

The answer to that will become clear, when the true facts are known about his nationality, place of birth, his parents and family.

We may then realize why God inspired him with the ideal of becoming a sailor, who attained unquestionable renown in Navigation. God had chosen him to be the discoverer of the New World for a certain holy purpose.

Columbus had no ambition to become a powerful ruler of the lands he might discover. He had no such desires, because he was only a poor sailor, whose goal was to discover new lands.

God guided him in the steps that fulfilled his ideal, until he discovered the New World, which is at present connected with other parts of the Old World.

Since the discovery of the New World 450 years ago, no one has ascertained the true nationality of its discoverer.

Thousands of books were published during the past 450 years about Columbus, by various writers and historians. All of them describe the greatness of the discoverer of the New World, his unlimited courage and maritime erudition. He is called THE MASTER OF THE SEAS and THE CREATOR OF THE NEW WORLD.

For centuries, historians, believing that he was born in Genoa, called him CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS THE GENOESE.

Various monuments were erected in many sea ports of the world in memory of Christopher Columbus, discoverer of the New World.

Not until 1921 was it an established fact that he was Jewish and that his name was really CRISTOBAL COLON. He was born in Pontevedra, Spain, of Jewish parents. His father, who was a woolweaver before and after his marriage, was JACOB COLON and his mother SUSANNA FONTAROSA. Cristobal's parents were married in Pontevedra in the year 1447. They had 3 sons: BARTOLOMEW born in 1449, CRISTOBAL born in 1451 and DIEGO in 1453. All 3 sons were born in Pontevedra.

The book WHO WAS COLUMBUS published by MAURICE DAVID and printed by the New York Research Publishing Co. in 1933, gives enough facts, revealed by Celso Garcia De La Riega, to establish beyond any doubt, that the entire family of Jacob Colon was born in Pontevedra, Spain. In this book are reproduced many handwritten letters of Cristobal Colon, in Latin, addressed to the King and Queen of Spain, to Louis De Santangel and to many others, soon after his discovery of the New World.

Cristobal Colon knew how to read and write Spanish and Latin only.

The COLON and FONTAROSA families ranked

high among the Jewish families of Spain.

SAUL SAPHIRE of New York, published in 1934 the book COLUMBUS DER YID in Yiddish language, giving details about the life of COLUMBUS THE JEW.

Recently in 1939 and 1940 Salvador De Mada-riaga published a most important book about Christopher Columbus. He came to the conclusion that Columbus was a Spanish Jew, and recounted the connections Columbus had with the most important Jews of Spain.

Nevertheless, the first man to discover the truth about the Jewish nationality of Columbus, was the Professor Dr. ABRAHAM SHALOM YAHUDA of Jerusalem in 1921, when he was appointed by King ALFONSO 13th as the CATHEDRATICO of the CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF MADRID from 1916 to 1921.

He was the first Sephardic Jewish philosopher and savant, to be given access to the Libraries of all the Universities in Spain, for research on the Spanish Jews, before and after the Inquisition of Spain.

### King Alfonso 13th

The last King of Spain, Alfonso 13th, proved to be the best King that Spain ever had, since the time of the Inquisition in 1492, the same year, the New World was discovered.

The Jews lost their freedom in Palestine, about 2000 years ago. From there they emigrated to various countries, the greatest number settling in Spain.

For 15 centuries the Jews cultivated and built their newly adopted country making Spain the richest country in the world. The greatest scientists, financiers, industrialists and inventors, were Jews. They displayed such ability, that many of them were chosen to head many Departments of the Spanish Government.

The priests, representatives of the Catholic Church resented the progress of the Jews; they determined to stop their advance and to get rid of them. They did this by spreading religious fanatical propaganda, in the name of JESUS CHRIST against the Jews. Their movements spread a wave of hate against them.

Until the year 1470 Spain was the center of commerce, finance and culture.

The activities of the Catholic Christians against the Jews, resulted in the Declaration of the Inquisition in 1480 and their general expulsion from Spain, on August 2nd 1492, the day that Columbus started his trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

Spain without the Jews, rapidly lost ground, degenerating to the poorest country in the world.

Since then, no King could find a way to restore progress and prosperity.

King Alfonso 13th realized that the Jews helped make Spain the richest country of the world and that without them, Spain could never progress again. Therefore he started a powerful campaign in 1900, with the help of his best Senator Politi, trying to induce the Jews to return to Spain, promising them all kind of privileges.

To reach as many Spanish speaking Jews as possible, he approached all the newspapers of Spanish Jewish language in Turkey, Salonica etc., as well as the first weekly LA AMERICA that the writer

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was publishing in New York in 1912.

King Alfonso was very much interested in the Spanish Jews of Turkey and the Balkan States, knowing that they retained Spanish, as their home language for about 5 centuries. But, all his efforts were in vain. Those Jews decided to emigrate to Palestine, rather than return to Spain, the country with which they associated the horrors of the Inquisition.

