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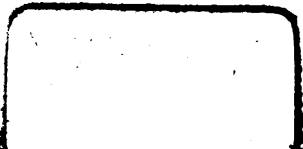
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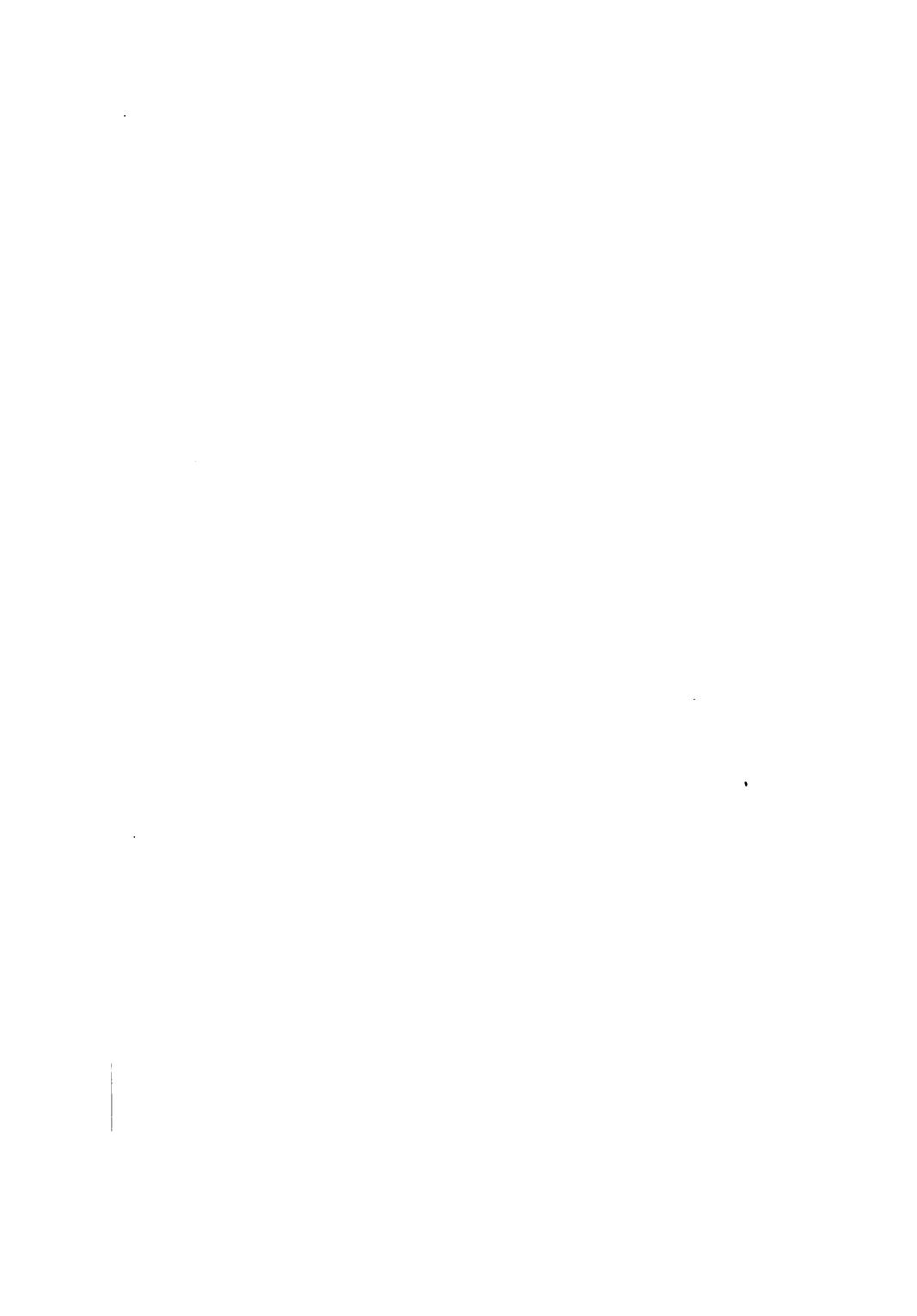
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One cannot always live in the palaces and state apartments of language, but we can refuse to spend our days in searching for its vilest slums.

—*William Watson*

Words without thought are dead sounds; thoughts without words are nothing. To think is to speak low; to speak is to think aloud.

—*Max Muller*

The first merit which attracts in the pages of a good writer, or the talk of a brilliant conversationalist, is the apt choice and contrast of the words employed. It is indeed a strange art to take these blocks rudely conceived for the purpose of the market or the bar, and by tact of application touch them to the finest meanings and distinctions.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson*

It is with words as with sunbeams,—the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.

—*Southey*

No noble or right style was ever yet founded but out of a sincere heart.

—*Ruskin*

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.

—*Byron*

A good phrase may outweigh a poor library.

—*Thomas W. Higginson*



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INTRODUCTION

The most powerful and the most perfect expression of thought and feeling through the medium of oral language must be traced to the mastery of words. Nothing is better suited to lead speakers and readers of English into an easy control of this language than the command of the phrase that perfectly expresses the thought. Every speaker's aim is to be heard and understood. A clear, crisp articulation holds an audience as by the spell of some irresistible power. The choice word, the correct phrase, are instruments that may reach the heart, and awake the soul if they fall upon the ear in melodious cadence; but if the utterance be harsh and discordant they fail to interest, fall upon deaf ears, and are as barren as seed sown on fallow ground. In language, nothing conduces so emphatically to the harmony of sounds as perfect phrasing—that is, the emphasizing of the relation of clause to clause, and of sentence to sentence by the systematic grouping of words. The phrase consists usually of a few words which denote a single idea that forms a separate part of a sentence. In this respect it differs from the clause, which is a short sentence that forms a distinct part of a composition, paragraph, or discourse. Correct phrasing is regulated by rests, such rests as do not break the continuity of a thought or the progress of the sense.

GRENVILLE KLEISER, who has devoted years of his diligent life to imparting the art of correct expression in speech and writing, has provided many aids for those who would

know not merely what to say, but how to say it. He has taught also what the great HOLMES taught, that language is a temple in which the human soul is enshrined, and that it grows out of life—out of its joys and its sorrows, its burdens and its necessities. To him, as well as to the writer, the deep strong voice of man and the low sweet voice of woman are never heard at finer advantage than in the earnest but mellow tones of familiar speech. In the present volume Mr. Kleiser furnishes an additional and an exceptional aid for those who would have a mint of phrases at their command from which to draw when in need of the golden mean for expressing thought. Few indeed are the books fitted to-day for the purpose of imparting this knowledge, yet two centuries ago phrase-books were esteemed as supplements to the dictionaries, and have not by any manner of means lost their value. The guide to familiar quotations, the index to similes, the grammars, the readers, the machine-made letter-writer of mechanically perfect letters of congratulation or condolence—none are sententious enough to supply the need. By the compilation of this praxis, Mr. Kleiser has not only supplied it, but has furnished a means for the increase of one's vocabulary by practical methods. There are thousands of persons who may profit by the systematic study of such a book as this if they will familiarize themselves with the author's purpose by a careful reading of the preliminary pages of his book. To speak in public pleasingly and readily and to read well are accomplishments acquired only after many days, weeks even, of practise.

Foreigners sometimes reproach us for the asperity and discordance of our speech, and in general, this reproach is just, for there are many persons who do scanty justice to the vowel-elements of our language. Although these ele-

ments constitute its music they are continually mistreated. We flirt with and pirouette around them constantly. If it were not so, English would be found full of beauty and harmony of sound. Familiar with the maxim, "Take care of the vowels and the consonants will take care of themselves,"—a maxim that when put into practise has frequently led to the breaking-down of vowel values—the writer feels that the common custom of allowing "the consonants to take care of themselves" is pernicious. It leads to suppression or to imperfect utterance, and thus produces indistinct articulation.

The English language is so complex in character that it can scarcely be learned by rule, and can best be mastered by the study of such idioms and phrases as are provided in this book; but just as care must be taken to place every accent or stress on the proper syllable in the pronouncing of every word it contains, so must the stress or emphasis be placed on the proper word in every sentence spoken. To read or speak pleasingly one should resort to constant practise by doing so aloud in private, or preferably, in the presence of such persons as know good reading when they hear it and are masters of the melody of sounds. It was Dean SWIFT's belief that the common fluency of speech in many men and most women was due to scarcity of matter and scarcity of words. He claimed that a master of language possessed a mind full of ideas, and that before speaking, such a mind paused to select the choice word—the phrase best suited to the occasion. "Common speakers," he said, "have only one set of ideas, and one set of words to clothe them in," and these are always ready on the lips. Because he holds the Dean's view sound to-day, the writer will venture to warn the readers of this book against a habit that, growing far too common among us, should be

checked, and this is the iteration and reiteration in conversation of "the battered, stale, and trite" phrases, the like of which were credited by the worthy Dean to the women of his time.

Human thought elaborates itself with the progress of intelligence. Speech is the harvest of thought, and the relation which exists between words and the mouths that speak them must be carefully observed. Just as nothing is more beautiful than a word fitly spoken, so nothing is rarer than the use of a word in its exact meaning. There is a tendency to overwork both words and phrases that is not restricted to any particular class. The learned sin in this respect even as do the ignorant, and the practise spreads until it becomes an epidemic. The epidemic word with us yesterday was unquestionably "conscription"; several months ago it was "preparedness." Before then "efficiency" was heard on every side and succeeded in superseding "vocational teaching," only to be displaced in turn by "life extension" activities. "Safety-first" had a long run which was brought almost to abrupt end by "strict accountability," but these are mere reflections of our cosmopolitan life and activities. There are others that stand out as indicators of brain-weariness. These are most frequently met in the work of our novelists.

