

## LITTLE PROGRESS MADE AT JAMESTOWN

Christopher Newport is now returned from his second trip to re-supply the settlement at Jamestown. Among the passengers on this voyage were two women—Mistress Forest and her maidservant Ann Burras. Perhaps other women will be encouraged by Mistress Forest's example to accompany their husbands to Virginia and soon we will have families at Jamestown. It would be a great advantage for a man to have the support of a wife and children in this new land.

It was hoped that on this voyage Newport would return with good news from Virginia. Alas, it was not so! The death rate among the settlers is still high, nothing of value has been found in the country and the parties sent out to search for the Northwest Passage have not discovered it.

One of the biggest problems for the settlers is lack of food. They must rely on trade with the Indians in order to feed themselves. The Paspaheghs, who live near the fort, are not always cooperative and at times are even hostile so trade with them is not always possible. The settlers must rely on the Indians who live farther from the fort, as they are friendlier and more willing to trade. The men must constantly be on the alert, though, and go about armed for their protection.

To make matters worse, there is still bickering among the settlers with no spirit of cooperation at all. The president of the Council of Government cannot always persuade the rest of the men on the council to agree to his proposals. All matters brought before the council must be decided by majority vote. The president has two votes while each of the other men have only one. Even so, the men on the council form factions and are often able to out-vote the president. In September a new president took office—Captain John Smith. Perhaps he will have more success than the former presidents.