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MR. BELFRY, CARRYING A FORMULA FOR MAKING DIAMONDS, THAT'S WORTH UNTOLD MILLIONS, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.



ADVENTURE STAMPS
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WHITE HOSTAGE TO SAVAGES

JOSE DE ANCHIETA, born of noble blood, had heard stories of savage tribes in the new lands to the west, and became inspired with the hope of converting the savages to Christianity. He joined the Jesuit Order, and asked his king, John III of Portugal, to send him to that distant country which previous Portuguese explorers had discovered and claimed for their ruler.

In 1553, the young priest, not quite 20, set off for Brazil. Arriving at Sao Paulo, he was confronted with tales of horror, of cruel murders by the Indians and failure of the white settlers to vanquish the natives. Undaunted, Jose de Anchieta set forth into the wilds of Brazil, to meet the hostile Indians.



One year later he returned, speaking the language of the Indians and telling tales of wonders he had accomplished with them. He had mastered their language, and had composed hymns by which he taught the savages stories of the Bible.

One day Anchieta heard that the Tamoyo Indians were attacking the Portuguese. He hastened to the chief, promised to gain concessions from the whites, for a truce, and offered himself as hostage to the Indians until all terms were fulfilled. For three years he was held captive, and in this time, without pen or paper, he composed the Latin "Hymn to the Virgin."

In 1934 Brazil issued a set of stamps on the 100th anniversary of Anchieta's birth.