English authors and journalists are abusing and overworking the word *intrigue* to-day. Sir Arthur QUILLER-COUCH on page 81 of his book "On the Art of Writing" uses it: "We are *intrigued* by the process of manufacture instead of being wearied by a description of the ready-made article." Mrs. SIDGWICK in "Salt and Savour," page 232, wrote: "But what *intrigued* her was Little Mamma's remark at breakfast." From the Parliamentary news, one learns that "Mr. Harcourt *intrigued* the House of Commons

by his sustained silence for two years" and that "London is interested in, and not a little *intrigued*, by the statement." This use of *intrigue* in the sense of "perplex, puzzle, trick, or deceive" dates from 1600. Then it fell into a state of somnolence, and after an existence of innocuous desuetude lasting till 1794 it was revived, only to hibernate again until 1894. It owes its new lease of life to a writer on *The Westminster Gazette*, a London journal famous for its competitions in aid of the restoring of the dead meanings of words.

One is almost exasperated by the repeated use and abuse of the word "intimate" in a recently published work of fiction, by an author who aspires to the first rank in his profession. He writes of "the *intimate* dimness of the room;" "a fierce *intimate* whispering;" "a look that was *intimate*;" "the noise of the city was *intimate*," etc. Who has not heard, "*The idea!*" "What's *the idea?*" "Is that *the idea?*" "Yes, that's *the idea*," with increased inflection at each repetition. And who is without a friend who at some time or another has not sprung "meticulous" upon him? Another example is afforded by the endemic use of "of sorts" which struck London while the writer was in that city a few years ago. Whence it came no one knew, but it was heard on every side. "She was a woman *of sorts*;" "he is a Tory *of sorts*;" "he had a religion *of sorts*;" "he was a critic *of sorts*." While it originally meant "of different or various kinds," as hats *of sorts*; offices *of sorts*; cheeses *of sorts*, etc., it is now used disparagingly, and implies something of a kind that is not satisfactory, or of a character that is rather poor. This, as SHAKESPEARE might have said, is "Sodden business! There's a stewed phrase indeed!" *

* *Troilus and Cressida*, act iii, sc. I.

The abuse of phrases and the misuse of words rife among us can be checked by diligent exercises in good English such as this book provides. These exercises, in conjunction with others to be found in different volumes by the same author, will serve to correct careless diction and slovenly speech, and lead to the art of speaking and writing correctly; for, after all, accuracy in the use of words is more a matter of habit than of theory, and once it is acquired it becomes just as easy to speak or to write good English as bad English. It was CHESTERFIELD'S resolution not to speak a word in conversation which was not the fittest he could recall. All persons should avoid using words whose meanings they do not know, and with the correct application of which they are unfamiliar. The best spoken and the best written English is that which conforms to the language as used by men and women of culture—a high standard, it is true, but one not so high that it is unattainable by any earnest student of the English tongue.

FRANK H. VIZETELLY.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The study of words, phrases, and literary expressions is a highly interesting pursuit. There is a reciprocal influence between thought and language. What we think molds the words we use, and the words we use react upon our thoughts. Hence a study of words is a study of ideas, and a stimulant to deep and original thinking.

We should not, however, study "sparkling words and sonorous phrases" with the object of introducing them consciously into our speech. To do so would inevitably lead to stiltedness and superficiality. Words and phrases should be studied as symbols of ideas, and as we become thoroughly familiar with them they will play an unconscious but effective part in our daily expression.

We acquire our vocabulary largely from our reading and our personal associates. The words we use are an unmistakable indication of our thought habits, tastes, ideals, and interests in life. In like manner, the habitual language of a people is a barometer of their intellectual, civil, moral, and spiritual ideals. A great and noble people express themselves in great and noble words.

Ruskin earnestly counsels us to form the habit of looking intently at words. We should scrutinize them closely and endeavor to grasp their innermost meaning. There is an indefinable satisfaction in knowing how to choose and use words with accuracy and precision. As Fox once said, "I am never at a loss for a word, but Pitt always has *the* word."

All the great writers and orators have been diligent students of words. Demosthenes and Cicero were indefatigable in their study of language. Shakespeare, "infinite in faculty," took infinite pains to embody his thought in words of crystal clearness. Coleridge once said of him that one might as well try to dislodge a brick from a building with one's forefinger as to omit a single word from one of his finest passages.

Milton, master of majestic prose, under whose touch words became as living things; Flaubert, who believed there was one and one only best word with which to express a given thought; De Quincey, who exercised a weird-like power over words; Ruskin, whose rhythmic prose enchanted the ear; Keats, who brooded over phrases like a lover; Newman, of pure and melodious style; Stevenson, forever in quest of the scrupulously precise word; Tennyson, graceful and exquisite as the limpid stream; Emerson, of trenchant and epigrammatic style; Webster, whose virile words sometimes weighed a pound; and Lincoln, of simple, Saxon speech,—all these illustrious men were assiduous in their study of words.

Many persons of good education unconsciously circumscribe themselves within a small vocabulary. They have a knowledge of hundreds of desirable words which they do not put into practical use in their speech or writing. Many, too, are conscious of a poverty of language, which engenders in them a sense of timidity and self-depreciation.

The method used for building a large vocabulary has usually been confined to the study of single words. This has produced good results, but it is believed that eminently better results can be obtained from a careful study of words and expressions, as furnished in this book, where words can be examined in their context.

It is intended and suggested that this study should be pursued in connection with, and as a supplement to, a good standard dictionary. Fifteen minutes a day devoted to this subject, in the manner outlined, will do more to improve and enlarge the vocabulary than an hour spent in desultory reading.

There is no better way in which to develop the mental qualities of clearness, accuracy, and precision, and to improve and enlarge the intellectual powers generally, than by regular and painstaking study of judiciously selected phrases and literary expressions.

PLAN OF STUDY

First examine the book in a general way to grasp its character, scope, and purpose. Carefully note the following plan of classification of the various kinds of phrases, and choose for initial study a section which you think will be of the most immediate value to you.

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There are many advantages in keeping before you a definite purpose in your study of this book. A well-defined plan will act as an incentive to regular and systematic effort and incidentally develop your power of concentration.

It is desirable that you set apart a certain convenient time each day for this study. Regularity tends to produce maximum results. As you progress with this work your interest will be quickened and you will realize the desirability of giving more and more time to this important subject.

When you have chosen a section of the book which particularly appeals to you, begin your actual study by reading the phrases aloud. Read them slowly and understandingly. This tends to impress them more deeply upon your mind, and is in itself one of the best and most practical ways of acquiring a large and varied vocabulary. Moreover, the practise of fitting words to the mouth rapidly develops fluency and facility of speech.

Few persons realize the great value of reading aloud. Many of the foremost English stylists devoted a certain period regularly to this practise. Cardinal Newman read aloud each day a chapter from Cicero as a means of developing his ear for sentence-rhythm. Rufus Choate, in order to increase his command of language, and to avoid sinking into mere empty fluency, read aloud daily, during a large part of his life, a page or more from some great English author. As a writer has said, "The practise of storing the mind with choice passages from the best prose writers and poets, and thus flavoring it with the essence of good literatures, is one which is commended both by the best teachers and by the example of some of the most celebrated orators, who have adopted it with signal success."

This study should be pursued with pencil in hand, so that you may readily underscore phrases which make a

special appeal to you. The free use of a pencil in marking significant parts of a book is good evidence of thoroughness. This, too, will facilitate your work of subsequent review.

The habit of regularly copying, in your own handwriting, one or more pages of phrases will be of immense practical value. This exercise is a great aid in developing a facile English style. The daily use of the pen has been recommended in all times as a valuable means of developing oral and literary expression.

A helpful exercise is to pronounce a phrase aloud and then fit it into a complete sentence of your own making. This practice gives added facility and resourcefulness in the use of words.

As an enthusiastic student of good English, you should carefully note striking and significant phrases or literary expressions which you find in your general reading. These should be set down in a note-book reserved for this exclusive purpose. In this way you can prepare many lists of your own, and thus greatly augment the value of this study.

