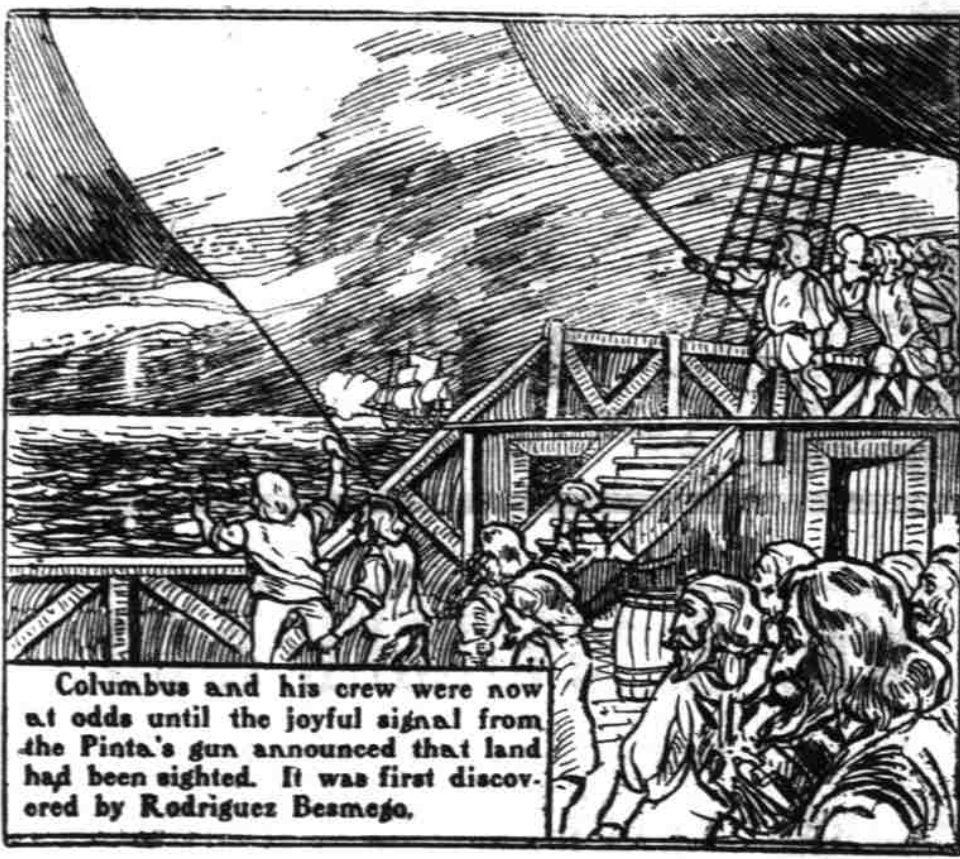


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MRS. SPICER'S CATCH

I never approved of Mrs. Spicer's course. That I wish distinctly understood. Whether she had any private grief of her own to avenge I don't know. At any rate, she might have accomplished the same result without publicly wounding any one's feelings.

Herbert Vincent was an athlete and a good fellow with one special weakness—he was easily led by women. But as all men are more or less weak in this respect Herbert was not blamed by his friends. Indeed, there was something amusing in the violence of his love affairs. At last, however, he settled down to two women. He was very fond of a young girl, Hazel Abbey, and in love with a widow, Mrs. Arabella Bates. Miss Abbey was too young and inexperienced to cope with Mrs. Bates, who drew the massive body of Mr. Vincent in her wake as a tug will draw a ship. Hazel would have ruined all by a display of jealousy had it not been for Mrs. Spicer, who in the ways of the world could discount the widow and give her points besides.

"You keep away from Herbert," said Mrs. Spicer, "while the fever is on him. Sooner or later it will pass away." Hazel, who had been waiting to take the advice, and she went away for a visit.

One evening Mrs. Spicer was chatting with Herbert at a ball. Mrs. Bates was present, and, passing the couple on the arm of a cavalier, she gave Vincent a smile that displayed a set of very white and regular teeth.

"Oh, if I had such teeth as Mrs. Bates," said Mrs. Spicer, throwing up her hands dramatically, "I'd not ask for another beauty."



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