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Spanish missionary to the New World whose *Historia del nuevo mondo* contains a number of valuable observations, including the first recorded mention of rubber extraction. A Jesuit, Cobo went to Peru in 1615, and spent the remainder of his life in the Americas. During that time, he wrote a number of works, including the *Historia* or *History of the New World.* The work contains detailed commentaries on animal and plant life, along with a passage discussing the extraction of liquid resin from a rubber tree.