On Extinct Suffixes: -arium

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Abstract: There are two English nominal suffixes sharing the same meaning "a place or device containing or associated with [something]": -arium and -ary (for the latter, the English language dictionaries mention only the meaning "one that relates to or is connected with [something]"). These two suffixes have produced, directly or indirectly, a considerable number of derivatives designating more or less 'a place' (35), 'a device' (33), or other realities (15). Diachronically, the suffix -arium produced most indirect derivatives in the 13th c. and almost stopped producing any in the 20th c., the suffix -ary reached a peak in the 16th c. and stopped producing any in the 20th c., while Latin nouns in -arium were borrowed in considerable amounts in the 19th c. and almost stopped being borrowed in the 20th c. The suffix -arium can, therefore, be considered extinct from the point of view of its productivity. For students in nature-related fields almost all the nouns in -arium and -ary are indicative of places and devices of interest for these fields.

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INTRODUCTION

The suffix -arium (< L neuter of -ārius '-ary') is a noun suffix indicating "a place or device containing or associated with" [AHDEL].

The suffix -ary is both a nominal suffix meaning 'one that relates to or is connected with' and an adjectival suffix meaning 'of or relating to' [Middle English -arie, from Old French, from Latin -ārius, adj. and n. suff.] [AHDEL] According to etymological dictionaries, the suffix -ary (in most cases < L -ārius, -ārium 'connected with, pertaining to, the man engaged in') appears in words borrowed from Latin in Middle English. In later borrowings from Latin to French, it became -aire and passed into ME as -arie, subsequently -ary [OED].

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The corpus of derivatives in both -arium and -ary was made up using English language dictionaries and literature, as shown in References.

Then, the derivatives were grouped as nouns in -arium and nouns in -ary derived directly and indirectly from Latin words in -arium and in each of the two groups we identified the nouns designating places, devices, and other cases.

We have also compared chronologically the production of derivatives in -arium and -ary and analysed the productivity of the nouns in -arium and -ary to show how well these derivatives have turned Romanian nouns.

3. RESULTS

3.1. NOUNS IN -ARIUM

There are 17 nouns in -arium in our inventory designating either a place or a device containing or associated with something:

- place (14): aquarium 'a place for the public exhibition of live aquatic animals and plants' [L aquārium 'source of water' < neuter of aquārius 'of water' < aqua 'water'] (1840-1850), cinerarium 'a place for keeping the ashes of a cremated body' [L cinerārium < neuter of cinerārius 'of ashes' < cinis, ciner- 'ashes'] (1875-1880), columbarium 'a vault with niches for urns containing ashes of the dead, one of the niches in such a vault; a dovecote, a pigeonhole in a dovecote' [L columbārium 'sepulchre for urns, dovecote' < columba 'dove'] (1840-1850), fumatorium 'an airtight fumigation chamber in which chemical vapors are used to destroy insects and fungi on plants' [NL < L fūmāre 'to smoke' < fūmus 'smoke'], herbarium 'a place or an institution where a collection of dried plants mounted, labeled, and systematically arranged for use in scientific study is kept' [LL herbārium < L herbārius 'one skilled in herbs' <

L herba 'herb, vegetation'] (1770-1780), leprosarium 'a hospital for the treatment of leprosy' [ML leprosārium < LL leprosus 'leprous'] (1840-1850), oceanarium 'a large aquarium for the study or display of marine life' [OCEAN + -ARIUM, modeled on aquarium] (1935-1940), planetarium 'a building or room containing a planetarium, with seats for an audience' [NL < neuter of L planētārius] (1765-1775), sacrarium 'the sanctuary or sacristy of a church; piscina' [ML sacrārium < L shrine < sacer, sacr- 'sacred'] (1700-1710), sanitarium 'a resort for improvement or maintenance of health, especially for convalescents' [NL < L sānitās 'health'] (1850-1855), solarium 'a room, gallery, or glassed-in porch exposed to the sun' [L solārium 'terrace, flat housetop' < sol 'sun'] (1815-1825), termitarium 'a nest built by a colony of termites; termitary' [NL termit (ēs), pl. Of termes TERMITE + -ARIUM] (1860-1865), terrarium 'a small enclosure or closed container in which selected living plants and sometimes small land animals, such as turtles and lizards, are kept and observed' [NL < L terra 'earth'; TERRENE + -ARIUM] (1885-1890), and vivarium 'a place, especially an indoor enclosure, for keeping and raising living animals and plants under natural conditions for observation or research' [L vīvārium < neuter of vīvārius 'of living creatures' < vīvus 'alive'] (1590-1600).

