

(49) **Peasant**, from Norman-French *peasan* (modern French *paysan*); from Low Latin *pagensis*, the inhabitant of a *pagus*, or country district. The final *t* is intrusive; as in *sound*, from French *son*; the vulgar *gownd*, etc. (The same Latin root gives *pagan*, as Christianity was first preached in towns, and came only late to the country districts, — an historical fact also contained in the word *heathen*, which originally meant a dweller on a *heath*.)

(50) **People**, from Norman-French *people* (modern French *peuple*); Latin *populus*, the people.

(51) **Perfume**, from French *parfum*; from Latin *fumus*, smoke. From the same root come *fume*, *fumigate*, etc.

(52) **Poverty**, from Norman-French *povre* (modern French *pauvreté*); Latin *paupertatem*. (The same root gives, at first hand from the Latin, *pauper* and *pauperism*.)

(53) **Power**, from French *pouvoir*; from Low Latin *potere* (Latin *posse*). (The change of the *v* into a double *v* or *w* is very common. Cf. Latin name *Vect-is* (or Isle of *Wight*; *vast* and *waste*, etc. From *potens* (the participle of *posse*), come *potent*, *impotent*, *omnipotent*, *potential*, etc.)

(54) **Prairie**, French *prairie*; Low Latin *prataria*; Latin *pratium*, a meadow.

(55) **Province**, French *province*; Latin *provincia*, a conquered country (from *vinco*, I conquer). The Romans called the South of France *Provincia*, and this fact gave it its more modern name of *Provence*.

(56) **Prowess**, from French *prouesse*; Latin *probus*, good. It hence came to mean *goodness in arms*. (From *probus* comes in a direct line *probity*.)

(57) **Quarrel**, from French *querelle*; Latin *querēla*, a complaint. (From the same root comes *querulous*.)

(58) **Quarry**, from Norman-French *quarrer* (modern French *carrer*, to square); Latin *quadrare*, to square; from Latin *quatuor*, four. (This word must not be confounded with the word in Milton's line, "The eagle scents his quarry from afar." This latter word comes from the French *cœur*, the heart (Latin *cor*), and indicates the heart and entrails which were given to the dogs when the game had been run down.)