

JOHANNES DE LAET



**“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY**



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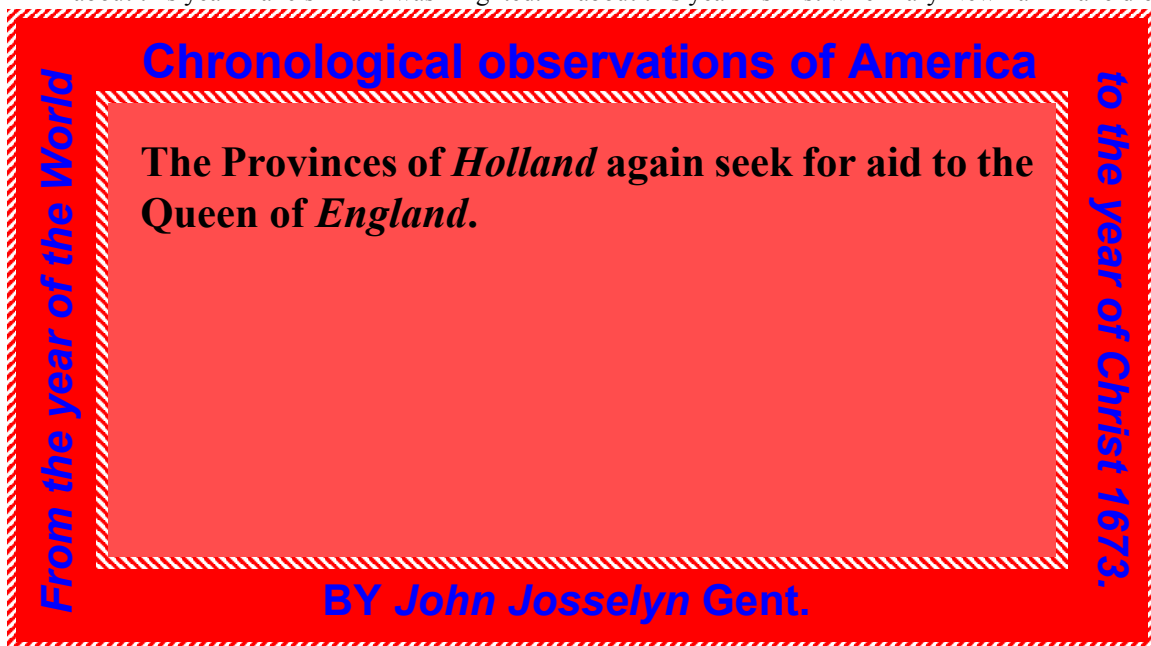
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1581

[Henry Beaumont](#) was born as the 1st son of [Sir Francis Beaumont](#) at the Beaumont family seat in a village known as Grace Dieu, which is near Thringstone in Leicestershire, England. The father was a justice of the common pleas.

[Johannes de Laet](#) was born in Antwerp late in the year, a son of cloth merchant Hans de Laet.

In about this year Francis Drake was knighted. In about this year his first wife Mary Newman Drake died.



NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT





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1584

Antwerp fell to Spanish Catholic troops, and the family of the cloth merchant Hans de Laet among many other Flemish Protestants fled to Amsterdam. [Johannes](#) would attend the Latin school in Amsterdam.

William of Orange was murdered and England sent aid to the Netherlands.

Chronological observations of America

The woful year of subscription so called by the Brethren, or Disciplinarians.

Sir *Walter Rawleigh* obtained of Queen *Elizabeth* a Patent for the discovery and peopling of unknown Countries, not actually possessed by an Christian Prince. Date *March 25.* in the six and twentieth of her Raigh.

***April* the 27 following, he set forth two Barks under the Command of Mr. *Philip Amedas* and Mr. *Arthur Barlow*, who arrived on that part of *America*, which that Virgin Queen named *Virginia*, and thereof in her Majesties name took possession *July* the Thirteenth.**

BY *John Josselyn Gent.*

READ ABOUT VIRGINIA

From the year of the World

to the year of Christ 1673.



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1597

[Johannes de Laet](#) matriculated as a student of theology and philosophy at the University of Leiden. He would study there under Professor [Joseph Justus Scaliger](#).

NO-ONE'S LIFE IS EVER NOT DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY HAPPENSTANCE





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1603

Having graduated from the University of Leiden, [Johannes de Laet](#) was sent by his father to [London](#) to gain experience as a merchant.

**LIFE IS LIVED FORWARD BUT UNDERSTOOD BACKWARD?
— NO, THAT’S GIVING TOO MUCH TO THE HISTORIAN’S STORIES.
LIFE ISN’T TO BE UNDERSTOOD EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD.**



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1604

July 3, Tuesday (Old Style): In [London](#), [Johannes de Laet](#) got married with Jacobmijntje van Loor, daughter of a well-to-do Anglo-Dutch merchant.

Sir George Hume, Treasurer of Scotland, who had accompanied King James to England, was further created [Earl of Dunbar](#) in the Scotch peerage. (He was also a Knight of the Garter, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Master of the Wardrobe, and in a few days would be created an English peer, as Lord Berwick — through “never returning when he was employed, without the work performed that he was sent to do” he had made himself quite the mofo.)