- device (4): aquarium 'a tank, bowl, or other water-filled enclosure in which living fish or other aquatic animals and plants are kept' [L aquārium 'source of water' < neuter of aquārius 'of water' < aqua 'water'] (1840-1850), planetarium 'an apparatus or a model representing the solar system; an optical device for projecting images of celestial bodies and other astronomical phenomena onto the inner surface of a hemispherical dome' [NL < neuter of L planētārius] (1765-1775), solarium 'a room, gallery, or glassed-in porch exposed to the sun' [L solārium 'terrace, flat housetop' < sol 'sun'] (1815-1825), and termitarium 'a nest built by a colony of termites; termitary' [NL termit (ēs), pl. Of termes TERMITE + -ARIUM] (1860-1865).

- other meanings (3): **honorarium** 'a payment given to a professional person for services for which fees are not legally or traditionally required' [L honorārium < neuter of honorārius 'honorary' < honor, honor'honor'] (1650-1660), **polyzoarium** 'a bryozoan colony or its supporting skeletal structure' [NL Polyzoa phylum name; POLYZOAN + -ARIUM] (1875-1880), and **septarium** 'an irregular polygonal system of calcite-filled cracks occurring in certain rock concretions' [L saeptum 'partition'; SEPTUM + -ARIUM] (1775-1785).

3.2. NOUNS IN -ARY

The 30 nouns in -ary in our corpus also designate a place or a device containing or associated with something:

- place (12): apiary 'a place where bees and beehives are kept, especially a place where bees are raised for their honey' [L apiārium 'beehive' < apis 'bee'] (1645-1655), aviary 'a large enclosure for holding birds in confinement' [L aviārium < avis 'bird'] (1570-1580), columbary 'a vault with niches for urns containing ashes of the dead, one of the niches in such a vault; a dovecote, a pigeonhole in a dovecote' [L columbārium 'sepulchre for urns, dovecote' < Columba 'dove'] (1540-1550), estuary 'the part of the wide lower course of a river where its current is met by the tides; an arm of the sea that extends inland to meet the mouth of a river' [L aestuārium < aestus 'tide, surge, heat'] (1530-1540), formicary 'a nest of ants, an anthill' [ML formīcārium < L formīca 'ant'] (1810-1820), granary 'a building for storing threshed grain; a region yielding much grain' [L grānārium < grānum 'grain'] (1560-1570), itinerary 'a route or proposed route of a journey' [ME itinerarie < LL itinerārium 'account of a journey' < neuter of itinerārius 'of traveling' < L iter, itiner- 'journey'] (1425-1475), library 'a place in which literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes, are kept for reading, reference, or lending, a room in a private home for a collection of literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes, are kept for reading, reference, or lending, an institution or a foundation maintaining such a collection; a commercial establishment that lends books for a fee; '[ME librarie < AN < L librārium 'bookcase' < neuter of librārius 'of books' < liber, libr 'book'] (1300-1350), piscary 'a fishery' [ML piscārium < L piscis 'fish' + L ārium '-arium'] (1425-1475), sanctuary 'a sacred place, such as a church, temple, or mosque; the holiest part of a sacred place, as the part of a Christian church around the altar; a sacred place, such as a church, in which fugitives formerly were immune to arrest; a place of refuge or asylum; a reserved area in which birds and other animals, especially wild animals, are protected from hunting or molestation' [ME < OF sainctuarie < LL sānctuārium < L sānctus 'sacred'] (1300-1350), seminary 'a school, especially a theological school for the training of priests, ministers, or rabbis, a school of higher education, especially a private school for girls; a place or environment in which something is developed or nurtured' [ME seed plot < L sēminārium < sēminārius 'of seed' < sēmen, sēmin 'seed'] (1400-1450), and vestiary 'a dressing room, cloakroom, or vestry' [L vestiārius < vestis 'garment'; ME vestiarie < OF < ML vestiārium < L wardrobe < neuter of vestiārius 'of clothes'] (1615-1625).

