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Message

Dear Mr Follett

All corrections have been made and the proof-reader will be told to check for your preferences in spellings. Thank you for being so careful and so clear.

Page proofs are now due to us on 22-24 June and due back on 2 July. The typesetters will use your WordPerfect files, so since there was so little to change there should be almost no errors.

10 Hippy, pickup, further/farther: the text will of course have
etc your preferences. They were changed because the edition of
the OED we use is the ninth edition of the *Concise*, which
has these forms as the preferred spellings. If when working
on your next book you have preferences in spelling or
grammar that you happen to know are different from our
standard authorities, and if it is convenient for you, I would
be very grateful if let me know in advance. It would be
helpful to me and save you having to explain and uncorrect.

80 This is not what I wrote: we do use the subjunctive when
etc referring to future events, but usually reserve it for clauses of
hypothetical condition, as in the illustration I gave. British
English allows the difference in meaning of 'If I were married
to Madonna I'd be the happiest man in the world' and 'If I
was married to you I'd be the happiest man in the world'.

- 311 6↑ The deadline is midnight on 5 June. In the morning of 2 June Judy says 'three days left' (304/1), i.e. three calendar days to the deadline. In the evening of 2 June there are still three calendar days left, counting to midnight, or three and a bit 24-hour days.
- 406 5 This is nearly midnight on Saturday 6 June; the last deadline is for two days after Friday 5 June, so there is a whole day left to the deadline.

Yours sincerely

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