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





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1607

Upon the death of his bride Jacobmijntje van Loor, [Johannes de Laet](#) returned from [London](#) to Leiden.

Publication of CERTAINE SMALL WORKES HERETOFORE DIVULGED BY [SAMUEL DANIEL](#), a revised version of all his works with the exceptions of DELIA and THE CIVILE WARES BETWEEN THE HOUSE OF LANCASTER AND YORKE CORRECTED AND CONTINUED.... The commoner poet was made a gentleman-extraordinary and one of the grooms of the Queen's privy chamber, sinecure offices which did not interfere with his literary career. [William Shakespeare](#), John Selden, and [George Chapman](#) were among the few who were welcome to visit him in his seclusion in Old Street, St Luke's in [London](#), where according to Fuller he would "lie hid for some months together, the more retiredly to enjoy the company of the Muses, and then would appear in public to converse with his friends."



THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





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1608

May 7, Saturday (Old Style): In Leiden, [Johannes de Laet](#) remarried, with Maria Boudewijns van Berlicum.

[James Rosier](#), who had sailed with [Bartholomew Gosnold](#) in 1602 and in 1605 had paddled up a “great river” in Maine (perhaps the Penobscot or the Saint George), had as a convert to Catholicism gone to Rome, and on this day was accepted into the English College of the Jesuits.

Do I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? GOOD.



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1618

The city of Leiden sent [Johannes de Laet](#) as an elder-delegate to a [synod at Dordrecht](#) of the Dutch Reformed Church, to help resolve a perplexing controversy having to do with free will and [Arminianism](#).

**WHAT I'M WRITING IS TRUE BUT NEVER MIND
YOU CAN ALWAYS LIE TO YOURSELF**



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1620

Johannes de Laet became one of the founding directors of the *Geoctroyeerde Westindische Compagnie* or Dutch West India Company.



CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT



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1625

Johannes de Laet's *NIEUVVE WERELDT; OFTE, BESCHRIJVINGHE VAN WEST INDIEN, UIT VEELERHANDE SCHRIFTEN ENDE AEN-TEKENINGEN VAN VERSCHEYDEN NATIEN* (Leyden: Bonaventure & Abraham Elseviers).

The Thirty Years War was creating new codes of warfare in Europe. Another Dutchman, Huigh de Groot, published *DE JURE BELLI AC PACIS*, the primary intent of which was to confine legitimate use of force in the hands of a central state, to keep it out of the hands of regional chieftains. On the other side of the northern hemisphere, however, warlords were trying to figure out ways to resist a more and more powerful Japanese central government. Toward this end they were formulating a flexible new code of bureaucratic militarism, terming this *bushido* or "The Way of the Warrior."



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1627

Johannes de Laet's *RESPUBLICA, SIUE STATUS REGNI POLONIÆ, LITUANIÆ, PRUSSIÆ, LIVONIÆ, ETC.* (Leiden).



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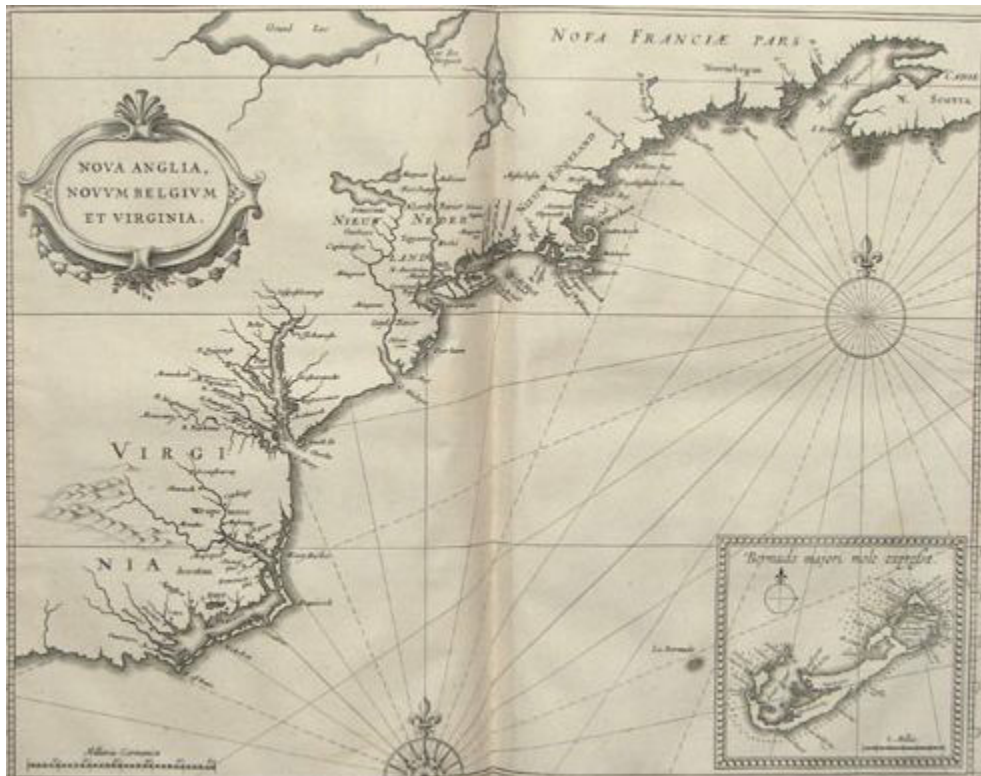
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1629

[Johannes de Laet](#)'s *GALLIA, SIVE DE FRANCORVM REGIS DOMINIIS ET OPIBUS COMMENTARIUS* and *HISPANIA, SIVE, DE REGIS HISPANIÆ REGNIS ET OPIBUS COMMENTARIUS* (Lvgdvni Batavorvm [i.e. Leiden]: Ex Officina Elzeviriana).