- device (19): bestiary 'a medieval collection of stories providing physical and allegorical descriptions of real or imaginary animals along with an interpretation of the moral significance each animal was thought to embody; a modern version of such a collection' [ML bēstiārium < L bēstiā 'beast'] (1615-1625), breviary 'Ecclesiastical.a book containing the hymns, offices, and prayers for the canonical hours' [ME breviarie < OF breviaire < ML breviārium < L 'summary' < brevis 'short'] (1540-1550), c(h)artulary 'a collection of deeds or charters, especially a register of titles to all the property of an estate or a monastery' [ME cartularie 'collection of documents' < ML cartulārium < L cartula, chartula 'document'] (1565-1575), corollary 'a proposition that follows with little or no proof required from one already proven; a deduction or an inference; a natural consequence or effect, a result' [ME corolarie < L corollārium 'money paid for a garland, gratuity' < corolla 'small garland'] (1325-1375), diary 'a daily record, especially a personal record of events, experiences, and observations, a journal; a book for use in keeping a personal record, as of experiences' [L diārium 'daily allowance, daily journal' $< di\bar{e}s$ 'day'] (1575-1585), dictionary 'a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words, with information given for each word, usually including meaning, pronunciation, and etymology; a book listing the words of a language with translations into another language; a book listing words or other linguistic items in a particular category or subject with specialized information about them; Computer Science a list of words stored in machine-readable form for reference as by spelling-checking software; an electronic spelling checker' [ML dictionārium < L dictio, diction- 'diction'] (1520-1530), glossary 'a list of difficult or specialized words with their definitions, often placed at the back of a book' [ME glosarie < L glossārium < glossa 'foreign word'] (1350-1400), itinerary 'an account or a record of a journey; a guidebook for travelers' [ME itinerarie < LL itinerarium 'account of a journey' < neuter of itinerarius 'of traveling' < L iter, itiner-'journey'] (1425-1475), *lectionary* 'a book or list of lections to be read at church services during the year' [ML *lēctionārium* < L *lēctio*, *lēction*- 'a reading'] (1770-1780), *library* 'a collection of literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes, are kept for reading, reference, or lending, especially when systematically arranged; a series or set of books issued by a publisher; a collection of recorded data or tapes arranged for ease of use; Computer Science. a collection of standard programs, routines, or subroutines, often related to a specific application, that are available for general use' [ME librarie < AN < L librārium 'bookcase' < neuter of librārius 'of books' < liber, libr 'book'] (1300-1350), nectary 'a glandlike organ, located outside or within a flower, that secretes nectar' [NL nectārium < NECTAR] (1590-1600), ossuary 'a container or receptacle, such as an urn or a vault, for holding the bones of the dead' [LL ossuārium < neuter of L ossuārius 'of bones' < os, oss-'bone'] (1650-1660), ovary 'the usually paired female or hermaphroditic reproductive organ that produces ova and, in vertebrates, estrogen and progesterone; Botany, the ovule-bearing lower part of a pistil that ripens into a fruit' [NL ovārium < L ovum 'egg'] (1650-1660), pessary 'any of various devices worn in the vagina to support or correct the position of the uterus or rectum; a contraceptive diaphragm; a medicated vaginal suppository' [ME pessarie < LL pessārium < pessus, pessum < Gk pesos 'oval-shaped stone, pessary'] (1350-1400), rosary 'Roman Catholic Church. a form of devotion to the Virgin Mary, chiefly consisting of three sets of five decades each of the Hail Mary, each decade preceded by the Lord's Prayer and ending with a doxology; one of these sets of decades; a string of beads of 5 or 15 decades on which these prayers are counted; similar beads used by other religious groups' [ME rose garden < ML rosārium 'rose garden, rosary' < L rose garden < neuter of rosārius 'of roses' < rosa 'rose'] (1400-1450), sanctuary 'immunity to arrest afforded by a sanctuary' [ME < OF sainctuarie < LL sānctuārium < L sānctus 'sacred'] (1300-1350), spermary 'an organ or a gland in which male gametes are formed, especially in invertebrate animals' [NL spermārium < LL sperma, semen] (1860-1865), syllabary 'a list of syllables; a list or set of written characters for a language, each character representing a syllable' [NL syllabārium < L syllaba 'syllable'] (1580-1590), and vocabulary 'all the words of a language; the sum of words used by, understood by, or at the command of a particular person or group; a list of words and often phrases, usually arranged alphabetically and defined or translated, a lexicon or glossary, a supply of expressive means, a repertoire of communication' [F vocabulaire < OF < ML vocābulārium < neuter of vocābulārius 'of words' < L vocābulum 'name'] (1525-1535).

