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**CORRECTION.**—In the number of this JOURNAL for July, 1883, in the abstract of Prof. B. G. Wilder's paper "On some Points in the Anatomy of the Human Brain," read before the American Neurological Association, June 22, 1883, for the word *Vericulum*, in two places on page 533, should be substituted *Vinculum*.—ED.

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