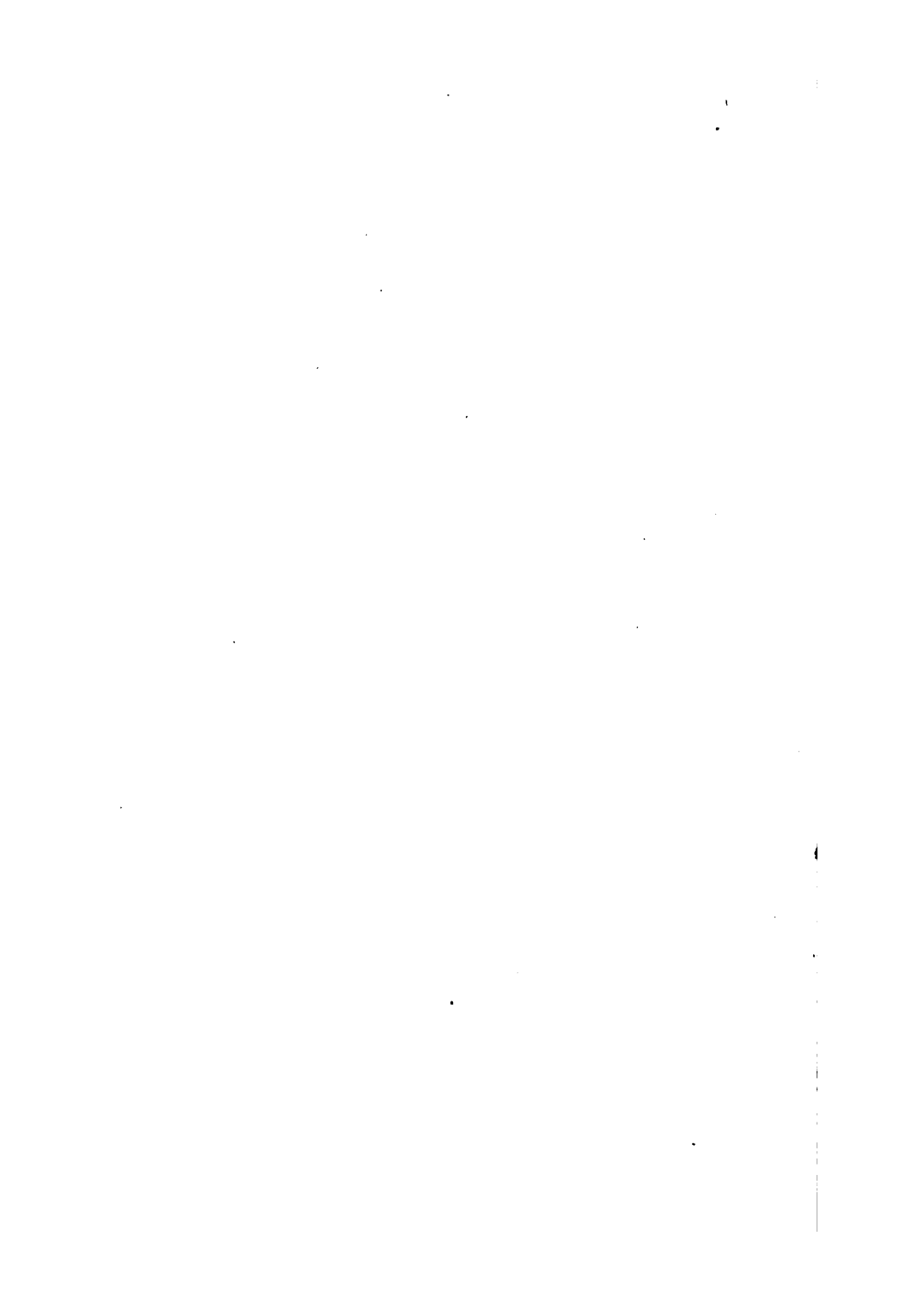
The taste for beauty, truth, and harmony in language can be developed by careful study of well-selected phrases and literary expressions as furnished in this book. A good literary style is formed principally by daily study of great English writers, by careful examination of words in their context, and by a discriminating use of language at all times.

GRENVILLE KLEISER.

New York City, July, 1917.



SECTION I
USEFUL PHRASES



USEFUL PHRASES

A

abandoned hope	accepted littleness
abated pride	accessible pleasures
abbreviated visit	accessory circumstances
abhorred thralldom	accidental lapse
abiding romance	accommodating temper
abject submission	accomplished ease
abjured ambition	accredited agent
able strategist	accumulated burden
abnormal talents	accurate appraisalment
abominably perverse	accursed enemy
abounding happiness	accusing glance
abridged statement	accustomed lucidity
abrogated law	aching desire
abrupt transition	acknowledged authority
absolutely irrevocable	acoustical effects
absorbed reverie	acquired timidity
abstemious diet	acrid controversy
abstract character	acrimonious warfare
abstruse reasoning	actively zealous
absurdly dangerous	actualized ideals
abundant opportunity	acutely conscious
abusive epithet	adamantine rigidity
abysmally apologetic	adaptive wit
academic rigor	adduced facts
accelerated progress	adequate execution
accentuated playfulness	adhesive quality
	administered rebuke

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admirable reserve	allied subjects
admissible evidence	alliterative suggestion
admittedly inferior	all-pervading influence
admonitory gesture	alluring idleness
adolescent youth	alternating opinion
adorable vanity	altogether dissimilar
adroit flatterer	altruistic ideal
adulated stranger	amatory effusions
adventitious way	amazing artifice
adventurous mind	ambidextrous assistant
adverse experience	ambiguous grimace
affably accommodating	ambitious project
affected indifference	ambling pedestrian
affectionate approval	ambrosial essence
affianced lady	amiable solicitude
affirmative attitude	amicable arrangement
affluent language	amorous youth
affrighted slave	ample culture
aggravated faults	amusing artlessness
aggregate body	analogous example
aggressive selfishness	analytical survey
agile mind	ancestral creed
agitated imagination	ancient garb
agonizing appeal	angelic softness
agreeable frankness	angry protestations
aimless confusion	anguished entreaty
airy splendor	angular features
alarming rapidity	animated eloquence
alert acceptance	annoying complications
algebraic brevity	anomalous appearance
alien splendor	anonymous benefactor
alleged reluctance	answering response
allegorical vein	antagonistic views

antecedent facts
anticipated attention
antiquated prudery
anxious misgiving
apathetic greeting
aphoristic wit
apish agility
apocalyptic vision
apocryphal lodger
apologetic explanation
apostrophic dignity
appalling difficulties
apparent significance
appealing picture
appointed function
opposite illustration
appreciable relief
appreciative fervor
apprehensive dread
apprentice touch
appropriate designation
approving smile
approximately correct
aptly suggested
arbitrarily imposed
arch conspirator
arched embrasure
archeological pursuits
architectural grandeur
ardent protest
arduous quest
arid formula
aristocratic lineage

aromatic fragrance
arrant trifling
arrested development
arrogant imposition
artful adaptation
artificial suavity
artistic elegance
artless candor
ascending supremacy
ascetic devotion
ascribed productiveness
aspiring genius
assembled arguments
asserted activity
assiduously cultivated
assimilative power
assumed humiliation
assuredly enshrined
astonishing facility
astounding mistakes
astute observer
athletic prowess
atmospheric vagueness
atoning sacrifice
atrocious expression
atrophied view
attending circumstances
attentive deference
attenuated sound
attested loyalty
attractive exordium
audacious mendicant
audible intimations

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augmented force
august tribunal
auspicious moment
austere charm
authentic indications
authoritative critic
autobiographical pages
autocratic power
automatic termination
autumnal skies
auxiliary aids
available data
avaricious eyes
avenging fate
average excellence
averted calamity
avowed intention
awakened curiosity
awed devotion
awful dejection
awkward dilemma
axiomatic truth
azure sky

B

babbling gossip
bacchanalian desires
bachelor freedom
bad omen
baffled sagacity
balanced capacity
baldly described
baleful glances

balmy fragrance
bandying talk
baneful impression
banished silence
barbarous statecraft
barefaced appeal
barest commonplaces
barren opportunities
base intrigues
baseless assumptions
bashful modesty
basic principles
battered witticism
beaming countenance
bearish rudeness
beatific vision
beautiful modesty
beckoning horizon
becoming diffidence
bedraggled wretch
befitting honor
beggarly flimsiness
beguiling voice
belated acknowledgment
belittling fears
bellicose humanity
beneficent career
benevolent regard
benighted sense
benignant pity
beseeching gesture
besetting heresy
besotted fanaticism

bestial ferocity	boastful positiveness
bewildering maze	bodily activity
bewitching airs	boisterous edification
beyond peradventure	bold generalization
bibulous diversions	bombastic prating
bigoted contempt	bookish precision
binding obligation	boon companion
bitter recrimination	boorish abuse
bizarre apparel	bored demeanor
blackening west	borrowed grace
blameless indolence	bottomless abyss
blanched desolation	boundless admiration
bland confidence	bountiful supply
blank misgivings	boyish appreciation
blasphemous hypocrisy	braggart pretense
blatant discourse	bravely vanquished
blazing audacity	braying trumpet
blazoned shield	brazen importunity
bleak loneliness	breathless eagerness
blended impression	brief tenure
blessed condolence	briefless barrister
blighted happiness	bright interlude
blind partizan	brilliant embodiment
blissful consciousness	brisk energy
blistering satire	bristling temper
blithe disregard	brittle sarcasm
bloated equivalent	broadening fame
bloodless creature	broken murmurs
bloodthirsty malice	brooding peace
blatant discourtesy	brutal composure
blunt rusticity	bubbling frivolities
blurred vision	bucolic cudgeling
blustering assertion	budding joy

bulky figure
buoyant pluck
burdensome business
burly strength
burning zeal
bursting laugh
busily engrossed
business acumen
bygone period

