Comment

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Sandy Zabell deserves our thanks for discovering further details of what Boole, Venn and Chrystal wrote on the subject of inverse probability, for explaining why Fisher could not have relied on them to provide consistent arguments against this form of statistical inference and for an analysis of how far Fisher’s claims concerning the eclipse of inverse probability are justified. Like everything else connected with Fisher, matters are indeed complex, and Zabell’s paper provides a good topic for discussion.

At the height of his career, Fisher was certainly familiar with what mattered in developments of

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