

most ancient mention of the new continent is to be found." The catalogue adds that this map has been reproduced by the Pilinski's process (Price: 8 francs). I would like to have some particulars respecting this Boulanger d'Albi, and to know where a fac-simile of his map is to be found?

A. DIEUAIDE.

Paris, June 15th, 1900.

56. LABRADORE TEA.—Will some of your New England readers please inform me what herb was referred to in the following extract from a letter dated from Branstable, Feb. 19th, 1768: "A few Days past a number of our Braustable Ladies paid me a Visit—dress'd all in Homespun, even to their Handkerchiefs and Gloves, and not so much as a Rebband on their head: they were entertain'd with Labradore Tea—all innocently cheerful and merry. In order to recommend themselves, as the Ladies had gone in some other Places, towards night we had the Company of some of the chief Gentlemen of the Town, who all drank Labradore Tea." *Branstable* is no doubt intended for *Barnstable*. What was the Labradore tea referred to?

MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, Mass.,
July 17th, 1900.

57. DID WASHINGTON DIE A CATHOLIC?—Mr. Martin I. J. Griffin, in the *I. C. B. A. Journal* of March 15th, 1884, offered for consideration the question: "Was Washington a Catholic?" And to justify his query, he stated: "1. He merited it by his virtues; 2. He had a picture of the Blessed Virgin; 3. He was acquainted with Catholics, had visited Catholic

churches and contributed to their erection; 4. Juba, his servant, declared that Washington "befo' he eat, do dis way (making the sign of the cross) I dunno what it means but he always do it;" 5. Rev. Francis Neale was called from Piscataway across the Potomac and stayed with General Washington four hours before he died. The question has been discussed several times, but nothing definite has been given. Surely, if that was the case, there should be some writings or memoirs in the Jesuits' archives. Can any one give some particulars about this which have not yet been published.

A CATHOLIC.

Montpellier, Vt.,
June 3rd, 1900.

58. WORKS OF REV. JOHN THAYER.—I have the two following pamphlets by Rev. John Thayer:

Controversy / between / The Rev. John Thayer, / Catholic Missionary, of Boston, / and / The Rev. George Leslie, / Pastor of a Church in Washington, New Hampshire. / To which are added, / Several other pieces. / *S. l. n. d.*—8vo., 167 p.

A / Discourse, / Delivered, / At the Roman Catholic Church / in Boston, / On the 9th of May, 1798, / A Day recommended by the / President, / for / Humiliation and Prayer / throughout the / United States. / By the / Reverend John Thayer, Catholic Missioner: / Printed at the pressing Solicitation of those who heard it. / Second Edition. / Printed by Samuel Hall, No. 53, Cornhill, Boston. / 1798. —8vo., 31 p.

I also came across the following: Relation / de la / conversion / de / Mr. Thayer, / Ministre Protestant, / écrite par lui-même. / A Québec, / chez