

LETTER TO EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR, *The Journal of Laryngology and Otology*.

DEAR SIR,

I shall feel obliged if you will publish a correction which I wish to make in my article on the "Function of the Labyrinth".

On page 432 of the *Journal*, vol. LX, No. 11 in the paragraph commencing "The fluid of the vestibule" the words "on the arrest" should not have been inserted. It should read as follows:

"On the cessation of a movement of the head, the entire energy is in the momentum which, if the fluid were free to move, would carry it with corresponding force against the wall of the vestibule in the *direction towards which* it had been moving.* The fenestra is at its anterior end, on its outer side, and on any movement or rotation of the head to the opposite side, the fluid would be carried against the stapes which would be forced outwards.

Yours etc.,

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* A movement of the head from rest in the reverse direction would produce exactly the same relative movements. The movement is, substantially, one of the vestibule and fenestra over a column of relatively stationary fluid, and the stimulus is, therefore, simultaneous with the movement of the head.