

(41) **Number**, from French *nombre*; from Latin *numerus* (which gives *numerous*, *numeration*, etc.). From the same root come *numerous*, *innumerable*, and many others. (The *b* in *number* is inserted as a cushion between the two liquids *m* and *r*. Cf. *similar* and *semblance*; *dissimilar* and *dissemble*. Sometimes *d* is employed for the same purpose, as in *thunder*, from Old English *thunor*.)

(42) **Orange**, from the Spanish *naranja*, from Persian *naranj*. We derived our word *orange* from the French word *orange*, which ought to be *narange*. But it was mistakenly supposed to be derived from the Latin word *aurum*, gold (in French *or*), and hence to mean golden fruit. The dropping of the *n* may be compared with our word *an adder*, which was originally a *nadder*; an *apron*, which was a *naperon*.

(43) **Orphan**, from Old French *orphanin* (modern French *orphelin*); from Latin *orphanus*, destitute.

(44) **Overture**, an opening or beginning, from Old French *ovrir* (modern French *ouvrir*), to open; Latin *aperire*. From the same root come *aperture*, *April* (the *opening* month), etc.

(45) **Palace**, from French *palais*; Latin *palatium*, a palace. (But originally *palatium* meant a large house built by the Emperor Augustus on the Mons Palatinus, one of the seven hills of Rome. The word *Palatium* itself comes from the name of an old Latin pastoral god, *Pales*, the protector of sheep and shepherds.)

(46) **Palfrey**, from Provençal or Southern French *palafrol*; from Low Latin *paraveredus*, a post-horse or spare horse.

(47) **Parliament**, from French *parler*, to speak; Old French *paroler*; Low Latin *parabolare*, to tell or relate (a parable). The same root gives *parley*, a short conference in war; *parlor*, a room for talking in. (Just as *boudoir* originally meant a room for sulking in, from *bouder*, to pout.)

(48) **Pay**, from French *payer*; from Latin *pacare*, to bring to peace (*pax* = *pac-s*). The guttural *c* gradually vanished. (The same idea is contained in the word *acquit* and *quittance*, which comes from Latin *quies*, rest.)