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Our Mistakes

Femi Cadmus, author of Things in Common: Challenges of the 19th and 21st Century Librarians, 14 Green Bag 2d 193 (2011), found an error in the first page of her article in the Winter 2011 issue. As she explained it to us,

The 104th convention of librarians will be held in July 2011 (and not July 2010).

Careful reader Steven Duffield made a truly mortifying (to us) catch in the same issue of the Bag. He wrote to us as follows:

14 Green Bag 2d 137 n.1 (2011). Mere typos are one thing, but allowing an error that has no doubt tormented the man for 40-odd years is quite another!

His reference is to this citation contained in a footnote in Evan Young’s letter to the Bag: “Ross E. Davis, Obi-Wan Stevens vs. Darth Rehnquist, 13 Green Bag 2d 263 (2010).” See also Jeffrey L. Fisher, Of Facts & Fantasies, 14 Green Bag 2d 53, 53 n.1 (2010) (same). The author’s last name should have been spelled “Davies” rather than “Davis” – a common enough mistake, as Duffield implies, but in this context it might raise in reasonable readers’ minds some doubts about the competence of an editorial staff that cannot correctly spell the name of one of its own.