of the North of England Ophthalmological Society and I have had it in constant use since that time.

Yours truly,

A. McKie Reid.

86, Rodney Street, Liverpool.
August 6, 1938.

To the Editors of The British Journal of Ophthalmology.

Dear Sirs,—My attention was drawn to the modified Lacrymal Sac Retractor, published in June issue, p. 361, by Mr. H. B. Stallard. It has been mentioned therein that original retractor was by Dr. Briggs, which is incorrect.

The illustrated Lacrymal Sac Retractor there, was first made for me in 1931, by Messrs. J. Weiss, and first published in Brit. Jl. of Ophthal. by me in January, 1933. It was also exhibited at the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress by Messrs. J. Weiss & Son, and also advertised by them in your Journal as Patel’s Lacrymal Sac Retractor, subsequently.

You may verify the above, by referring the 1933 volume.

Yours sincerely,

V. P. Patel.

14, Bentinck Street, Calcutta.
August 17, 1938.

[The illustration of Dr. Patel's retractor in the Brit. Jl. of Ophthal., 1933, p. 39, shows that the blades each carrying three teeth are straight. In the retractor designed by Briggs the blades are curved in two planes, laterally and antero-posteriorly. The lateral curve is made to correspond with the curve of the incision or dacryocystorhinostomy and the antero-posterior curve is made or adaptation of the retractor to the hollow over the inner and
lower angle of the orbit. The illustration which was shown of a modified Briggs' retractor in the June number of the Journal, p. 361, does not show sufficiently clearly the nature of these curved blades and this fact has probably misled Dr. Patel in this matter.

H. B. S. (Assistant Editor.)

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIRS,—In the Brit. Jl. of Ophthal., August, 1938, p. 511, has been written by you about my article "Antepositio Conjunctivae Fornicis" (p. 287, May, 1938,) the following:—

"We regret that in publishing Dr. Shimkin's paper no notice " was taken of Prof. Liebermann's priority in this field."

I am afraid that when publishing this note, the Editors had Prof. Liebermann's letter but not his original article. I send here-with the copy of Prof. L. v. Liebermann's short paper "Kautische Resection des Tarsal Bindehaut bei conjunctivitis vernalis" (Caustic Resection of the tarsal conjunctiva in case of Spring Catarrh). Klin. Monatsbl. f. Augenheilk., Vol. LXVIII, p. 617, 1922.*

The title of this paper itself shows that this operation has nothing to do with Antepositio Conjunctivae Fornicis, so that Prof. v. Liebermann has no priority in this field. And moreover, he criticizes strongly the operation of Trantas, which, as he writes, evidently is similar to my idea. I have never read or heard about operation of Trantas in severe cases of Spring Catarrh. It has not been mentioned in the largest manuals of eye surgery. In the Congress of Ophthalmology in Cairo, 1937, where I read my paper no one of the congressionists has drawn my attention that such idea has already been proposed. I will try to find the original paper by Trantas. Nevertheless, I am very glad to know that seventeen years ago the eminent ophthalmologist of Greece was of the same opinion as I am about the surgical treatment in severe cases of spring catarrh.

Yours faithfully,

N. I. SHIMKIN.

HAIFA, PALESTINE.
August 14, 1938.

*Professor Liebermann, as a matter of fact, duly enclosed a reprint of his paper with his letter.—EDITORS.