- other meanings (2): electuary 'a drug mixed with sugar and water or honey into a pasty mass suitable for oral administration' [ME electuarie < LL ēlēctuārium probably alteration of Gk ekleikton < ekleikhein 'to lick up'] (1350-1400) and salary 'fixed compensation for services, paid to a person on a regular basis' [ME salarie < AN < L salārium 'money given to Roman soldiers to buy salt' < neuter of salārius 'pertaining to salt' < sāl 'salt'] (1350-1400).

3.3. OTHER CASES

The 28 nouns ending in other suffixes but -arium or -ary but that originate in the L -arium also designate 'a place' or 'a device containing or associated with something':

- place (9): **ambry** 'Chiefly British. a pantry; a niche near the altar of a church for keeping sacred vessels and vestments' [ME almerie 'place for safekeeping' < OF almarie < ML almārium < L armārium 'closet' < arma 'tools'] (1200-1250), **armoire** 'a large, often ornate cabinet or wardrobe' [F armoire < OF

armoire < L armārium 'chest' < arma 'tools'] (1565-1575), cellar 'a room or enclosed space used for storage, usually beneath the ground or under a building; a basement; an underground shelter, as from storms; a wine cellar' [ME celer < OF < LL cellārium 'pantry' < L cella 'storeroom'] (1175-1225), foyer 'a lobby or an anteroom, as of a theater or hotel; an entrance hall, a vestibule' [F social center < OF foier 'fireplace' < VL *focārium < LL neuter of focārius 'of the hearth' (unattested sense) < L focus 'fire'] (1855-1860), fumarole 'a hole in a volcanic area from which hot smoke and gases escape' [It fumarola < LL fūmāriolum 'smoke hole' diminutive of L fūmārium 'smoke chamber' < fūmus 'smoke'] (1805-1815), fumatory 'an airtight fumigation chamber in which chemical vapors are used to destroy insects and fungi on plants. [< L fūmāre 'to smoke' < fūmus 'smoke'], garner 'a granary' [ME < garner, garner 'granary' < OF gernier, grenier < L grānārium] (1125-1275), larder 'a place, such as a pantry or cellar, where food is stored; a supply of food' [ME < AN < ML lārdārium < L lārdum 'bacon'] (1275-1325), and rathskeller 'a restaurant or tavern, usually below street level, that features the serving of beer' [ObsG restaurant in the city hall basement: German Rat 'council, counsel' (< MHG rāt < OHG + G Keller 'cellar' < MHG < OHG kellāri < L cellārium)] (1860-1865).