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A 2d edition of [Johannes de Laet](#)'s NEW WORLD, entitled *BESCHRIJVINGHE VAN WEST-INDIEN DOOR JOANNES DE LAET. TWEDE DRUK: IN ONTALYCKE PLACESEN VERBETERT, VERMEERDERT, MET EENIGE NIEUWE CÆRTEN, BEELDEN VAN VERSCHEIDEN DIEREN ENDE PLANTEN VERCIERT* (Leyden: Elsevier).





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1631

[Johannes de Laet](#)'s *DE IMPERIO MAGNI MOGOLIS, SIVE INDIA VERA COMMENTARIUS* (Lvgdvni Batavorvm, ex officina Elzeviriana).



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1633

A Latin edition of [Johannes de Laet](#)'s NEW WORLD, prepared by himself: *NOVUS ORBIS SEU DESCRIPTIONIS INDIAE OCCIDENTALIS LIBRI XVIII AUTHORE JOANNE DE LAET ANTVERP. NOVIS TALULIS GEOGRAPHICIS ET VARIIS ANIMANTIIUM, PLANTARUM FRUCTUUMQUE ICONIBUS ILLUSTRATA* (Lugd. Batav.: Elzevirios). Also, his *PERSIA, SEU REGNI PERSICI STATUS. VARIAQUE ITINERA IN ATQUE PER PERSIAM: CUM ALIQUOT ICONIBUS INCOLARUM* (Lvgd. Batav., ex officina Elzeviriana). His spouse Maria Boudewijns van Berlicum died.

NOVIS ORBIS

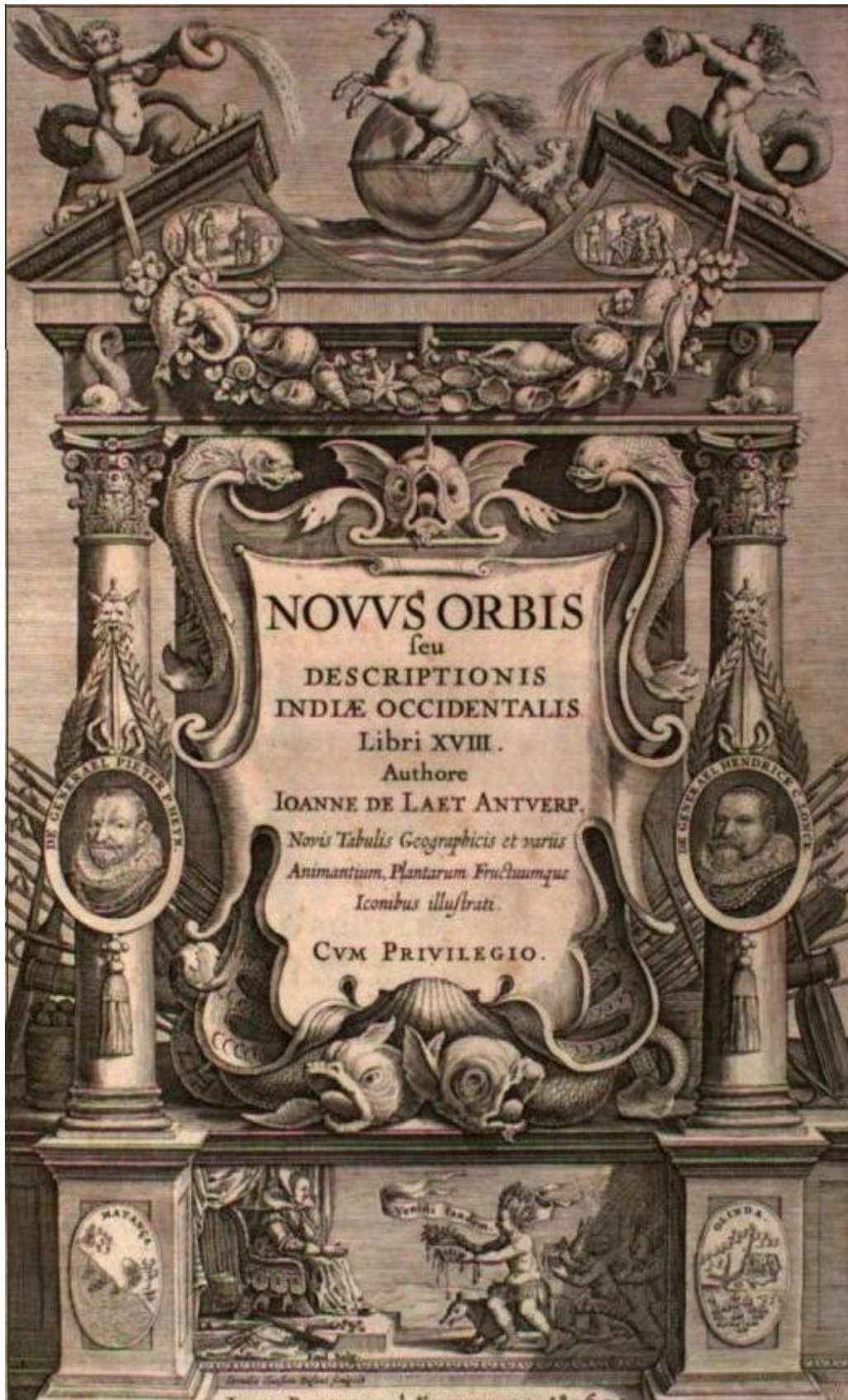
The maps are:

- 1) *Americae sive Indiae occidentalis tabula generalis*
 - 2) *Maiores minoresque insulae. Hispaniola, Cuba, Lucaiae et Caribes*
 - 3) *Nova Francia et regiones adiacentes*
 - 4) *Nova Anglia, Novum Belgium et Virginia*
 - 5) *Florida. et regiones vicinae*
 - 6) *Nova Hispania, Nova Gallicia, Guatamala*
 - 7) *Tierra Firma item Nuevo Reyno de Granada atque Popayan*
 - 8) *Peru*
 - 9) *Chili*
 - 10) *Provinciae sitae ad fretum Magellanis itemque fretum Le Maire*
 - 11) *Paraguay, o prov. de rio de la Plata: cum adiacentibus Provinciis, quas vocant Tucuman, et Sta. Cruz de la Sierra*
 - 12) *Provinciua de Brasil cum adiacentibus provinciis*
 - 13) *Guaiania sive provinciae intra rio de las Amazonas atque rio de Yviapari sive Orinoque*
 - 14) *Venezuela, atque occidentalis pars Novae Andalusiae*
- Map #4 is the first printed one to use the names "Manbattes" (Manhattan), and "N. Amsterdam," (New-York). It is also the earliest to "Noordt Rivier" for the Hudson and "Zuyd Rivier" for the Delaware, as well as the designation "Massachusetts" for the new English colony.

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1635

[Johannes de Laet](#)'s edition of [Pliny the Elder](#)'s *C. PLINII SECUNDI HISTORIAE NATURALIS LIBRI XXXVII* (Lugduni Batauorum: Ex Officina Elzeviriana).



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1637

Johannes de Laet's SUIKER VERFHOUT [dyewood] & TABAK: HET BRAZILIAANSE HANDBOEK VAN JOHANNES DE LAET.



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1640

[Johannes de Laet](#) presented a French edition of his NEW WORLD, as *L'HISTOIRE DV NOUVEAU MONDE OU DESCRIPTION DES INDES OCCIDENTALES, CONTENANT DIX-HUICT LIVRES, ENRICHI DE NOUVELLES TABLES GEOGRAPHIQUES & FIGURES DES ANIMAUX, PLANTES & FRUITS* (A Leyde: Chez B. & A. Elseuiers).



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1641

[Johannes de Laet](#)'s *PORTVGALLIA SIVE DE REGIS PORTVGALLIÆ REGNIS ET OPIBVS COMMENTARIUS* (Lvgd. Batavor., ex officina Elzeviriana).



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1643

Johannes de Laet's *IOANNIS DE LAET ANTWERPIANI NOTÆ AD DISSERTATIONEM HUGONIS GROTH DE ORIGINE GENTIUM AMERICANARUM: ET OBSERVATIONES ALIQUOT AD MELIOREM INDAGINEM DIFFICILLIMÆ ILLIUS QUÆSTIONIS* (Amstelodami: Apud Ludovicvm Elzevirivm).

IOANNIS DE LAET ANTWER..



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1644

Johannes de Laet's *HISTORIE OFTE LERLIJCK VERHÆL VAN DE VERRICHTINGHEN DER GEOTROYEERDE WEST-INDISCHE COMPAGNIE, ZEDERT HÆR BEGIN, TOT HET EYNDE VAN 'T JÆR SESTHIEN-HONDERT SES-EN-DERTICH; BEGREPEN IN DERTHIEN BOECKEN, ENDE MET VERSCHEYDEN KOPEREN PLATEN VERCIERT* (Tot Leyden: Bonaventuer ende Abraham Elsevier).



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1648

Johannes de Laet published Willem Piso's *HISTORIA NATVRALIS BRASILÆ* (Amsterdam).



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1649

[Johannes de Laet](#)'s edition of [Marcus Vitruvius Pollio](#)'s *M. VITRVVII POLLIONIS DE ARCHITECTVRA LIBRI DECEM, CUM NOTIS, CASTIGATIONIBUS, ET OBSERVATIONIBUS GULIELMI PHILANDRI INTEGRIS; DANIELIS BARBARI EXCERPTIS, ET CLAUDII SALMASII PASSIM INSERTIS ...* (Amstelodami, apud Ludovicum Elzevirium).



December 14, Friday (Old Style): The body of [Johannes de Laet](#) (he had died while at The Hague) was placed next to the grave of his spouse Maria Boudewijns in the Pieterskerk in Leiden.



