

CORRESPONDENCE.

BENNETT'S FRACTURE OF THE METACARPAL BONES.

EDITOR ANNALS OF SURGERY:

IN my article on "Fractures of the Metacarpal Bones" in the February issue of the ANNALS my correction of the proof, in regard to the frequency of Bennett's fracture, was overlooked or failed to reach you. Since my attention was first called to this injury I have been on the lookout for it. Within the past year I have seen seven cases. I now regard it as the most important fracture of the metacarpal bones and the one most frequently overlooked.

RAYMOND RUSS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8, 1906.

CONNELL'S STITCH.

EDITOR ANNALS OF SURGERY:

THE foot-note on page 198 of Dudley Tait's article in the February ANNALS, prompts me to ask that you publish the following quotation, taken from my remarks on page 93, "Transactions, Mississippi Valley Medical Association, Vol. IV.":

"This method is merely a modification of that of M. E. Connell. That method did not meet with general adoption because of the penetration of all coats of the bowel-wall. It was in an effort to remove this objection to, and to improve upon, the older method, that I succeeded in placing the knot within the lumen upon the mucosa. This is practically the only difference between the method of M. E. Connell and the continuous suture that I have described."

F. GREGORY CONNELL.

SALIDA, COL., March 11, 1906.