

Why do you remind docile while that **termagant** besmirches, maligns, and belittles you?

While all disgruntled men may **rail** against malevolent or Machiavellian leaders, democracy offers a way to ameliorate iniquities through the ballot.

When one enlists in the army, one expects to be under the aegis of a **martinet**.

Well known as a **raconteur**, he was ever chagrined when asked to tell a story from his large repertoire.

We do not **decapitate** criminals because of our aversion to such repugnant punishments.

To be candid, there is little to be **wistful** about in the 'good old days.'

They captured the **brigand**, and he was incarcerated for a mandatory period.

There was a **taut** international situation caused by the proximity of unidentified submarines to our coasts.

The rabid baseball fan lost his equanimity and became **livid** when the star pitcher became pugnacious and was removed from the game.

The potpourri of au courant fashionable **raiment** includes the fatuous and the discreet.

The obscure country, an aspirant for membership in the United Nations, sent an **emissary**.

The little boy tried to wheedle a large allowance from his father by the caustic observations that it was a mere **bagatelle** when compared to the allowances of his friends.

It was deplorable the way the capricious girl led the **callow** youth on a merry chase.

Is there any veracity in the platitude that **corpulent** men are jocose?

I do not wish to deprecate your **penchant** for cowboy music, but I find it banal.

His **yen** for imbibing and romping with girls worked to his detriment.

He alluded to the **rift** caused in the school by the plethora of hirsute boys who ignored the criterion for appearance.

Each long holiday weekend we are **appalled** at the carnage on our highways.

Despite all attempts to mollify her, she remained **sullen** about the levity caused by her slovenly raiment.

An anomaly of our modern technology is that the more we need to know, the less time we have to **ruminare**.