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1652

Johannes de Laet's *REPUBLIKE DER ZEVEN VRYE VEREENIGDE NEDERLANDEN: EEN VOLKOOE BESCHRIJVINGE DER PLAATS, HOEDANIGHEID, STAATS- EN BURGERLIJKE BESTUURINGE VAN GELDERLANDT, HOLLANDT, ZEELANDT, UITRECHT, FRIESLAND, OVER-YSZEL EN GROENINGEN* (Amsterdam).



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1851

January 14, Tuesday: Juan Bravo Murillo replaced Ramón María Narváez Campos, duque de Valencia as Prime Minister of Spain.

Alerted to the continuing racial conflict in [California](#) between white skins and red skins, in late 1850 our federal government had sent three United States Indian Commissioners to San Francisco to evaluate the situation and recommend a corrective. The commissioners, considering that the California government was being excessively belligerent in its handling of Indian affairs, urged Governor John McDougal to resolve this problem. (On the 18th, early in the morning, a group of approximately 100 white men would form assault lines and attack a sleeping village of approximately 500 Chowchilla, Chookchancie, Nootchu, Honahchee, Potoencie, Kahwah, and Yosemite tribespeople, killing 24 and using embers from their campfires to set the shelters on fire. None of the white men were injured. When the fires spread to the forest, in the smoke the surviving red skins managed to sneak away.)

[Sophia Peabody Hawthorne](#) confided to her journal that “I am always so dazzled and bewildered with the richness, the depth, the ... jewels of beauty in his [[Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s] productions that I am always looking forward to a second reading where I can ponder and muse and fully take in the miraculous wealth of thoughts.”

[Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), [Johannes de Laet](#)’s *NOVUS ORBIS SEU DESCRIPTIONIS INDIAE OCCIDENTALIS* (Lugd. Batav. apud Elzevirios, 1633, see following screen).

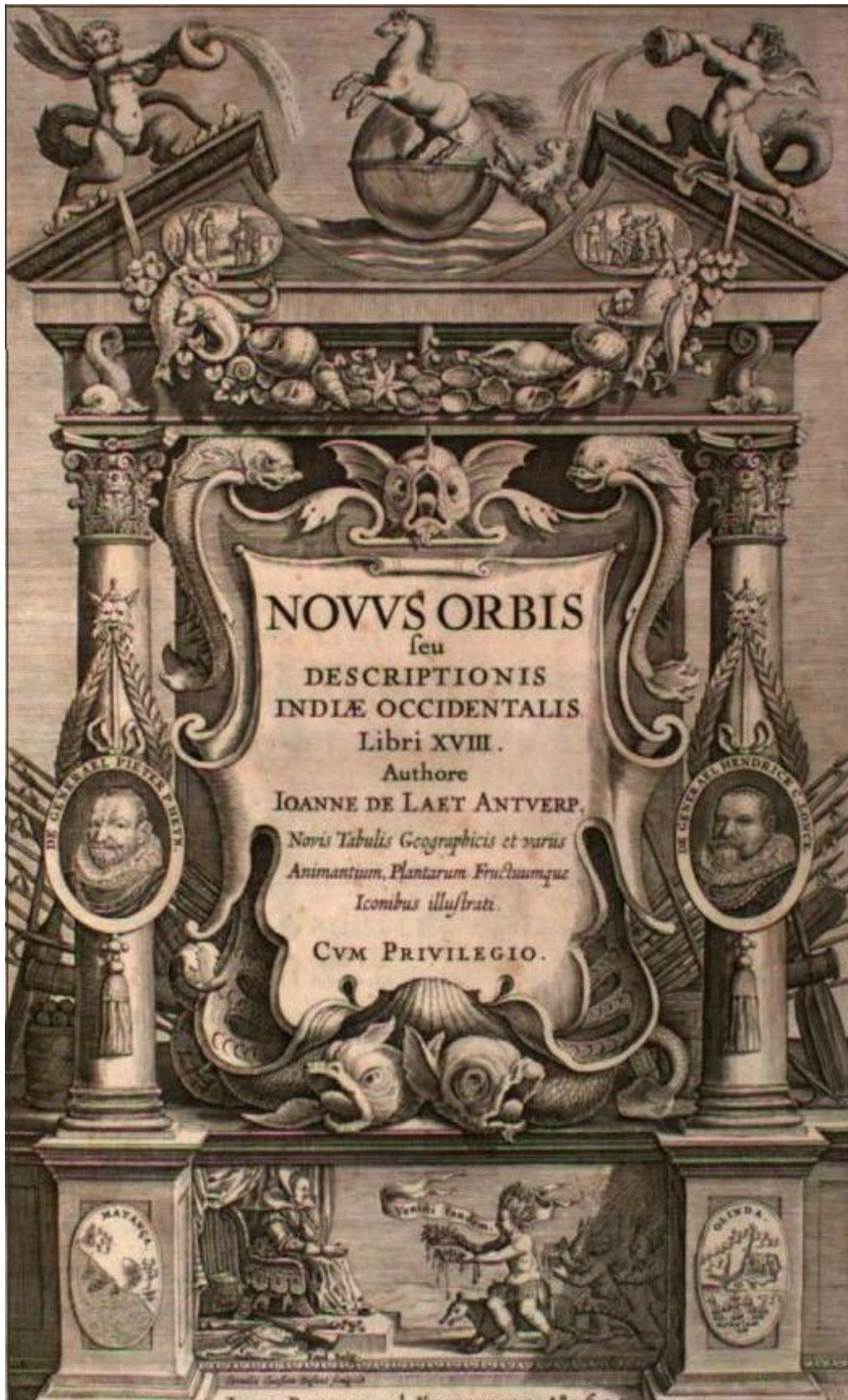


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He also checked out the 1st of the three volumes of [François André Michaux](#)'s *THE NORTH AMERICAN SYLVA, OR A DESCRIPTION OF THE FOREST TREES, OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND NOVA SCOTIA...*, 1817-18-19 (Philadelphia: J. Dobson, 1842).



