

- Jesuit.** a member of the "Society of Jesus," founded by Loyola.
- jovial, jolly.** Jove.
- July.** Julius Cæsar—called before *quintilis*, i. e. fifth.
- June.** Juno, Jove's wife, or from *juniores*, see May.
- lazar-house, lazaretto.** Lazarus, the leper.
- Lutherans, German episcopalians.** Martin Luther, who began the German Reformation.
- magnolia, a blooming tree of N. A.** Magnol, a French botanist.
- morphia, the principle of opium.** Morpheus, the god of sleep.
- macadamized roads.** M'Adam, a Scotchman, who originated the plan.
- Machiavelian, crafty.** Machiavelli, an Italian statesman and writer.
- Mahometan.** a believer in Mahomet.
- Manichean.** a follower of Manes, a Persian heretic of the 3rd Cent.
- maudlin, foolishly sentimental.** Mary Magdalen, who is generally painted as being in tears.
- mausoleum, a costly tomb.** Mausolus, a Carian king whose tomb was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- May.** Maia, the mother of Mercury—or from *majorles*—the month being dedicated to the *older* men, as the next month was to the younger.
- martial, warlike: March.** Mars, the god of war.
- mercurial, active, sprightly.** Mercury, the messenger of the Gods.
- Michaelmas.** Sep. 29th, the feast of St. Michael and all angels.
- morris dance.** i. e. *moresque* dance—from the Moors.
- Mosaic law.** Moses, "the lawgiver."
- nicotine, the principle of tobacco.** M. Nicot, a French politician, who introduced the plant into France.
- orrory, an astronomical toy.** Boyle, Earl of Orrery, the patron of its inventor, Rowley.