C

cabalistic phrase
cadaverous appearance
calamitous course
calculating admiration
callous indifference
calm resignation
calumnious suspicions
cantankerous enemy
canting hypocrite
capacious mind
capricious allurements
captivating speech
cardinal merit
careless parrying
caressing grasp
carping critic
castellated towers
casual violation
cataclysmic elements
causelessly frightened
caustic remark
cautious skepticism

cavernous gloom
ceaseless vigilance
celebrated instance
celestial joy
censorious critic
centralized wealth
ceremonious courtesy
cerulean blue
challenge admiration
chance reflections
changing exigencies
chaotic plans
characteristic audacity
charitable allowance
charming radiance
chary instincts
chastened hope
chatty familiarity
cheap resentment
cheery response
chequered career
cherished objects
childlike ingenuousness
chilled cynicism
chirpy familiarities
chivalrous spirit
choicest refinements
choleric temperament
choral chant
chronic frailties
churlish temper
circling eddyings
circuitous information

circumscribed purpose
civic consciousness
civilizing influence
clammy death
clamorous vibration
clangorous industry
clarion tone
class demarcations
classical oburgation
clattering accents
clear insight
climactic revelation
clinching proof
cloaked nature
cloistered virtue
close condensation
cloudy magnificence
clownishly insensible
cloying sweetness
clumsy talk
clustering trees
coarse necessity
coaxing eloquence
coercive enactment
cogent statement
coherent thinking
coined metaphor
cold formalities
collateral duties
collective wisdom
colloquial display
colonial character
colossal failure

comatose state
combative tone
comforting reassurance
comic infelicity
commanding attitude
commendable purpose
commercial opulence
commingled emotion
commodiously arranged
common substratum
commonplace allusions
compact fitness
comparative scantiness
compassionate love
compelling force
compendious abstract
compensatory character
competent authority
competitive enterprise
complacent platitudes
complaining sea
complaisant observation
complete aloofness
complex notions
complicated maze
complimentary glance
component aspects
composed zeal
composite growth
compound idea
comprehensive design
compressed view
compromising rashness

compulsory repetition
compunctious visitings
concatenated pedantries
concealed advantage
conceivable comparison
concentrated vigor
concerted action
conciliating air
concomitant events
concrete realities
concurrent testimony
condemnable rashness
condescending badinage
conditional approval
confessed ardor
confidently anticipated
confirmed misanthrope
conflicting influences
confused mingling
conjectural estimate
conjugal felicity
connected series
connotative damage
connubial love
conquering intelligence
conscientious objection
conscious repugnance
consecrated endeavor
consequent retribution
conservative distrust
considerate hint
consistent friendliness
consoling consciousness

conspicuous ascendancy
constant reiteration
constitutional reserve
constrained politeness
constructive idealists
consuming zeal
consummate mastery
contagious wit
contaminating influence
contemplative nature
contemporary fame
contemptuous disrespect
contented indolence
contingent reasons
continuous endeavor
contorted expression
contracted view
contradictory theories
contrary tendencies
contrasted types
controversial disputant
contumelious epithet
convenient footing
conventional verbiage
conversational decorum
convincing forcefulness
convivial habits
convulsive agony
cool confidence
copious materials
coquettish advances
cordial approval
corporate selfishness

corporeal constituent
correct forecast
corresponding variation
corroborated truth
corrosive effect
corrupting tendency
cosmical changes
cosmopolitan position
costly advantages
counterbalancing power
countless barriers
courageous eagerness
courteous solicitude
courtly bearing
covert curiosity
coveted honors
cowardly concession
cowering agitation
coy reluctance
crackling laughter
crafty deception
craggy eminence
cramped energies
crass stolidity
craven determination
creative faculty
credibly informed
creditable performance
credulous superstition
creeping progress
criminal negligence
cringing smile
crisp dialogue

critical judgment
crouching culprit
crowning indiscretion
crucial instance
crucifying irony
crude affectation
cruel handicap
crumbling precipice
crunching jangle
crushing sorrow
cryptic saying
crystalline sky
crystallized conclusions
culinary myrmidons
culminating fascination
culpable behavior
cultivated ferocity
cultured idleness
cumbrous fragments
cumulative tendency
cunningly contrived
curbed profligacy
curious coincidence
current gossip
curry favor
cursed inactivity
cursory acquaintance
curt formality
curtained embrasure
cutting directness
cycloramic sweep
cynical disregard

D

damaging admission
 damask cheek
 dampened ardor
 dancing sunshine
 dangerous temerity
 dappled shadows
 daring candor
 dark superstition
 dashing gallantry
 dastardly injustice
 dauntless courage
 dawning instinct
 dazed brain
 dazzling triumph
 deadly virulence
 deaf tribunal
 deathless structure
 debasing tendency
 debatable point
 debilitating features
 decadent poets
 deceiving mists
 decided superiority
 decisive manner
 declamatory treatment
 declared brotherhood
 decorously adorned
 deepening dusk
 deep-seated curiosity
 deep-toned lamentations
 defective construction

defenseless innocence
 defensive alliance
 deferential regard
 defiant coldness
 deficient vitality
 definite conception
 deformed visage
 deft evasion
 degrading tendencies
 delectable speculations
 delegated power
 deliberate abnegation
 delicate discrimination
 delicious vagueness
 delightful variation
 delirious ecstasies
 delusive charm
 demagogic style
 democratic institutions
 demoniacal force
 demonstrable conclusion
 demoralizing luxury
 demure composure
 denunciatory terms
 departed glories
 deplorable decay
 deprecatory shrug
 depressing concomitants
 depthless forest
 derisive voice
 derogatory denial
 descriptive power
 desecrated ideals

deserted desert
deserved approbation
desirable distinction
desolating dread
despairing austerity
desperate defiance
despicable vices
despondent exaggeration
despotic rulers
destructive radicalism
desultory vacillation
detailed portraiture
detected hypocrisies
determinate swing
detestable purpose
dethroned princes
detrimental result
devastating effect
devilish sophistries
deviously subtle
devitalized personality
devoted attachment
devouring ambition
devout thanksgiving
dewy coolness
dexterous impudence
diabolical passion
dialectic power
diametrically opposite
dictatorial manner
dictionary significance
didactic exposition
different distortion

difficult portraiture
diffident civility
diffuse verbosity
dignified austerity
digressional adventure
dilettante mind
diligently propagated
dim comprehension
diminished efficacy
diminutive stature
diplomatic skill
dire consummation
direct obligation
disappointing attitude
disarmed criticism
disastrous termination
discarded reminiscences
discerning critic
disciplined mind
disclosed insincerity
discomfited opponent
disconcerted conjecture
disconnected fancies
disconsolate opinions
discordant sounds
discredited statement
discretionary opinion
discriminating homage
discursive staggerings
disdainful comment
diseased hallucinations
disembodied personality
disengaged air

enduring charm
energetic enthusiasm
enervating humility
enfeebled activity
enforced silence
engaging affability
engendered feelings
engrossing purpose
engulfing waters
enhanced reputation
enigmatical silence
enlightened solicitude
enlivened monotony
ennobling personality
enormously outbalanced
enraptured attention
enriched experience
entangled subject
enthraling charm
enthusiastic adherents
enticing odors
entire domain
entrancing sadness
enveloping presence
envenomed attacks
enviable superiority
environing conditions
ephemeral duration
epicurean taste
epigrammatic sallies
equable composure
equally efficacious
equitably governed

equivocal compliment
erotic poem
errant thoughts
erratic flight
erroneous assumption
erudite labors
eruptive violence
esoteric doctrine
especial pleasure
essential prerequisite
estimable qualities
eternal hostility
ethereal azure
ethical wisdom
euphuistic affectations
evanescent glances
evangelic doctrine
evasive answer
eventful circumstance
eventual failure
everlasting mysteries
everyday reality
evident authority
evil necromancy
eviscerating shrieks
exact antithesis
exacting taskmaster
exaggerated estimate
exalted imagination
exasperating coolness
exceedingly acceptable
excellent discernment
exceptional magnitude

excessive zeal
 excitable temperament
 exclusive pursuit
 excretory secretion
 excruciating accents
 excursive fancy
 execrable villainy
 executive efficiency
 exemplary conduct
 exhaustless energy
 exhilarating charm
 exoteric scorn
 exotic appearance
 expansive benevolence
 expectant throng
 expeditionary force
 expeditiously secreted
 experimental suggestion
 expiatory sacrifices
 explicit injunction
 explosive violence
 expressionless visage
 expressive lineaments
 exquisite tact
 extemporaneous effusion
 extended magnitude
 extenuating circumstance
 external cheerfulness
 extraneous ideas
 extraordinary vivacity
 extravagant caprice
 extremely picturesque

exuberant mirth
 exultant condition

F

facetious mood
 facile criticism
 factitious propensity
 faded magnificence
 faintly sinister
 faithfully perpetuated
 fallacious hopes
 false illusions
 faltering tongue
 familiar sacredness
 famished voracity
 fanatical admiration
 fanciful alliance
 fantastic display
 farcical expedient
 far-reaching influence
 fascinating illusiveness
 fashioned symmetrically
 fastidious taste
 fatal disclosure
 fatalistic belief
 fathomless powers
 fatiguing assertion
 fattening servitude
 fatuous pedantry
 faultless taste
 favorable augury
 fawning flatteries
 fearful imprecations

fearless integrity
feasible mode
feeble dribble
feigned reluctance
felicitous expression
feminine capriciousness
ferocious foe
fertile fancy
fervent invocation
fervid enthusiasm
festive illuminations
fetid dampness
fettered tyranny
feverish bewilderment
fickle fancy
fictitious pretext
fidgety impatience
fierce resentment
fiery indignation
figurative eloquence
filial tenderness
final enthronement
fine sensibilities
finished artistry
fireside delights
fitful desire
fitting opportunity
fizzing flame
flaccid faith
flagging popularity
flagitious attack
flagrant boasting
flamboyant brilliancy

flaming zeal
flashing wit
flat denial
flattering aspect
flaunting insolence
flawless constitution
fleecy clouds
fleeting intimation
flickering conscience
flighty obstinacy
flimsy organization
flippant ease
floating blackness
florid oratory
flowery circumlocution
flowing imagery
fluctuating light
fluent sophist
fluffy indignation
fluid ideas
flushed embarrassment
fluttering laugh
focused attention
foggy notion
fond enthusiast
foolish frenzy
forbearing silence
forbidding air
forceful audacity
foregone conclusion
foremost opponent
forensic orator
forest stillness

forgotten graveyard
 forlorn desolation
 formal acquiescence
 formidable barrier
 formless jottings
 formulated conclusions
 fortified selfishness
 fortuitous circumstance
 foul calumny
 fragile form
 fragmentary facts
 fragrant reminiscence
 frail craft
 frank admiration
 frantic ardor
 fraternal pity
 freakish humor
 freeborn soul
 freezing disdain
 frenzied haste
 frequent digression
 fresh impetus
 freshening breeze
 fretful discontent
 friendly familiarity
 frightened sense
 frightful apparition
 frigid disdain
 frisky lightness
 frivolous expedient
 frolicsome extravagance
 frozen wonder
 fructifying thought

fruitful indignation
 fruitless repining
 fugitive thoughts
 full plenitude
 fulsome praise
 fumbling endeavor
 functional disparity
 fundamental principles
 funereal gloom
 furious invective
 furrowed cheeks
 furtive glance
 fussy enthusiasms
 futile babble

