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[. . .] non si può trovare una lingua, che parli ogni cosa per se senza aver accattato
da altri; [it is not possible to find a language which can speak of anything
by itself without having taken from others]
Niccolò Machiavelli c. 1524

Contact breeds imitation and imitation breeds linguistic convergence.
André Martinet 1953

In the world trade of lexis, English has – against expectation – never become
bankrupt: rather, the Word Bank of England now tends to supply other
languages with the necessary loans.
Manfred Görlach 2003

