

# Editors' Notes

## ERRATA

In the March 1998 issue of this JOURNAL, the last line on page 105 was omitted in the article "Metropolitan Development, Regional Financial Centers, and the Founding of the Fed in the Lower South," by Kerry A. Odell and David F. Weiman. The sentence should read "Additionally, clearing local transactions through a regional center economized on transport and float costs."

In the June 1998 issue of this JOURNAL, equations 3 and 4 on page 387 of the article "How Did the United States and Germany Overtake Britain? A Sectoral Analysis of Comparative Productivity Levels, 1870–1990" by Stephen N. Broadberry, appeared incorrectly. The correct equations should appear as follows:

$$A_0/A_0 = \Sigma(A_i/A_i)(A_i/A_0)S_i + \Sigma(A_i/A_0)S_i \quad (3)$$

$$a_0 = \Sigma a_i(A_i/A_0)S_i + \Sigma(A_i/A_0)S_i \quad (4)$$

In the June 1998 issue of this JOURNAL, Table 3 appeared incorrectly on page 505 of the article "Productivity of a Commune: The Shakers, 1850–1880," by Metin M. Coşgel and John E. Murray. The table should have appeared as follows:

TABLE 3  
DETERMINANTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

Variable	1850	1860	1870	1880
<i>Constant</i>	1.74 (2.04)	3.90 (5.86)	2.00 (8.40)	2.82 (4.33)
<i>Shaker<sup>a</sup></i>	-3.58 (0.43)	-1.64 (0.45)	-0.85 (0.41)	-0.62 (0.02)
<i>Capital</i>	-0.0004 (2.95)	-0.0003 (3.68)	-0.0002 (2.62)	-0.0005 (2.64)
<i>Shaker x Capital</i>	0.0003 (1.61)	0.0003 (1.62)	0.0002 (1.37)	0.0005 (1.15)
<i>Capital / Land Ratio</i>	-0.004 (0.80)	-0.012 (6.19)	-0.002 (1.40)	-0.007 (2.46)
<i>Shaker x Capital / Land Ratio</i>	0.010 (0.26)	0.011 (0.28)	-0.003 (0.05)	0.003 (0.02)
<i>Number of Products</i>	0.48 (5.83)	0.10 (1.25)	0.33 (7.94)	0.37 (4.73)
<i>Shaker x Number of Products</i>	-0.11 (0.19)	0.33 (0.81)	-0.27 (0.82)	-0.38 (0.11)
<i>Ratio of Perishables</i>	-5.95 (3.97)	-4.20 (3.03)	-4.23 (4.19)	-1.49 (1.64)
<i>Shaker x Ratio of Perishables</i>	10.67 (1.26)	-5.35 (0.68)	9.03 (0.84)	2.48 (0.05)
<i>N</i>	122	113	106	99
<i>F</i>	51.9	60.5	44.6	57.4
<i>R<sup>2</sup></i>	0.81	0.84	0.81	0.85

<sup>a</sup>Dummy variable that assigns one to Shaker establishments and zero to others.

Notes: *t*-statistics are in parentheses. The revenue to cost ratio is used as the productivity proxy.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Enumeration Schedules.

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