G

gabbling reminiscences
 galling thought
 galvanic jumpings
 gaping chasm
 garbled information
 garish decorations
 garnered experience
 gathering gloom
 gaudy embellishments
 gaunt specter
 gay defiance
 general acclamation
 generative influence
 generic characteristics
 generous abundance
 genial tolerance
 genteel parlance
 gentle blandishments

gentlemanly personage
genuine cynicism
geological enigma
geometrical progression
germinal idea
ghastly loneliness
ghostly apparitions
giant height
giddy pleasure
gifted intelligence
gigantic sagacity
girlish sprightliness
gladdening influence
gladiatorial exercise
gladsome glow
glaring impropriety
glassy smoothness
gleaming escutcheon
gleeful spirit
glibly condoned
gliding measures
glimmering idea
glistening dewdrop
glittering epigram
gloomy musing
glorious freedom
glossed faults
glowering countenance
glowing anticipations
gnawing thoughts
godlike independence
golden opportunity
good-humored gibes

gorgeous splendor
gossiping opinion
governing impulse
graceful demeanor
gracious immunity
graduated sequence
grandiose nomenclature
graphic portrayal
grasping credulity
gratuitous rudeness
grave reticence
greedy grasp
gregarious humanity
grievously mistaken
grim swiftness
grinding despotism
grinning ghosts
gripping fascination
grizzled warrior
gross exaggeration
grotesque perversion
groundless fear
groveling servility
growing tension
grudging thanks
grumbling monotone
guileless zeal
gullible humanity
gurgling brooks
gushing enthusiasm
gusty clamor
guttural incoherence
gymnastic agility

H

habitual deference	hectic tittering
hackneyed statement	hectoring rant
hairbreadth difference	heedless love
halcyon innocence	heightened charm
hallowed stillness	heinous enormity
halting praise	helpless innocence
hampered power	herculean monster
handsomely recompensed	hereditary arrogance
haphazard ostentation	heretical opinions
happy intuition	hermetically sealed
harassing anxiety	heroic fortitude
hardened indifference	hesitating courage
harmless mirth	heterogeneous mass
harmonious grace	hidden pitfalls
harrowing details	hideous phantom
harsh jarrings	high-flying theories
hasty generalization	highly meritorious
hateful malignity	hilarious outbursts
haughty composure	hillside mist
haunting despair	hissing murmur
hazardous enterprise	historic edifice
hazy recollection	hoarded vengeance
headlong vehemence	hoary antiquity
healthful vitality	hollow joys
heartfelt amity	homebred virtues
heartless perfidy	homeless wind
heartrending outcry	homely pathos
heartly contempt	homespun play
heated discussion	homicidal mania
heathen hordes	homogeneous whole
heavenly ecstasies	honest admiration
heavy handicap	honeyed eloquence
	hooligan wind

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hopelessly befogged
 horrible swiftness
 horrid significance
 hortatory moonshine
 hospitable courtesy
 hostile partizan
 hot frenzy
 hovering presence
 howling chaos
 huddled faculties
 huge aspiration
 human derelict
 humanitarian impulse
 humbly propitiating
 humdrum inconsistencies
 humid luster
 humiliating discomfiture
 humorless variety
 humorous urbanity
 hungry satisfaction
 hurrying years
 hurtful indulgence
 hushed laughter
 husky shrillness
 hybrid emotions
 hypnotic fascination
 hypochondriacal terrors
 hypocritical pretense
 hysterical agitation

I

iconoclastic attitude
 icy smile

idealistic type
 identical mode
 idiomatic propriety
 idiotic obstinacy
 idle jesting
 idolatrous fervor
 idyllic nonsense
 ignoble domination
 ignominious retreat
 ill-concealed impatience
 illiberal superstition
 illimitable progression
 illiterate denizens
 illogical interruption
 illuminating insight
 illusive touch
 illustrative anecdote
 illustrious era
 imaginative warmth
 embittered controversy
 immaterial connection
 immature dissent
 immeasurable scorn
 immediate abjuration
 immemorial bulwark
 immense complacency
 imminent perplexities
 immitigable contempt
 immoderate grief
 immortal creation
 immovably silent
 immutable law
 impaired prestige

impalpable nothingness
impartial justice
impassable serenity
impassioned impulse
impatient yearning
impeccable felicity
impecunious exile
impelling movement
impending fate
impenetrable calmness
imperative necessity
imperceptible deviation
imperfect equipment
imperial authority
imperious mind
imperishable renown
impersonal compliment
impertinent drollery
imperturbable gravity
impetuous zeal
impious defiance
impish humor
implacable resentment
implicit faith
implied concealment
implored pardon
imponderable air
important epoch
importunate questions
imposing mien
impossible contingency
impotent desperation
impoverished age

impracticable obstinacy
impregnable fortress
impressionistic stroke
imprisoning limitations
improbable conjecture
impromptu utterance
improvising powers
imprudent indebtedness
impudent knowingness
impulsive gratitude
inaccessible dignity
inadequate appreciation
inadmissible expression
inadvertent remark
inalienable right
inanimate existence
inapposite blandness
inaptly designated
inarticulate lisping
inaugural discourse
inborn refinement
inbred taste
incalculable mischief
incarnate hate
incendiary opinions
incessant volume
incidental duty
incipient fancy
incisive critic
incoherent loquacity
incommunicable gift
incomparable excellence
incompletely apprehended

inconceivable absurdity
incongruous contrast
inconsiderable trifle
inconsistent conduct
inconsolable carés
incontestable inference
incontrovertible proof
incorrigible merriment
incorruptible constancy
increasing clamor
incredible swiftness
indecent saturnalia
indecorously amused
indefatigable diligence
indefeasible title
indefinable reluctance
indefinite yearning
indelible obligation
indelicate impetuosity
indented outline
independent research
indescribably lugubrious
indestructible atoms
indeterminable value
indifferent promise
indigenous growth
indignant denunciation
indirect interrogation
indiscriminate censure
indispensable requisites
indisputable chronicler
indissoluble compact
indistinct association

individual valor
indivisible aspects
indolent neglect
indomitable pride
indubitable signs
indulgent construction
indwelling delight
ineffable disdain
ineffaceable incongruity
ineffectual blandishment
ineradicable coquetry
inestimable honor
inevitable corollary
inexcusable laughter
inexhaustible abundance
inexorable authority
inexplicable reluctance
inexpressible benignity
inextricable confusion
infallible judgment
infamous pretense
infantile simplicity
infectious hilarity
infelicitous arrangement
inferential method
infernal machinations
infinite deference
infinitesimal gradations
infirm purpose
inflamed curiosity
inflated optimism
inflexible integrity
influential voice

informing feature
infuriated demagogues
ingenious trick
inglorious victory
ingrained love
ingratiating exterior
inharmonious prelude
inherent dignity
inherited anxieties
inimitable felicity
iniquitous fortune
initiatory period
injudicious yielding
injured conceit
inky blackness
inmost recesses
innate forbearance
inner restlessness
innocent amenities
innocuous desuetude
innovating spirit
inoffensive copiousness
inopportune condition
inordinate ambition
inquisitional rack
inquisitive observ^e
insatiable vanity
inscrutable austerity
insecure truce
insensate barbarism
insensibly flattered
inseparably associated
insidious tendency

insignificant blot
insincere profession
insinuatingly pursued
insipid tameness
insistent babel
insolent placidity
insoluble riddles
inspiring achievement
inspiriting spectacle
instant readiness
instantaneous cessations
instinctive disapproval
insufferably dull
insufficient appeal
insular strength
insulting invectives
insuperable difficulty
insurmountable obstacles
intangible something
integral element
intellectual integrity
intelligent adaptation
intemperate scorn
intense perplexity
intensive cultivation
intentional garbling
interior spirit
interlocking directorate
intermediate link
interminable question
intermingled gloom
intermittent threats
internal dissension

literal exactness
literary research
lithe contortions
little idiosyncrasies
lively susceptibility
livid lightning
living manifestation
loathsome oppression
local busybody
loftiest aspirations
logical precision
lone magnificence
longing fancy
looming probabilities
loquacious assurances
lordly abhorrence
loud vociferation
lounging gait
loutish rudeness
lovingly quizzical
lowering aspects
lowest degradation
loyal adhesion
lucid treatment
lucrative profession
ludicrous incongruity
lugubrious question
lukewarm repentance
lumbering gaiety
luminous interpretation
lurid picturesqueness
lurking suspicion
lustrous surface

