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I included the entry ‘National Opera House’ because the capitalisation in the article suggests that this is a proper name. As it turns out, it is not the name we use, and it would later need a reference to ‘Sydney Opera House’, which would have a reference or double entry at ‘opera houses’. This is a problem that open system (collection) databases have that book indexes don’t, because for a book index the language of the book is authoritative as far as that book is concerned.