- device (10): beaker 'a wide cylindrical glass vessel with a pouring lip, used as a laboratory container and mixing jar; a large drinking cup with a wide mouth' [MD bīker 'drinking vessel' and ME bekir < ML bicārius, bicārium probably < Gk bikos 'jug' possibly of Egyptian origin] (1300-1350), calendar 'any of various systems of reckoning time in which the beginning, length, and divisions of a year are defined; a table showing the months, weeks, and days in at least one specific year; a schedule of events; an ordered list of matters to be considered: a calendar of court cases; the bills on a legislative calendar; Chiefly British. a catalogue of a university' [ME calendar < OF calendier < LL kalendārium < L account book < kalendae 'calends' (from the fact that monthly interest was due on the calends)] (1175-1225), chandelier 'a branched, decorative lighting fixture that holds a number of bulbs or candles and is suspended from a ceiling' [ME chandeler < OF chandelier < VL *candēlārium alteration of L candēlābrum 'candelabrum'] (1655-1665), inventory 'a detailed, itemized list, report, or record of things in one's possession, especially a periodic survey of all goods and materials in stock; the process of making such a list, report, or record; the items listed in such a report or record, the quantity of goods and materials on hand, stock; an evaluation or a survey, as of abilities, assets, or resources' [ME inventorie < ML inventorium alteration of LL inventārium < L inventus past participle of invenīre 'to find'] (1375-1425), mortar 'a vessel in which substances are crushed or ground with a pestle; a machine in which materials are ground and blended or crushed; a portable, muzzleloading cannon used to fire shells at low velocities, short ranges, and high trajectories; any of several similar devices, such as one that shoots life lines across a stretch of water; any of various bonding materials used in masonry, surfacing, and plastering, especially a plastic mixture of cement or lime, sand, and water that hardens in place and is used to bind together bricks or stones' [ME mortar < OE mortere < OF mortier < L mortārium] (before 1000), pannier 'a large wicker basket; a basket or pack, usually one of a pair, that fastens to the rack of a bicycle and hangs over the side of one of the wheels; a framework of wire, bone, or other material formerly used to expand a woman's skirt at the hips; a skirt or an overskirt puffed out at the hips' [ME panier < OF < L pānārium 'breadbasket' < pānis 'bread'] (1250-1300), pitcher 'a container for liquids, usually having a handle and a lip or spout for pouring; Botany. a pitcherlike part, such as the leaf of a pitcher plant' [ME picher < OF pichier alteration of bichier < ML bicārium 'drinking cup' probably < Gk bikos 'jar' possibly < Egyptian bik 'oil vessel'] (1250-1300), primer 'an elementary textbook for teaching children to read; a book that covers the basic elements of a subject' [ME < NF < ML $pr\bar{t}m\bar{a}rium <$ neuter of $pr\bar{t}m\bar{a}rius$ 'first' < L < $pr\bar{t}mus$] (1350-1400), sampler 'one who is employed to take and appraise samples, as of a food product; a mechanical device that is used to obtain and analyze samples; a decorative piece of cloth embroidered with various designs or mottoes in a variety of stitches, serving as an example of skill at needlework; a representative collection or selection; a variety, an assortment' [Partly ME model < AN *essamplur and partly short for ME ensampler < AN ensamplour < LL exemplārium 'model, copy' < L copy] (1250-1300), and tiller 'Nautical. a lever used to turn a rudder and steer a boat' [ME tiler 'stock of a crossbow' < OF telier < ML tēlārium 'weaver's beam' < L tēla] (1375-1425)

- other cases (10): abecedarian 'one who teaches or studies the alphabet; one who is just learning; a beginner' [ME < ML abecedārium 'alphabet' < LL abecedārius 'alphabetical' < A B C D + -ārius '-ary'] (1595-1605), calamari 'squid prepared as food' [It pl. of calamaro < LL calamārium 'pen-case' < L calamārius relating to a reed pen < calamus 'reed pen' (perhaps < the "ink" the squid secretes)] (1560s), cellar 'Slang. the lowest level, especially in the standing of an athletic team' [ME celer < OF < LL cellārium 'pantry' < L cella 'storeroom'] (1175-1225), danger 'exposure or vulnerability to harm or risk; a source or an instance of risk or peril; Obsolete. power, especially power to harm' [ME daunger 'power, dominion, peril' < OF dangier < VL *dominiārium 'authority, power' < L dominium 'sovereignty' < dominus 'lord, master'] (1175-1225), dower 'the part or interest of a deceased man's real estate allotted by law to his widow for her lifetime; money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage; a natural endowment or gift; a dowry' [ME douere < OF douaire < ML dotārium < L dos, dot- 'dowry'] (1250-1300), dowry 'money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage; a sum of money required of a postulant at a convent; a natural endowment or gift, a talent; Archaic. the part or interest of a deceased man's real estate allotted by law to his widow for her lifetime' [ME

