

Chambre à coucher. Bed-chamber (chamber for lying down).	Boîte à lettres. Box for letters.	Boîte aux lettres. Box for the letters.
Pot à lait. Milk jug.	Pot au lait. (19) Jug for the milk.	
Une fourche à trois fourchons A fork with three prongs.	Une voiture à deux roues. A two wheeled carriage.	
Un habit à boutons d'or. A gold buttoned coat.	Boîte à couvercle et à compartiments. Box with cover and compartments.	
Les chiens à poils longs. Long haired dogs.	Les dindes à pattes noires. Black legged turkeys.	
La dinde aux pattes noires. The turkey with the black legs.	L'homme à la jambe de bois. (20) The man with the wooden leg.	

The above usage obviates the use of many special adjectival forms. When the latter are really needed, if they do not exist in the popular language, they can generally be found in the literary language. Thus *an eye witness* is termed *an ocular witness* (TÉMOIN OCULAIRE), a *cold storage compartment* is termed a *frigorific compartment* (COMPARTIMENT FRIGORIFIQUE), *tooth powder* is termed *dentifrice powder* (POUDRE DENTIFRICE).

When several Adjectives qualify a Noun

Une robe blanche plissée. A pleated white dress.	L'hymne national espagnol. The Spanish national hymn.
Des billets d'aller et retour de famille. Family return tickets.	
Le sirop de pin de Norvège du Dr X. Dr. X's. Norway pine syrop.	

The two methods combined

Des articles brillants, voyants, à bas prix. Brilliant, gaudy, low priced articles.	
Boutons de métal blanc. White-metal buttons.	Boutons de métal blancs. White metal buttons.

BLANC here would naturally refer to MÉTAL unless it disagree with it in number or gender. We might also say BOUTONS BLANCS *de métal*. This position is used to avoid ambiguity, thus;

Caisse Nationale d'Épargne. National Savings Bank (Bank National of Savings).
Compagnie Anonyme d'assurance sur la vie. Anonymous Life Insurance Company.

(19) By using the article here we again limit or particularize the second noun. POT A LAIT, *jug for milk (any milk)*, BUT POT AU LAIT, *jug for the milk, (in which we have been accustomed to put the milk)*.

(20) The article here again emphasizes or particularizes the second noun.