

## CORRESPONDENCE

## CHOROIDAL MELANOMA

*To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.*

DEAR SIRs,—Mr. Foster Moore has very kindly shown us his letter (p. 46). The question of a congenital patch in the pigment epithelium was considered; but we had not thought such a patch could enlarge. The letter relieves my mind very much. Pritchard and I got to know and like the patient, and we had an unpleasantly guilty feeling that perhaps we were failing in our duty in not removing his eye. After Mr. Foster Moore's letter we shall watch the case with diminished apprehension.

Yours sincerely,

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## UNUSUAL CASES OF CONJUNCTIVITIS

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DEAR SIRs,—I am grateful to Dr. J. Ruskowski for pointing out the obvious omission of "artefact" in the differential diagnosis of the four unusual cases of conjunctivitis which I recently described in the *Brit. Jl. of Ophthal.*, Vol. XXVI, p. 467. The possibility of a self-inflicted condition was, in fact, considered in each of these cases and was regarded as improbable.

As Dr. Ruskowski notes, the localisation to one eye and the marked involvement of the lower fornix are highly suggestive. On the other hand the injection was not confined to this site but was also present beneath the upper lid and in the region of the canthi. Again, the superficial keratitis in two of the cases was of a type commonly associated with prolonged conjunctivitis, while in the two other cases the corneae remained unaffected throughout; in neither were there at any time the multiple grey opacities in the corneal epithelium which I have noted, particularly in the lower half of the cornea, in several cases where the diagnosis of a self-inflicted condition seemed reasonably sure.

I had each of these men under my care as an in-patient for many weeks. At no time was there any indication of trauma to the skin of the lids and it seemed difficult to suppose that such severe reaction could have been maintained without some such result. It is possible, of course, that soap or some other irritant was introduced