luxuriant richness
lying equivocations

M

maddening monotony
magic fascination
magisterial emphasis
magnanimous concessions
magnetic fascination
magnificent florescence
magniloquent diction
maidenly timidity
main ramifications
majestic dignity
maladjusted marriages
malevolent ingenuity
malicious aspersions
malign influence
malodorous gentility
manageable proportions
mangled arguments
manifest reluctance
manifold functions
manly reticence
mantling smile
manual dexterity
manufactured melancholy
marked individuality
marketable commodity
marshaled hosts
martial footsteps
marvelous lucidity
masculine power

masked expression
massive strength
master achievement
matchless charm
material misconception
maternal solicitude
mathematical precision
matrimonial alliance
matured reflection
maudlin sentimentalism
mawkish insipidity
maximum intensity
meager evidence
mean trickeries
meaningless confusion
measured cadence
mechanical handicraft
meditatively silent
meek ambition
melancholy musing
mellifluous eloquence
mellow refinement
melodious platitudes
melodramatic resource
melting mood
memorable experience
menacing attitude
mendacious tongue
mendicant pilgrim
mental metamorphosis
mercenary view
merchantable literature
merciful insensibility

merciless censor
mercurial temperament
mere generalization
meretricious allurements
meridian splendor
merited ridicule
merry jest
metallic immobility
metaphysical obscurity
meteoric splendors
methodical regularity
metrical exactness
microscopic minuteness
mighty animosity
mild rejoinder
militant struggles
military autocracy
millennial reign
mimic gestures
minatory shadow
mincing precision
mingled decorousness
miniature imitations
minor impulses
minute consideration
miraculous profusion
mirroring lake
mirthful glance
mischievous effusion
miserable musings
misleading notion
misshapen oddities
misspent strength

mistaken assumption
 mistrustful superiority
 misty depression
 mitigating circumstances
 mobile countenance
 mock seriousness
 modest cheerfulness
 modified sentiment
 moldy doctrines
 mollifying conditions
 momentary discomfiture
 momentous pause
 monarchical institutions
 monastic austerity
 monotonous sameness
 monstrous absurdity
 monumental structure
 moody silence
 moonlight witchery
 moral obliquity
 morbid imagination
 mordant wit
 moribund mediocrities
 mortal affront
 mortified coldness
 motley appearance
 mountainous inequalities
 mournful magnificence
 mouthing amplitude
 muddled opinion
 mummy inefficiency
 muffled detonations
 mullioned windows

multifarious activity
 multiform truth
 multiple needs
 multitudinous details
 mundane importance
 mural decorations
 murderous parody
 murky recesses
 musical diapason
 mute insensibility
 mutinous thoughts
 muttered warning
 mutual animosity
 myriad lights
 mysterious potency
 mystic meaning
 mythical kingdom

N

naïve manner
 naked eye
 nameless fear
 narcotic effect
 narrowing axioms
 nasal drone
 nascent intercourse
 national shortcomings
 native incompetence
 natural sluggishness
 nauseous dose
 nautical venture
 neat refutation
 nebulous uncertainty

necessary adjuncts
 necromantic power
 needless depression
 nefarious scheme
 negative approbation
 negligible quantity
 neighboring mists
 nerveless hand
 nervous solicitude
 nettled opponent
 neutral eye
 new perplexities
 nice discrimination
 niggardly allowance
 nightmare fantasy
 nimble faculty
 noble condescension
 nocturnal scene
 nodding approval
 noiseless reverie
 noisy platitudes
 nomadic life
 nominal allegiance
 nonchalant manner
 non-committal way
 nondescript garb
 nonsense rhymes
 noonday splendor
 normal characteristics
 notable circumstance
 noteworthy friendship
 noticeably begrimed
 notoriously profligate

novel signification
 nugatory cause
 numbed stillness
 numberless defeats
 numerical majority

O

obdurate courage
 obedient compliance
 objectionably apologetic
 obligatory force
 obligingly expressed
 oblique tribute
 obscure intimation
 obsequious homage
 observant eye
 obsolete phraseology
 obstinate defiance
 obstreperous summons
 obtrusive neatness
 obvious boredom
 occasional flights
 occult sympathy
 ocean depth
 odd makeshifts
 odious tyranny
 odorous spring
 offensive hostility
 official asperity
 olfactory sense
 olive grayness
 ominous rumors
 omnipotent decree

omniscient affirmation
 oncoming horde
 onerous cares
 onflaming volume
 opalescent sea
 opaque mass
 openly disseminated
 opinionated truculence
 opportunely contrived
 oppressive emptiness
 opprobrious epithet
 oracular utterance
 oratorical display
 ordinary delinquencies
 organic assimilation
 oriental spicery
 originally promulgated
 oscillatory movement
 ostensible occupation
 ostentatious display
 outlandish fashion
 outrageously vehement
 outspoken encouragement
 outstanding feature
 outstretching sympathies
 outward pomp
 outworn creed
 overbearing style
 overestimated importance
 overflowing sympathy
 overhanging darkness
 overmastering potency
 overpowering argument

overshadowing dread
 overstrained enthusiasm
 overt act
 overvaulting clouds
 overweening sense
 overwhelming solicitude
 overworked drudge

P

pacific disposition
 painful obstinacy
 painstaking reticence
 palatable advice
 pallidly illumined
 palpable originality
 palpitating emotion
 paltry hypocrisies
 pampered darling
 panic fear
 panting eagerness
 parabolic obscureness
 paradoxical talker
 paralyzing sentimentalism
 paramount authority
 parasitical magnificence
 parental permission
 paroxysmal outburst
 particularly notable
 partizan prejudice
 passing panorama
 passionate insistence
 passive obedience
 patchwork manner

patent example
paternal tenderness
pathetic helplessness
patient endurance
patriarchal visage
patriotic enthusiasm
peacefully propagated
peculiar piquancy
pecuniary privation
pedantic ineptitude
pedestrian vigor
peerless raconteur
peevish ingratitude
pending determination
penetrating warmth
penitential cries
penniless wanderer
pensive reflections
perceptible difference
peremptory punishment
perennial charm
perfect embodiment
perfunctory inquiries
perilous expedient
permanent significance
pernicious doctrine
perpetual oscillation
perplexing problem
persecuting zeal
persistent adherence
personal predilection
persuasive eloquence
pert prig

pertinacious solemnity
pertinent question
perusing earnestness
pervading tendencies
perverse quaintness
pessimistic skepticism
pestiferous career
pet aversion
petrified smile
petticoat diplomacy
pettifogging business
petty pedantries
phantom show
philanthropic zeal
philosophical acuteness
phlegmatic temperament
phosphorescent shimmer
photographic exactitude
physical convulsion
pictorial embellishments
picturesque details
piercing clearness
pinchbeck dignity
pining melancholy
pioneering spirit
pious platitudes
piquant allusions
pitiable frenzy
pitiless precision
pivotal point
placid stupidity
plainly expedient
plainspoken rebuke

plaintive cadence
plastic mind
plausible commonplaces
playful wit
pleasing reveries
pleasurable excitement
plenary argument
plentiful harvest
plighted word
poignant clearness
pointless tale
poisonous counsels
polished ease
polite indifference
political malcontent
polluting taints
pompous platitudes
ponderous research
pontifical manner
popular resentment
populous fertility
portentous gulf
positively deteriorating
posthumous glory
potential energy
powerful stimulant
practical helpfulness
precarious path
precautionary measure
precipitous flight
precise purpose
precocious wisdom
preconceived view

predatory writers
predestined spinster
predominant habit
pregnant hint
preliminary assumption
premature ripening
premonitory symptoms
preoccupied attention
prepossessing appearance
preposterous assertion
prescient reflection
prescribed conditions
presiding genius
pressing necessity
pretended surprise
pretentious dignity
preternatural sagacity
pretty plaintiveness
prevailing misconception
priestly austerity
primal energy
prime factor
primeval silence
primordial conditions
princely courtesy
prismatic blush
pristine dignity
private contempt
privileged caste
prized possession
problematic age
prodigally lavished
prodigious variety

productive discipline
 profane denunciation
 professedly imitated
 professional garrulity
 proffered service
 profitable adventure
 profligate expenditure
 profound conviction
 profuse generosity
 projected visit
 prolegomenous babbler
 prolific outpouring
 prolix narrative
 prolonged happiness
 promiscuous multitude
 promising scions
 prompt courage
 propagandist literature
 propelling impulse
 proper punctilio
 prophetic vision
 propitious moment
 proportionately vigilant
 proprietary sense
 prosaic excellence
 prospective success
 prosperity revival
 prostrate servility
 protoplasmic ancestors
 protracted agony
 proud destiny
 proverbial situation
 provincial prejudice

provoked hostility
 prudential wisdom
 prurient desire
 prying criticism
 psychic processes
 public derision
 puerile fickleness
 pugnacious defiance
 pulsating life
 punctilious care
 pungent epigram
 puny dimensions
 purblind brutality
 pure coincidence
 purgatorial fires
 puritanical primness
 purplish shadows
 purposed attempt
 purposeful drama
 pursuing fancies
 pusillanimous desertion
 pyrotechnic outburst

Q

quailing culprit
 quaint peculiarities
 qualifying service
 quavering voice
 queer tolerance
 quenchless despair
 querulous disposition
 questionable data
 questioning gaze

quibbling speech
 quick sensibility
 quiescent melancholy
 quiet cynicism
 quivering excitement
 quixotic impulse
 quizzical expression
 quondam foe

