

(22) **Feat**, Norman-French form of French *fait*; Latin *factum*, a thing done. (*Fact* is a doublet of *feat*; but *fact* comes directly from Latin *factum*.)

(23) **Forest**, French *forêt*, from Low Latin *forestis*, an open piece of ground; from Latin *foris*, out of doors. (A *forest* does not therefore necessarily include *trees* in the meaning of it. The old definition is "forestis is a place where the wild beasts are not shut in; a park (*parcus*), where they are shut in.")

(24) **Frank**, French *franc*, free. (There was a powerful tribe of Germans, called by Cæsar *Francomanni*, who invaded Gaul and gave the name of *France* to it. Their name has also been given to the manly quality of openness, *frank*; and to the right and freedom of voting, *franchise*. Hence also *enfranchise*.)

(25) **Fuel**, from Norman-French *fuayl*, French *feu*; from Latin *focus*, for a hearth or fireplace. (The guttural hard *c* has gradually vanished.)

(26) **Gauntlet**, French *gantelet*, from French *gant*, a glove; from Old Swedish *wanta*, a glove. (The Norman-French people have never been able to pronounce a *w*, and have hence been compelled to change it into *g* or *gu*. Thus the English *ward* has become *guardian*; *ward*, *guard*; *wise* (the noun), *guise*; *wile*, *guile*; *war*, *guerre*; and *William*, *Guillaume*.)

(27) **Gawky**, from French *gauche*, left hand. (A *gawky* person is one who uses his right hand as if it were his left. The French say of an Englishman that "both his hands are left hands, and all his fingers are thumbs.")

(28) **Homage**, spelled in French *hon mage*, the state of being the man (*homme*), or servant, of another. (The vassal knelt down before his lord, placed his hands together between the hands of his lord, and said, "I become your man.")

(29) **Hotel**, Old French *hostel*; Latin *hospitale*, a large house (from Latin *hospes*, a host or guest). The words *hotel*, *hospital*, and *hospice* (an Alpine convent used as an inn) are all from the same root. (The keeper of a *hostel* was called the *hosteller*, now changed into *ostler*.)