douerie < AN douarie < ML dotārium, doārium, doārium (dower'] (1250-1300), exemplar 'one that is worthy of imitation; a model; one that is typical or representative, an example; an ideal that serves as a pattern, an archetype; a copy, as of a book' [ME exemplere < LL exemplārium < L exemplum 'example'] (1350-1400), lekvar 'a sweet spread or pastry filling made of prunes or apricots' [Hung lekvár 'jam' < Slovak < Czech lektvar 'electuary' < MHG lactuārje, latuērge < OF leituaire < LL ēlēctuārium 'electuary'] (1955-1960), quintal 'a unit of mass in the metric system equal to 100 kilograms' [ME a unit of weight < OF < ML quintāle < Arabic qintār < LGk kentēnarion < LL centēnārium (pondus) 'hundred(weight)' < L centēnārius 'of a hundred'] (1425-1275), and seminar 'a small group of advanced students in a college or graduate school engaged in original research or intensive study under the guidance of a professor who meets regularly with them to discuss their reports and findings; a course of study so pursued; a scheduled meeting of such a group; a meeting for an exchange of ideas, a conference' [G < L sēminārium 'seed plot'] (1885-1890).

4. DISCUSSION



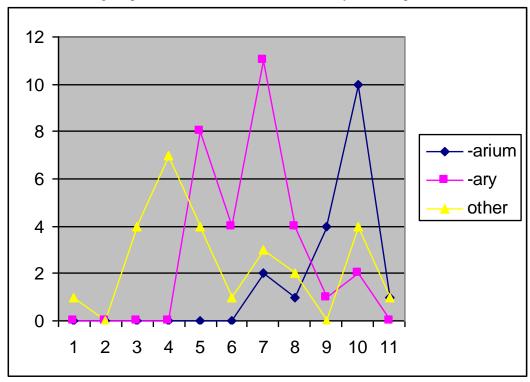


Figure 1. Chronological distribution of nouns in *-arium*, *-ary* or other endings inherited or borrowed from Latin or other languages: 1: before 1000; 2: 1000-1099; 3: 1100-1199; 4: 1200-1299; 5: 1300-1399; 6: 1400-1499; 7: 1500-1599; 8: 1600-1699; 9: 1700-1799; 10: 1800-1899; 11: 1900-1999.

Nouns in -arium have preserved their Latin plural and the most frequently used have also developed English plurals in -s (Table 1):

Noun in -arium	Plural form		
	Latin plural	English plural	
aquarium	Aquaria	aquariums	
cinerarium	Cineraria	-	
columbarium	columbaria	-	
fumatorium	Fumatoria	fumatoriums	
herbarium	Herbaria	herbariums	
honorarium	Honoraria	honorariums	

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leprosarium	Leprosaria	leprosariums	
oceanarium	Oceanaria	oceanariums	
planetarium	Planetaria	planetariums	
polyzoarium	Polyzoaria	-	
sacrarium	Sacraria	1	
sanitarium	Sanitaria	sanitariums	
septarium	Septaria	-	
solarium	Solaria	solariums	
termitarium	Termitaria	-	
terrarium	Terraria	terrariums	
vivarium	Vivaria	vivariums	

In their turn, English nouns originating in Latin nouns in -arium but that do not preserve any resemblance with the latter, have produced derivatives – mainly adjectival and verbal ones (Table 2).

Table 2. Derivatives of English nouns originating in Latin nouns in -arium

Noun	Noun	Adjective	Verb
abecedarian	-	abecedarian	-
calendar	-	-	calendar
cellar	-	-	cellar
corollary	-	corollary	-
dower	-	-	dower
estuary	-	estuarial	-
glossary	Glossarist	glossarial	-
inventory	-	-	inventory
itinerary	-	itinerary	-
mortar	-	-	mortar
nectary	-	nectarial	-
pannier	-	panniered	-
septarium	-	septarian	-
vestiary	-	vestiary	-

5. CONCLUSIONS

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