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giant], a constellation marked by a quadrangle of four bright stars, with three central ones, at equal distances, in a straight line, called Orion's belt.

Or'thopy (*or'tho-e-py*), *n.* [Gk. *orthos*, right; and *epos*, a word], right pronunciation.

Orthog'raphy, *n.* [Gk. *orthos*, right; and

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Leap], a lower deck of a vessel on which the cables are coiled.

Orthop'tera, *n.* [Gk. *orthos*, straight; and *pteron*, a wing], insects with straight wings, folding like a fan, beneath wing-covers.—*adj.*, Orthopterous.

Ormolu' (*-loo'*), *n.* [Fr., from L. *aurum*, gold; and *molere*, to grind], brass made to look like gold by having more copper and less zinc in its composition.

Orn, *n.* [Fr., from L. *hortolanus*: a garden], a kind of bunting in Britain.

Ornament, *n.* [L. *ornamentum*: ornare, to adorn], that which is used to

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which adds grace to the object

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put on ornament.

*adj.*, Ornamental, ornamenting, ornamented, ornamentally finished.

Ornithol'ogy, *n.* [Gk. *ornithos*, and *logos*, discourse], the study of the natural history of birds.—*n.*, Ornithologist.

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Orography and Orographical, *n.* [Gk. *oros*, a mountain; *graphein*, to describe], the description of mountains.

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Orphan, *n.* [Gk. *orphanos*, bereft child that has lost one or both parents.—*adj.*, bereft of parents.—*n.*, Orphanage, state of being an orphan for sheltering orphans.—*n.*, Orphanage.

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Orphe'an (*or-fe'an* or *or-fe-an*), *adj.*, pertaining to the musician Orpheus.

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Orpiment, *n.* [Fr., from L. *aurum*, gold; and *pigmentum*, paint], a yellow substance used in paint.

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Orpin, *n.*, a deep yellow colour; (also Orpine) a plant with golden flowers.

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Orrery, *n.* [the Earl of Orrery], an apparatus for showing the sizes, motions, etc., of the sun and the planets.

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Orthodox, *adj.* [Gk. *orthos*, right; and *doxa*, an opinion], holding a right belief; believing as the Church believes.—*n.*, Orthodoxy, right belief; soundness of faith. Opposed to Heterodox, etc.

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