From this he would extrapolate information on firewood to use in his chapter “House-Warming”:



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WALDEN: It is remarkable what a value is still put upon wood even in this age and in this new country, a value more permanent and universal than that of gold. After all our discoveries and inventions no man will go by a pile of wood. It is as precious to us as it was to our Saxon and Norman ancestors. If they made their bows of it, we make our gun-stocks of it. Michaux, more than thirty years ago, says that the price of wood for fuel in New York and Philadelphia "nearly equals, and sometimes exceeds, that of the best wood in Paris, though this immense capital annually requires more than three hundred thousand cords, and is surrounded to the distance of three hundred miles by cultivated plains." In this town the price of wood rises almost steadily, and the only question is, how much higher it is to be this year than it was the last. Mechanics and tradesmen who come in person to the forest on no other errand, are sure to attend the wood auction, and even pay a high price for the privilege of gleaning after the wood-chopper. It is now many years that men have resorted to the forest for fuel and the materials of the arts; the New Englander and the New Hollander, the Parisian and the Celt, the farmer and Robinhood, Goody Blake and Harry Gill, in most parts of the world the prince and the peasant, the scholar and the savage, equally require still a few sticks from the forest to warm them and cook their food. Neither could I do without them.

PEOPLE OF
WALDEN

FRANÇOIS ANDRÉ MICHAUX



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[Thoreau](#) also checked out [John Josselyn](#)'s *NEW-ENGLANDS RARITIES DISCOVERED: IN BIRDS, BEASTS, FISHES, SERPENTS, AND PLANTS OF THAT COUNTRY...* (1672).



~~New-Englands~~ Rarities.

PEOPLE OF
A WEEK

The Figure of the Walnut.



Walnut; the Nuts differ much from ours in *Europe*, they being smooth, much like a Nutmeg in shape, and not much bigger; some three cornered, all of them but thinly replenished with Kernels.

NEW-ENGLAND'S RARITIES

[A WEEK](#): Old Josselyn in his "New England's Rarities," published in 1672, mentions the Perch or River Partridge.

JOHN JOSSELYN

[A WEEK](#): The Pickerel, *Esox reticulatus*, the swiftest, wariest, and most ravenous of fishes, which Josselyn calls the Fresh-Water or River Wolf, is very common in the shallow and weedy lagoons along the sides of the stream. It is a solemn, stately, ruminant fish, lurking under the shadow of a pad at noon, with still, circumspect, voracious eye, motionless as a jewel set in water, or moving slowly along to take up its position, darting from time to time at such unlucky fish or frog or insect as comes within its range, and swallowing it at a gulp. I have caught one which had swallowed a brother pickerel half as large as itself, with the tail still visible in its mouth, while the head was already digested in its stomach.

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JOHN JOSSELYN

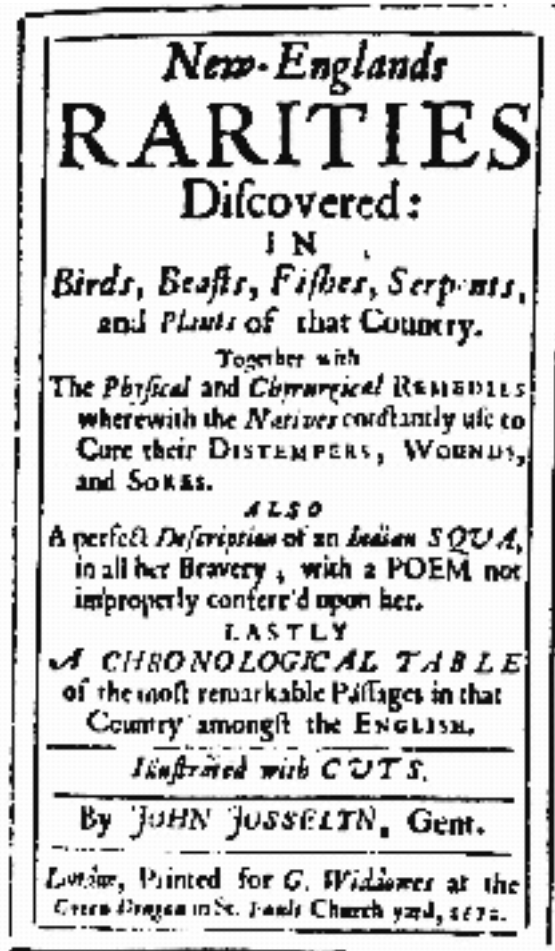
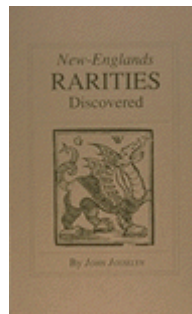
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August 11, Monday: [Lorenz Oken](#) died in Zurich at the age of 72.

