

during the Napoleonic wars. In 1814 the statue of Napoleon which crowned the column was taken down by the Royalists. In 1831 Louis-Philippe caused a new statue to be placed on the summit, and in 1863 Napoleon III had this replaced by one resembling the original figure. The column was thrown down by the Communists in 1871, and restored in 1875 with Napoleon's statue at the top.

Vénus: Venus, goddess, star, etc.

The favorite birds of Venus were doves and swans

Vesta: the goddess of the hearth among the Romans

Vésuve: Vesuvius, the famous volcano near Naples

Veillot (1813-1883): a journalist of ability, who defended ultramontanism under the Second Empire

Vianden: a small town in the grand-duchy of Luxemburg, where Hugo spent some time in the summer of 1871

Vienne: Vienna, the capital of Austria; also Vienne, one of the most ancient towns in France, on the left bank of the Rhone, about twenty miles south of Lyons. According to the poem "Girart de Vienne," it was besieged by Charlemagne

Vincennes: a town just outside Paris. It was here that the duc d'Enghien was executed in 1804. To this event Hugo refers in

"Buonaparte" when he says, *L'anarchie, à Vincenne, admiration complice*

Virgile (70-19 B.C.): Virgil, the great Latin poet, author of the *Aeneid*

Visconti, Marco: an Italian hero of the fourteenth century, whose memory was revived by a writer called Grossi about 1840. There are many famous persons of the name

Vitellius: Roman emperor, reigned for eight months in the year 69 A.D. He was notorious for debauchery and cruelty

Vittoria: a town in northern Spain, where Wellington gained a victory over the French in 1813

Volga: the greatest river of Russia, emptying into the Caspian Sea

Voltaire (1694-1778): the celebrated rationalistic writer. Hugo quite frequently places Voltaire among the emancipators of mankind

Wagram: a village of Austria, where on July 5-6, 1809, Napoleon defeated the Austrians

Waterloo: a village in Belgium, where Napoleon was beaten by the allies on June 18, 1815. A monumental lion commemorates the battle

Watt, James (1736-1819): usually called the inventor of the steam engine