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Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your paper in "Landwirtschaftliche Jahrbücher", with the English summary.

I notice, however, an erroneous impression, which has already appeared in several American writings, that the method of the analysis of variance and the corresponding use of the correct number of degrees of freedom $(m - 1)(n - 1)$ in obtaining a valid estimate of error, was due first to "Student".

[CP 32] The method was developed (as the enclosed paper, p. 315 shows), in this laboratory, and the exact formula was communicated by myself to "Student", after he had obtained an inexact formula; as, indeed, "Student" explains in the paper to which you refer.

Of course the analysis of variance is of much wider application than the particular agricultural problem under consideration. My paper with Miss Mackenzie is, however,

its first application to this problem.

Yours sincerely,