

## LETTERS

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The Editor,  
Sir,

### A MATTER OF SPELLING

According to an old tenet of journalism, most people are concerned less with what may be said about them than with whether their names are spelled correctly. Allow me, therefore, to register a complaint on behalf of two of my American colleagues, one of whom can no longer protest for himself and the other of whom may have by now resigned himself to misspellings of his admittedly uncommon middle name.

In the review by K.W. in the March 1977 number of *Notornis*, the name of the late Josselyn Van Tyne is twice spelled "Jocelyn" and that of George Miksch Sutton three times as "Mikesh." The multiple occurrences suggest that these misspellings were not simply overlooked printer's errors, but were in the original manuscript. My own family name being one that is frequently misspelled, I am perhaps more than usually sensitive on this point.

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[ 'Do you spell it with a "V" or a "W" ? ' inquired the judge.  
'That depends upon the taste and fancy of the speller, my Lord,'  
replied Sam.

Editorially, we are not subscribers to such flights of Dickensian fancy, and we regret very much errors in *Notornis* despite their origin in the typescript submitted to us as Dr Parkes has suggested. Dr Robert W. Storer, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has also written pointing out the error of our ways but softening the blow by sending his good wishes for the "continued success of *Notornis*" remarking — "I always enjoy receiving my copy of *Notornis*, in part because of the contents and in part because it reminds me of the very pleasant time I had in New Zealand several years ago and the friends which I have there." Thank you, Dr Storer, for your welcome support. — Ed.]



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### ON "THE RELATIONSHIPS OF *FINSCHIA* AND *MOHOUA*"

I was interested to read Dr A. Keast's paper (*Notornis* 24 (1): 50-52, March 1977) in which he takes some two pages to tell us that