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## A QUESTION OF SPELLING.

Writers vary greatly in the spelling of certain words or rather of their terminations. The editor of a paper often finds himself perplexed in deciding for either of the so-called English and American methods of spelling such words as honor (honour), favor (favour), labor (labour). Dr. White, in the "Educational Department" of the *Free Press*, gives the reasons for the preference which the REVIEW has shown in this matter. "There never was etymological support for the presence of 'u' in such words. In the fourteenth century, while French was the language of the Court of St. James, our forefathers filtered all domesticated words through the Norman-French—the most barbarous dialect ever transformed into a language. It is so unlike the language of France to-day that French law students have as much trouble with it as we have. If