R

racial prejudice
 racy humor
 radiant happiness
 radical distinction
 raging billows
 rambling looseness
 rampant wickedness
 rancorous animosities
 random preconceptions
 rank luxuriance
 ranting optimism
 rapacious speculation
 rapid transitions
 rapturous adoration
 rare endowment
 rarefied humor
 rashly overrated
 rational discourse
 ravenous eagerness
 ravishing spectacle
 raw composition
 reactionary movement
 ready sympathy
 realistic portrayal

reanimating ideas
 reasonably probable
 rebellious thought
 reciprocal influence
 reckless lavishness
 recognized authority
 recondite description
 reconstructive era
 recovered composure
 recumbent figure
 recurring doubt
 reddening dawn
 redoubled activity
 refining influence
 reflective habits
 refractory temper
 refreshing novelty
 regal countenance
 regretful melancholy
 regular recurrence
 relatively mild
 relaxed discipline
 relentless justice
 religious scruples
 reluctant tolerance
 remarkable sagacity
 remedial measure
 remorseless logic
 remote epoch
 renowned achievement
 repeated falsification
 repelling vices
 repentant sense

reprehensible action
 repressed ardor
 reproachful misgiving
 repulsive spectacle
 reputed disposition
 requisite expertness
 resentful flame
 resilient spirit
 resistless might
 resolute daring
 resonant gaiety
 resounding blare
 resourceful wickedness
 respectful condescension
 resplendent brightness
 responsive throb
 restless inquisitiveness
 restorative influence
 restricted meaning
 resultant limitation
 retaliating blows
 retarding influence
 retreating footsteps
 revengeful scowl
 reverent enthusiasm
 revolting cynicism
 revolutionary tradition
 rhapsodical eulogy
 rhetorical amplification
 rhythmical movements
 richly emblazoned
 righteous indignation
 rightful distinction

rigid propriety
 rigorous reservation
 riotous clamor
 ripe reflection
 rising misgivings
 riveted attention
 robust sense
 rollicking mirth
 romantic solitudes
 rooted habits
 roseate tints
 rough brutality
 roundabout approach
 rousing chorus
 royal exultations
 rubicund tinge
 rude awakening
 rudimentary effort
 rueful conclusion
 ruffled feelings
 rugged austerity
 ruling motive
 rumbling hoarseness
 ruminating mood
 rural imagery
 rustic simplicity
 rustling forest
 ruthless commercialism

S

sacerdotal preeminence
 sacred tenderness
 sacrilegious violence
 sacrosanct fetish

sadly disconcerted
sagacious mind
sage reflections
saintly serenity
salient feature
salutary amusement
sanctimonious hypocrite
sane observer
sanguinary measures
sanguine expectations
sarcastic incredulity
sardonic taciturnity
satirical critic
satisfying equipoise
savagely satirist
scalding jests
scandalous falsehood
scant recognition
scathing satire
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scoffing defiance
scorching criticism
scornful negligence
scriptural exegesis
scrubby foreland
scrupulous fidelity
sculptured sphinx
scurrilous blustering
searching eye
secluded byways

secret dismay
sectarian sternness
secure anchorage
sedentary occupation
seditious speaking
seductive whisperings
sedulously fostered
seeming artlessness
seething hate
selective instinct
self-conscious activity
self-deprecating irony
selfish vindictiveness
selfsame strain
senile sensualist
senseless gibberish
sensibly abated
sensitively courteous
sensuous music
sententious wisdom
sentimental twaddle
sepulchral quiet
sequestered nook
seraphic promiscuousness
serene triumph
serious resentment
serpentine curves
servile obedience
sesquipedalian words
settled dislike
severe censure
shabby imitation
shadowy abstraction

shady retirements
shallow sophistry
sham enthusiasm
shambling gait
shamed demeanor
shameless injustice
shapeless conformations
shaping impulses
sharp rebuke
shattered reason
sheepish look
sheer boredom
sheltering hypocrisy
shifting panorama
shimmering gaiety
shining virtues
shivering soul
shocking rudeness
shoreless sea
shortening days
shrewd suspicion
shrewish look
shrill dissonance
shrunk wisp
shuddering reluctance
shuffling preliminaries
shy obeisance
sibilant oath
sickening jealousy
sidelong glance
significant symbol
silent agony
silken filaments

silly escapades
silvery sea
similar amplitude
simple rectitude
simulated rapture
simultaneous acclamation
sincere hospitality
singular sensitiveness
sinister forebodings
sinuous movements
skeptical contempt
skilfully maintained
skulking look
slackened tension
slavish imitation
sledge-hammer blows
sleepless soul
sleepy enchantment
slender resource
slight acceleration
slovenly deportment
slow stupefaction
sluggish resolution
slumbering stream
smacking breeze
small aptitude
smiling repose
smirking commonplace
smoldering resentment
smothered sob
smug hypocrisy
snappish impertinence
sneering jibes

snowy whiteness
snug retreat
soaring ambition
sobbing wail
sober melancholy
social banalities
sociological bearing
soft allurements
solemn emptiness
solid knowledge
solidifying substance
solitary grandeur
somber relations
somewhat scandalized
somnolent state
sonorous simplicity
sophistical argument
soporific emanations
sordid selfishness
sorely beset
sorrowful resignation
soulless mechanism
sounding verbiage
sourly ascetic
sovereign panacea
spacious tracklessness
sparkling splendor
specialized skill
specific characteristics
specious artifice
spectral fears
speculative rubbish
speechless surprise

speedy extinction
spendthrift prodigality
spirited vindication
spiritual dazzlement
splendid irony
splenetic imagination
spontaneous challenge
sporadic exception
sportive gaiety
spotless honor
sprightly talk
spurious enthusiasm
squalid distress
squandered talent
squeamish taste
staggering surprise
stainless womanhood
stale sciolism
stalwart defiance
stammered apology
starved sterility
starlit eminence
startling eccentricity
starving proletariat
stately stride
statesmanlike person
statistical knowledge
statuesque immobility
staunch manhood
steadfast obedience
stentorian voice
stereotyped commonness
sterile hatred

sterling sense	sturdy genuineness
stern defiance	subaltern attitude
stiff conceit	subconscious conviction
stifled convulsions	subduing influence
still solitudes	sublime anticipations
stilted bombast	submissive behavior
stimulating impression	subordinate pursuit
stinging reproach	subsidiary advantage
stinted endowment	substantial agreement
stipulated reward	subterranean sunlessness
stock pleasantries	subtle sophistry
stoic callousness	subversive accident
stolid obstinacy	successfully dispelled
stony stare	successive undulations
storied traditions	succinct phrase
stormy passion	sudden perturbation
stout assertion	sullen submission
straggling association	summary vengeance
straightforward logic	sumptuously decorated
straightway vanished	superabundant energy
strained interpretation	superannuated coquette
straitened circumstance	superb command
strange wistfulness	supercilious discontent
strenuous insistence	superficial surliness
striking diversity	superfluous precaution
stringent statement	superhuman vigor
strong aversion	superior skill
stubborn reality	superlative cleverness
studious reserve	supernatural incident
stultified mind	supine resignation
stunning crash	suppliant posture
stupendous magnitude	suppressed excitement
stupid bewilderment	supreme exaltation

surging multitude
 surly tone
 surpassing loveliness
 surprising intimacy
 surreptitious means
 sustained vigor
 swaggering bully
 swampy flatness
 swarming population
 sweeping assertion
 sweet peaceableness
 swelling magnitude
 swift transition
 swinging cadence
 symmetrical brow
 sympathetic insight
 syncopated tune
 synthetic judgment
 systematic interaction

T

tacit assumption
 taciturn magnanimity
 tactical niceties
 tameless energy
 tangible realities
 tangled network
 tardy recognition
 tarnished reputation
 tart temper
 tasteful gratification
 tasteless insipidity

tattered mendicant
 taunting accusation
 tawdry pretentiousness
 tearful sensibilities
 tearing gallop
 teasing persistency
 technical precision
 tedious formality
 teeming population
 temerarious assertion
 temperamental complacency
 tempered pathos
 tempestuous breeze
 temporary expedient
 tenacious memory
 tender solicitude
 tense attention
 tentative moment
 tepid conviction
 termagant wife
 terrible sublimity
 terrifying imprecations
 terse realism
 testamentary document
 thankless task
 thawing laughter
 theological complexities
 thirsting ear
 thorny pathway
 thorough uprightness
 thoughtful silence
 thoughtless whim
 threadbare sentiment

threatened wrath
 thrilling eloquence
 throbbing pride
 throneless monarch
 thronging images
 thundering rage
 thwarted impulse
 tideless depth
 tigerish stealth
 tightened ominously
 timid acquiescence
 tingling expectation
 tinkling cymbal
 tipsy jocularity
 tip-toe curiosity
 tireless egotism
 tiresome braggadocio
 titanic force
 toilsome pleasure
 tolerably comprehensive
 tolerant indifference
 tormenting thought
 torn asunder
 torpid faculties
 tortuous labyrinth
 tortured innocence
 totally engrossed
 touching pathos
 tousled head
 towering pride
 traceable consanguinity
 trackless forest
 traditional type

tragic intensity
 trailing sweetness
 tranquil grandeur
 transcendent power
 transfiguring tints
 transient emotion
 translucent cup
 transmuted touch
 transparent complement
 treacherous intelligence
 treasured possessions
 trembling anxiety
 tremendous domination
 tremulous sense
 trenchant phrase
 trifling superfluity
 trite remark
 triumphant boldness
 trivial conventionality
 tropical luxuriance
 troubled inertness
 trudging wayfarer
 trustworthy source
 tumultuous rapture
 tuneful expression
 turbulent times
 turgid appeal
 twilight shadow
 twittered sleepily
 twofold bearing
 typical excellence
 tyrannical disposition

