

## CORRESPONDENCE

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The Editor,  
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Dear Sir,

"We must first standardize the nomenclature of the middle-ear structures to avoid confusion." This statement by Dr. Bruce Proctor in the discussion on his thoroughly erudite paper, "The Development of the Middle-Ear Spaces and their Surgical Significance", reported in your July issue, deserves widespread support. May I, sir, therefore ask him through your good graces to consider using the adjective mallear or malleal to describe folds and ligaments in relation to the malleus? This request springs not just from pedantry but from a wish to clarify the confusion about the malleus and the malleolus. Surely it is time that the adjective malleolar was dropped from otological nomenclature; dropped to its true anatomical and etymological level—the ankle.

Yours sincerely,  
Volney Bulteau.