FOUND—PATHOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIRs,—A few days ago I was informed by the police that a package has been found in Lincoln, comprising a bottle containing two human eyes and a smaller bottle containing what appeared to be a crystalline lens, complete in its capsule.

These specimens appear to have been removed by an ophthalmic surgeon recently. How they came to be abandoned in Lincoln is at present a complete mystery and it seems possible that they may have been stolen from an ophthalmic surgeon's car and abandoned by the thief on discovering their nature. We have made local enquiries but have so far failed to discover any clue as to the owner of these specimens and I wonder if you would give publicity to the matter from your columns in the hope that the ophthalmic surgeon concerned may chance to hear of the matter in this way.

We should be very grateful if the rightful owner will get in touch with me, and on supplying particulars I should be pleased to arrange for the specimens to be handed over to him. It seems more than likely that these specimens were of some special value and we are anxious to restore them to their owner if possible.

— Yours faithfully,

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THE USE OF UNIT CELLS IN THE LISTER, MORTON OPHTHALMOSCOPE

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DEAR SIRs,—I have noticed that if I use unit $1\frac{1}{2}$ dry batteries in my Lister Morton Ophthalmoscope, they often run down prematurely.

The following paragraphs explain the reason and give the remedy for this occurrence, which I am sure many users of the instrument must have also experienced.

The correct dry battery to use is, of course, the Ever Ready 1829, and this gives no trouble in use.

However, it is not so easily procurable as the standard $1\frac{1}{2}$ volt unit cell, and the latter is, I think, most commonly used.

One of the features of the Lister Morton Ophthalmoscope made by Theodore Hamblin, Ltd., is a retaining ring of metal which is inserted at the upper end of the battery handle.