

The name "England" is a form of the name "Angleland" given by the **Angles** who came with the Jutes and Saxons and settled in the land after the Romans left. It is interesting to note that the French still call that country where our king lives "Angleterre," (Angleland).

We must remember that the different tribes of people who came to the British Isles had been moving gradually, through many centuries, across Europe, and in many cases some of the people of a certain class would remain in a place while the others moved forward. This will explain for us the fact that not all the Gaels were in Britain, some remained on the continent and we find that what we now call France was once called "Gaul." That was the name by which Julius Caesar knew that land. Other people came later who were called Franks and they gave to the land its present name "France."

While Caesar was in Gaul he had a great deal to do with those people who lived in the nearest land eastward. He called them "Germans," which is the present form of the Latin word for "neighbors." Do the French people to-day consider them good neighbors?

"Portugal" is a name of Latin origin and it means "Port of Gaul," that is, "gateway or entrance to France." "Spain" is another Latin name, formed from the word "span," a rabbit. When the Romans arrived in that land they were surprised to find so many wild "bunnies," and they called the country "Hispania," or "land of rabbits."

"Italy" is named after one of the earliest kings, "Italus." "Austria" means "the eastern empire," and "Hungary" is "the land of the Huns." "Montenegro" is the land of the black mountains and "Poland" is the land of marshes.

"Holland" is a Danish word which means "marshy ground."

Denmark used to be called the Jutland because it was the home of the Jutes. There was once a ruler there whose name was Dan and he fixed his boundary line or "mare" so that his subjects might know how far his land extended. All the land within "Dan's mare" was known as "Danmark," or as it is now spelled, "Denmark."

"Norway" means "north island," and "Sweden" means "the land of the Suevi that was conquered by the Danes." "Servia" is another country named after the Suevi.