The Zionistic movement of the late Dr. Theodor Herzl of Vienna, encouraged those Jews to return to the country of their birth—PALESTINE.

But, the Spanish King Alfonso, never lost hope. He continued to help the Spanish Jewish element in every possible way, trying to convince them of his sincere intentions in their behalf.

With the outbreak of the World War in 1914, he knew that many of the Spanish Jews, would be drafted for the armies of the countries in which they settled and that they would be sent to various fronts of the war.

It was then in 1916, that he engaged the services of the Spanish Jewish Philosopher, Professor Doctor ABRAHAM S. YAHUDA from Jerusalem as CATHEDRATICO of the CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF MADRID and HIS CONFIDENTIAL ADVISOR, hoping that Dr. Yahuda's efforts would inspire their return to Spain.

In 1917-1918 he intervened before the Governments of Italy, France and the U. S. of America, requesting, that all Spanish speaking Jews be exempted from their armies, because he wanted all governments to consider them sons of neutral Spain.

His interventions were successful. Many Spanish Jews were saved from the horrors of the war, especially when the interests of Turkey were placed in the hands of Spain. The Spanish Ambassador DON JUAN RIANO in Washington, protected the Spanish Jews in the United States.

Dr. Abraham E. Yahuda, was in constant communication with the weekly LA AMERICA which was the only publication in the Spanish Jewish language in existence from 1916 to 1921.

In issue No. 544 of LA AMERICA on December 23rd, 1921, are published his communications regarding his discoveries about Christopher Columbus, ascertaining his Jewish nationality.

He affirmed that the real name of Christopher Columbus was CRISTOBAL COLON son of JACOB and SUSANNA COLON, and explained that Cristobal's success in his discovery of the New World was due to DON ISAAC ABARBANEL of Madrid and to the Astronomer Professor ABRAHAM ZACUTO from Salamanca.

In 1489 in the Auto-da-fe of Torquemada in Tarragona, Cristobal's relations ANDREW COLON, his wife BLANCA COLON and the old lady FRANCISCA COLON, were executed for the reason that they were manifesting the Jewish faith.

Intensive research between 1916 to 1931, resulted in the following conclusive facts:

### Birth of Cristobal Colon

JACOB COLON, a Jewish resident of Pontevedra Spain, since his young days was a woolweaver. He married SUSANNA born of the family FONTAROSA in 1447 in Pontevedra. They had 3 sons: BARTOLOMEW, CRISTOBAL and DIEGO.

With the increasing of his family, Jacob Colon could not earn enough in his woolweaving business, for their support and future. He decided to move his business and his family to a larger city to seek success. He emigrated to GENOA, the largest free port city on the Mediterranean Sea. Genoa was at that time the capitol of Liguria. The Latin language was chiefly spoken there in spite of the fact that many languages were used in transacting the volume of business it enjoyed. Genoa was a cosmopolitan city, populated by people of various nationalities. The harbor of Genoa was always full of vessels and caravans, that were travelling to all parts of the world.

Jacob Colon arrived in Genoa in 1456 and hired a 5 story house in No. 37 Vico De Marcento, for the residence of his family and for his business.

Knowing that the Jewish name JACOB would affect his business with Gentiles he changed his first name to DOMINIC.

As DOMINIC COLON, he was able to handle his trade successfully.

According to the habits of the town, he was given the name DOMENICO COLOMBO and conducted his banking transactions with the SAINT GEORGE BANK, the largest bank in town. Soon his wife Susanna and the 3 children assumed the name COLOMBO as their family name. The name of Cristobal was uncommon in Genoa and Cristobal became CRISTOPHORO. Susanna learned woolweaving and helped her husband, while the children went to school where they learned Latin, but at home they preferred to speak Spanish. After school hours, the children liked to spend their time at the harbor. Here they learned to handle the caravels, which travelled by power of sail clothes, fixed in accordance with the winds and weather. Cristobal or Christophoro, in his eagerness for Navigation, went fishing with his brother Bartolomew. This gave him the opportunity to examine the maps sailors used outlining the course to their destination. The 2 brothers remarked that if they could buy and sell such maps, they could realize good benefits. They undertook this enterprise, and not only became proficient in map selling, but in Navigation too.

### Death of Domenico Colombo

In 1464, Domenico, head of the family, contracted a sickness that caused his death. His wife Susanna, overcome by her grief, liquidated her husband's business and returned to Spain with her 3 sons. She settled in the important city of CORDOVA and started woolweaving for private families, earning hardly enough for their existence.

At that time, in Spain, more than in any other part of the world, the Jews were hated by the Gentiles and especially by the Catholic-Christians. Susanna never told her sons of their Jewish faith knowing that there was little opportunity for Jews. Susanna wore a long black apron with a white cross over her dresses, to avoid suspicion about her Jewish heritage.

The 3 sons aged 15, 13 and 11, decided to help their poor mother in her struggle for their existence.

Bartolomew was the first to go to LISBON Capitol of Portugal, the largest maritime port on the ATLANTIC OCEAN in Europe, during the 14th century.