[Henry Thoreau](#) and Bronson Alcott took the train to Cambridge and passed the forenoon in [Harvard Library](#). Bronson looked at the section of English poetry of the Elizabethan age but couldn't find any book he wanted to check out. Henry returned the books he had checked out on August 1st and checked out Volume I of the 2d Series (1841) of the COLLECTIONS OF THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, which contains THE VOYAGES OF [JOHN DE VERRAZZANO](#) ALONG THE COAST OF NORTH AMERICA FROM [CAROLINA](#) TO NEWFOUNDLAND, A.D. 1524 and EXTRACTS FROM THE NEW WORLD, OR, A DESCRIPTION OF THE WEST INDIES. BY JOHN DE LAET, DIRECTOR OF THE DUTCH WEST INDIA COMPANY, &C. TRANSLATED TR. FROM THE ORIGINAL DUTCH, BY THE EDITOR [George Folsom].¹

THE ENTIRE VOLUME



JOHN DE VERRAZZANO

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He would make notes on this reading in these earliest contact records in his Indian Notebook #5, and then mention this in [CAPE COD](#).

1. He would place his notes from this reading in his Canadian Notebook and in his Indian Notebook #5.



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CAPE COD: That Cabot merely landed on the uninhabitable shore of Labrador, gave the English no just title to New England, or to the United States generally, any more than to Patagonia. His careful biographer (Biddle) is not certain in what voyage he ran down the coast of the United States, as is reported, and no one tells us what he saw. Miller, in the New York Hist. Coll., Vol. I. p. 28, says he does not appear to have landed anywhere. Contrast with this Verrazzani's tarrying fifteen days at one place on the New England coast, and making frequent excursions into the interior thence. It chances that the latter's letter to Francis I., in 1524, contains "the earliest original account extant of the Atlantic coast of the United States"; and even from that time the northern part of it began to be called La Terra Francese, or French Land. A part of it was called New Holland before it was called New England. The English were very backward to explore and settle the continent which they had stumbled upon. The French preceded them both in their attempts to colonize the continent of North America (Carolina and Florida, 1562-4), and in their first permanent settlement (Port Royal, 1605); and the right of possession, naturally enough, was the one which England mainly respected and recognized in the case of Spain, of Portugal, and also of France, from the time of Henry VII. The explorations of the French gave to the world the first valuable maps of these coasts. Denys of Honfleur made a map of the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1506. No sooner had Cartier explored the St. Lawrence in 1535, than there began to be published by his countrymen remarkably accurate charts of that river as far up as Montreal. It is almost all of the continent north of Florida that you recognize on charts for more than a generation afterward, — though Verrazzani's rude plot (made under French auspices) was regarded by Hackluyt, more than fifty years after his voyage (in 1524), as the most accurate representation of our coast. The French trail is distinct. They went measuring and sounding, and when they got home had something to show for their voyages and explorations. There was no danger of their charts being lost, as Cabot's have been.

**PEOPLE OF
CAPE COD**

JOHN CABOT
BIDDLE
MILLER
VERRAZZANI
FRANCIS I
HENRY VII
DENYS
CARTIER
HACKLUYT



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In addition, he checked out the first three volumes of [Peter Kalm](#)'s TRAVELS INTO NORTH AMERICA; CONTAINING ITS NATURAL HISTORY, AND A CIRCUMSTANTIAL ACCOUNT OF ITS PLANTATIONS AND AGRICULTURE IN GENERAL ... (English version of 1770; Thoreau had evidently already been reading Kalm in volumes obtained from the library of the Boston Society of Natural History).

PETER KALM'S TRAVELS

PETER KALM'S TRAVELS



Later, Henry dined with the Alcotts and borrowed Bronson's copy of *REI RUSTICAE AUCTORES LATINE VETERES, M. CATO, M. VARRO, L. COLVMELLA, PALLADIUS: PRIORES TRES, E VETUSTISS. EDITIONIBUS; QUARTUS, E VETERIBUS MEMBRANIS ALIQUAMMULIS IN LOCIS EMENDATIORES: CUM TRIBUS INDICIBUS, CAPITUM, AUCTORUM, & RERUM AC VERBORUM MEMORABILUM*

REI RUSTICAE AUCTORES...

"There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson

(I should mention at some point, and therefore will insert the material arbitrarily at this point in the Kouroo Contexture, that Thoreau had in his personal library one of the editions of a very expansive Latin/English lexicon that was being published regularly over the years by Harper & Brothers of New-York, A COPIOUS AND CRITICAL LATIN-ENGLISH LEXICON: FOUNDED ON THE LARGER LATIN-GERMAN LEXICON OF DR. WILLIAM FREUND; WITH ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS FROM THE LEXICONS OF GESNER, FACCIOLATI, SCHELLER, GEORGES, ETC, by Professor Ethan Allen Andrews. We do not know which edition it was that Thoreau owned, but it is the 1851 edition that is presently offered online by Google Books: <http://books.google.com/books?id=xXhfAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gb_s_summary_r&cad=0#PPT10,M1>.)

