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“BUT WHY NOT MANX?”
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SIR—A correspondent suggests, quite seriously perhaps, that Welsh might be considered as a universal (second) language. The objections are many. It is one of the most difficult of tongues to acquire, the grammar is complicated, and the vocabulary enormous.

But why not Manx? Here is a fine old language which has had the worst of its intricacies rubbed off. It is capable of every shade of expression—witness the very excellent Manx Bible—and possesses a vocabulary sufficiently limited and yet capable of forming most useful combinations

And to crown all, the use of Manx need not give rise to international jealousy.

Holyhead.

Yours faithfully,

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