

its origin? Why is number *fourteen* thus written: XIII, in place of the classical way: XIV?

J. D.

Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
August 26th, 1900.

**68. CARTIER'S FOURTH VOYAGE.**—The alleged fourth voyage of Jacques Cartier has been very much controverted, especially in the French-Canadian press. I would like very much, and would be very much obliged, indeed, if some one would summarize, what has been written about it, and where it can be found.

X.

Madison, Wis.,  
August 11th, 1900.

**69. FRENCH-CANADIANS IN THE AMERICAN ARMY DURING THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE.**—Several French-Canadians have served in the American Army, during the War of Independence. It would be interesting to many of your readers, I have no doubt, to have any information that could be secured respecting the services of those who joined the American rebels.

A FRENCH-CANADIAN.

Montreal,  
Sept. 1st, 1900.

**70. THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.**—In the course of an article entitled: *Le problème des grandes villes*, and published in the *Revue Blue*, of Paris, in July 22nd, 1899, Mr. G. Art, reviewing Mr. Frantz Oppenheimer's book, says:

"Is it not a matter of fact that America has been first discovered by the Vikings in the eleventh century."

This statement is not so generally known as Mr. Art thinks, and I would

like very much to have some particulars respecting the Vikings discovery.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Md.,  
Sept. 8th, 1900.

**71. ROBERT DESTY.**—I heard that Robert Desty, the celebrated American jurist and author of several authoritative law manuals, who died at Rochester, N. Y., the 27th of September, 1895, was born in Canada, of French-Canadian parents. I do not remember to have seen any information regarding his birth in the biographical notices that were given at the time of his death, and I would like to get anything respecting the early part of his life.

A NEW YORK LAWYER.

Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
Aug. 26th, 1900.

**72. THE BURIAL OF GENERAL FRASER.**—William George's Sons, second-hand booksellers, of Bristol, England, advertise, in one of their recent catalogues, an engraved plate, bearing the above title, painted by J. Graham, engraved by W. Nutter. They quote, from the *Dictionary of National Biography*, the following lines: Simon Fraser, Brigadier-General and Lieutenant-Colonel 24th Foot, was present at the Battle of SARATOGA, and was mortally wounded by a rifle-ball on BEHMISE HEIGHTS, on 7th Oct., 1777. He was buried in one of the British redoubts, and much feeling was caused at the time by the Americans, in ignorance of what was going on, opening a heavy fire on the works."

Then they add the following information:

"Colonel Landmann found and restored his grove in 1797. The repe-