Thoreau commented in [WALDEN](#) that old [Marcus Porcius Cato](#) the Censor's *DE RE RUSTICA* was his "Cultivator." Compare this antique text that he at this point borrows from Alcott's library, therefore, with a "Pictorial Cultivator" magazine being produced monthly for the farmers of Thoreau's own era:

PICTORIAL CULTIVATOR



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A

COPIOUS AND CRITICAL

LATIN-ENGLISH LEXICON,

FOUNDED ON THE

LARGER LATIN-GERMAN LEXICON OF

DR. WILLIAM FREUND;

WITH

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS FROM THE LEXICONS OF GESNER,
FACCIOLOTTI, SCHELLER, GEORGE, ETC.

BY E. A. ANDREWS, LL. D.

NEW YORK:

HARPER & BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS,

87 CLIFF STREET.

1851.



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WALDEN: Old Cato, whose "De Re Rusticâ" is my "Cultivator," says, and the only translation I have seen makes sheer nonsense of the passage, "When you think of getting a farm, turn it thus in your mind, not to buy greedily; nor spare your pains to look at it, and do not think it enough to go round it once. The oftener you go there the more it will please you, if it is good." I think I shall not buy greedily, but go round and round it as long as I live, and be buried in it first, that it may please me the more at last.

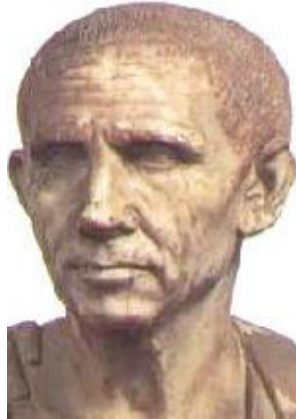
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WALDEN

CATO



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Marcus Porcius Cato (the Elder)
(the Censor) 234-149 BCE



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There were a great many holidays at Plumfield, and one of the most delightful was the yearly apple-picking, — for then the Marches, Laurences, Brookes, and Bhaers turned out in full force, and made a day of it. Five years after Jo's wedding, one of these fruitful festivals occurred. — A mellow October day, when the air was full of an exhilarating freshness which made the spirits rise and the blood dance healthily in the veins. The old orchard wore its holiday attire; golden-rod and asters fringed the mossy walls; grasshoppers skipped briskly in the sere grass, and crickets chirped like fairy pipers at a feast. Squirrels were busy with their small harvesting; birds twittered their *adieux* from the alders in the lane; and every tree stood ready to send down its shower of red or yellow apples at the first shake. Everybody was there, — everybody laughed and sang, climbed up and tumbled down; everybody declared that there never had been such a perfect day or such a jolly set to enjoy it, — and every one gave themselves up to the simple pleasures of the hour as freely as if there were no such things as care or sorrow in the world.

Mr. March strolled placidly about, quoting Tusser, Cowley, and Columella to Mr. Laurence, while enjoying

“The gentle apple's winey juice.”

ABRAHAM COWLEY

COLUMELLA

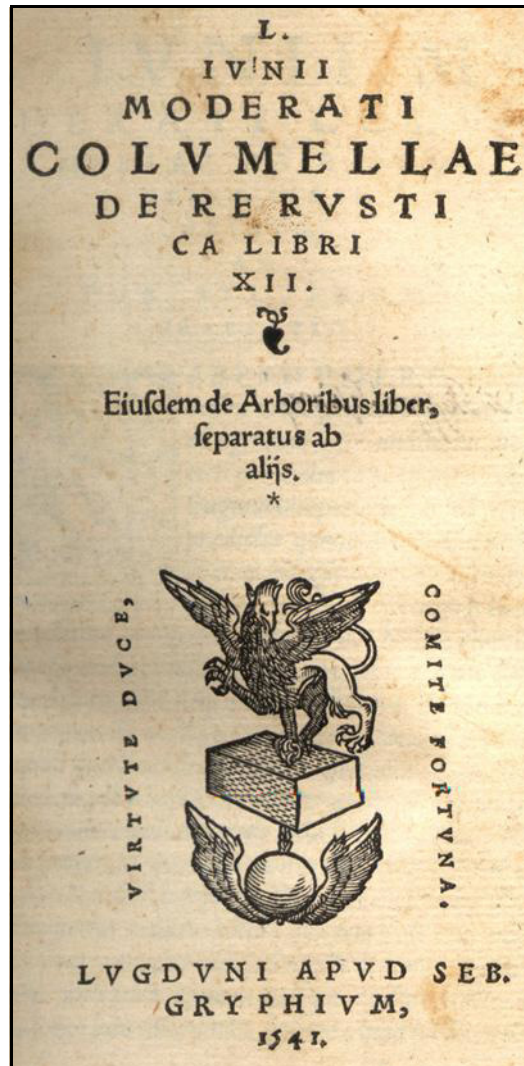
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Thoreau also went to the Society of Natural History, and looked at [Louis Agassiz](#) and Augustus A. Gould's PRINCIPLES OF ZOÖLOGY in its new edition.

AGASSIZ & GOULD 1851

(He also looked through the 16 volumes of the [Baron Cuvier](#)'s THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.)

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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

- Remark by character "Garin Stevens"
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST



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