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regarding the American genius whom C. P. Snow considered as one of the "two native Americans of greatest genius". "I think," he wrote, "they would both be 19th-century figures--Willard Gibbs and the philosopher C. S. Peirce."

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In connection with my article on Viète in HM 4 (1977), 127-136, I would like to underline more definitely that it was Professor Isabella Grigorievna Bashmakova who inspired me with the idea of investigating not only Viète's works as a whole but also of Propositions 46-51 of "Notae priores" in connection with operations on complex numbers, and it was she who first put forward the term "calculus of triangles".

#### CORRECTION

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On page 305 of my article "Karl Marx and the foundations of differential calculus" [HM 4], I pointed out what I thought was an error in the Russian translation of Marx' mathematical manuscripts. I was mistaken; the translation is in fact correct. My apologies to the Russian translator!

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