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THE FORMATION OF CIRQUES.

Sir,—Will you kindly give me a little space in which to correct a mistake I have made on p. 437 of vol. i of my new book, in which I have done a double injustice, one to my friend Professor Bonney and the other to myself.

In discussing the theory of the ice excavation of cirques I mention him as a champion of the notion, whereas, as is perfectly plain from his writings, he opposes that theory, so that he is on my side entirely instead of against me on this point.

The fact is the reference to Professor Bonney ought to have been inserted in an earlier chapter and in reference to the aqueous erosion of cirques, a view he does endorse, while I feel obliged to side with Falsan and the other French geologists who have studied the great cirques of the Pyrenees and attribute them to deformations and otherwise original structural features imposed on the upper Alpine and other valleys at the time the contour of the mountain ranges was first given to them. As it is my practice always to correct my errors when they have been pointed out, I take the first opportunity of putting this small slip right, and it is particularly pleasant to me since I gain a powerful friend to my side of the argument by doing so.

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