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To the *Bag*:

Bryan Garner’s amusing article on law reviews, “A Legal Lexicographer Looks at Law Reviews\*,” (spring 2013) overstates things on page 283 where he reports that I “undertook a personal campaign to persuade [my] Second Circuit colleagues to use the word *gastonette* in print” and that “[a] few did so over the next 20 years.” I might have mentioned my coinage of the word to one or two colleagues, but did not urge them to use the word, and in fact none of them did. A Westlaw search reveals that the only use of the word in a judicial opinion is my own opinion in *In re McLean Industries, Inc.*, 857 F.2d 88, 90 (2d Cir. 1988). It is also used in Alexandra D. Lahav, “Recovering the Social Value of Jurisdictional Redundancy,” 82 *Tulane L. Rev.* 2369, 2387 (June 2008).

If my friend Prof. Garner was not so averse to footnotes, he would have added one referring your readers to “Birth of a Word,” 13 *Green Bag* 2d 169 (Winter 2010), which recounts the circumstances under which *gastonette* was coined.

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