U

ubiquitous activity	unblushing iteration
ugly revelation	unbounded hospitality
ulterior purpose	unbridgeable chasm
ultimate sanction	unbridled fancy
ultrafashionable world	unbroken continuity
unabashed insolence	uncanny fears
unabated pleasure	unceasing variation
unaccountable protervity	unceremonious talk
unaccustomed toil	uncertain tenure
unadorned style	unchallenged supremacy
unaffected pathos	unchanging affection
unaffrighted innocence	uncharitable ambition
unagitated abstraction	uncharted depths
unalloyed satisfaction	unchastised offense
unalterable determination	unclouded splendor
unanimous acclamation	uncomfortable doubt
unanswerable argument	uncommonly attractive
unapologetic air	uncommunicable quality
unappeasable resentment	uncomplaining endurance
unapproached supremacy	uncomprehending smile
unassailable position	uncompromising dogmatism
unassuming dignity	unconcealed aversion
unattainable perfection	unconditioned freedom
unavailing consolation	uncongenial task
unavoidable propensities	unconquerable patience
unballasted eloquence	unconscious serenity
unbeaten track	uncontrollable delight
unbecoming behavior	unconventional demeanor
unbending reserve	uncounted generations
unbiased judgment	uncouth gambols
unblemished character	uncritical position
unblinking observation	unctuously belaud
	undaunted defender

undazzled eyes
undefined anticipations
undeniable charm
underlying assumption
undeviating consistency
undignified peccadilloes
undiluted skepticism
undiminished relish
undimmed luster
undisciplined genius
undisguised amusement
undismayed expression
undisputed ascendancy
undistracted attention
undisturbed silence
undivided energies
undoubted authenticity
undue predilection
undulating hills
unduly troublesome
undying friendship
unearthly gladness
uneasy craving
unembarrassed scrutiny
unembittered sweetness
unending exactions
unenlightened zealot
unenvied insipidity
unequaled skill
unequivocally resented
unerring fidelity
unessential details
unexampled sweetness

unexhausted kindness
unexpected confidence
unfailing courtesy
unfaltering glance
unfamiliar garb
unfathomable indifference
unfeigned assent
unfettered liberty
unflagging zest
unflattering truth
unflecked confidence
unfledged novice
unflinching zeal
unfolding consciousness
unforced acquiescence
unforeseen vicissitudes
unforgivable tragedy
unfounded conjecture
unfulfilled longing
ungainly figure
ungarnished reality
ungenerously resolved
ungenial temperament
ungovernable vehemence
ungracious temper
ungrudging tribute
unguessed riches
unhallowed threshold
unhampered expression
unhappy predecessor
unheeded beauties
unheroic measure
unhesitating faith

unhindered flight
unholy triumph
uniform blending
unimaginable bitterness
unimpassioned dignity
unimpeachable sentiment
unimpeded activity
uninstructed critic
uninterrupted process
unique personality
universal reprobation
unjust depreciation
unknown appellations
unlettered laborer
unlikely contingency
unlimited opulence
unlucky dissembler
unmanly timidity
unmastered possibility
unmeaning farce
unmeasured hostility
unmellowed dawn
unmelodious echoes
unmerciful plundering
unmingled consent
unmistakably fabulous
unmitigated gloom
unmixed astonishment
unmodified passion
unmurmuring sea
unnecessary platitudes
unnumbered thousands
unobtrusive deference

unostentatious display
unpalatable truth
unparalleled atrocities
unpardonable error
unphilosophical dreamer
unpleasant excrescence
unprecedented advance
unprejudiced intelligence
unpretentious character
unprincipled violence
unprofitable craft
unpurchasable luxury
unqualified submission
unquenchable tenderness
unquestionable genius
unquestioning fate
unreasonable pretense
unreasoning distrust
unredeemable forfeit
unrefreshing sameness
unrelaxing emphasis
unrelenting spirit
unremembered winter
unremitting toil
unrepining sadness
unreproved admiration
unrequited love
unresentful disposition
unreserved assent
unresisted authority
unresolved exceptions
unresponsive gloom
unresting speed

unrestrained anger
 unrestricted ease
 unrivaled distinction
 unruffled concord
 unsatisfied yearning
 unscrupulous adventurer
 unseasonable apology
 unseemly mirth
 unselfish fidelity
 unsettled trait
 unshakable foundation
 unshrinking determination
 unslackened volubility
 unsophisticated youth
 unsparing abuse
 unspeakable delight
 unspiritual tone
 unspoiled goodness
 unstinted praise
 unsullied virtue
 unsurpassed purity
 unswerving integrity
 untameable energy
 unthinkable hypothesis
 untiring energy
 untold calamity
 untoward circumstances
 untrammled expression
 untrodden woodland
 untroubled repose
 untuneful phrase
 untutored mind
 unusual audacity

unutterable sadness
 unvarnished feeling
 unwarranted limitation
 unwasting energies
 unwavering allegiance
 unwearied diligence
 unwelcome alliance
 unwieldy bulk
 unwilling homage
 unwittingly mingled
 unwonted kindness
 unworldly foolishness
 unworthy alliance
 unyielding nature
 uproarious laughter
 upstart pretensions
 useless fripperies
 utmost scorn

V

vacant stupidity
 vacillating obedience
 vacuous ease
 vagabondish spirit
 vagrant wandering
 vaguely discursive
 vain contemplation
 vainglorious show
 valid objection
 valuable acquisition
 valueless assertion
 vampire tongue
 vanished centuries

vantage ground
 vapid generalities
 variable temperament
 variegated career
 vast advantage
 veering purpose
 vehement panting
 veiled insolence
 velvety lawn
 venerable placidity
 venomous passion
 veracious journals
 verbal audacities
 verbose manner
 verdant hope
 verifiable facts
 veritable triumph
 vernacular expression
 vernal charm
 versatile grace
 vexatious circumstances
 vicarious virtue
 vigilant sensibility
 vigorous invective
 vile desecrater
 villainous inconsistency
 vindictive sentiment
 violent agitation
 virgin grace
 virile leadership
 virtual surrender
 virtuous disdain
 virulent prejudice

visible embarrassment
 visionary dreamer
 vital interpretatio
 vitiated taste
 vitriolic sneer
 vivacious excitement
 vivid portrayal
 vociferous appeal
 voiceless multitude
 volatile fragrance
 volcanic suddenness
 voluble prose
 voluminous biography
 voluntary relinquishment
 voracious animosity
 votive wreath
 vulgar prosperity
 vulnerable foe

W

wabbling enterprise
 waggishly sapient
 wailing winds
 wandering fancy
 waning popularity
 wanton butchery
 warbling lute
 warlike trappings
 warning prophecy
 warped purpose
 warranted interference
 wasteful prodigality
 wavering courage

waxwork sex
wayward fancy
weakly imaginative
wearisome wordiness
wedded incompatibility
weighty argument
weird fascination
welcoming host
well-turned period
weltering current
whimsical touch
whirling confusion
whirring loom
whispering breeze
whistling winds
whited sepulcher
wholesome aspirations
wholly commendable
wicked ingratitude
wide signification
widespread acclaim
wild extravagance
wilful waywardness
willing allegiance
willowy nothingness
wily antagonist
winding pilgrimage
windowless soul
winged fancies
winking stars
winning plaintiveness

winsome girlhood
wise dissertations
wistful entreaty
withering scorn
witnessing approval
witty expedient
wizard influence
woebegone countenance
woful weariness
wolfish tendency
womanlike loveliness
wonderful affluence
wonted activity
wordy warfare
worthy achievement
wounded avarice
wrathful pugnacity
wretched effeminacy
wriggling disputant
writhing opponent

Y

yawning space
yearning tenderness
yielding disposition
youthful ambition

Z

zealous devotion
zigzag method
zoologically considered

SECTION II
SIGNIFICANT PHRASES



SIGNIFICANT PHRASES

A

abashed and ashamed
abhorrence and repulsion
abilities and attainments
abject and hopeless
ably and vigorously
abrupt and perilous
absolute and eternal
absorbed and occupied
abstinence and self-denial
abstract and metaphysical
absurd and impertinent
abundant and sustained
abuse and slander
accentual and rhythmic
accidental and temporary
accomplished and popular
accurate and illuminating
achievement and character
acquisition and possession
active and aggressive
actual and immediate
acute and painful
admirable and accomplished
adorned and amplified
adroitness and judgment

adventurous and prodigal
advice and assistance
affable and courteous
affectation and coquetry
affectionate and warm-
hearted
affluent and exuberant
affright and abhorrence
agencies and influences
ages and generations
aggrandizement and plunder
agreeable and ingenuous
aggressive and sullen
aghast and incredulous
agility and briskness
agitate and control
agony and despair
aids and auxiliaries
aim and purpose
airy and frivolous
alarm and uneasiness
alert and unsparing
all and sundry
allegiance and fidelity
alone and undistracted
alterations and additions
amazement and admiration

ambiguity and disagreement
ambition and determination
amiable and unpretending
ample and admirable
amusing and clever
analytical and critical
anarchy and chaos
ancient and venerable
anecdote and reminiscence
anger and fury
anguish and hopelessness
animated and effective
anomalies and absurdities
antagonism and opposition
antipathies and distastes
antiquated and obsolete
anxiety and trepidation
apathy and torpor
apologetic and uneasy
appalling and devastating
apparent and palpable
appearance and surroundings
apprehensive and anxious
appropriate and eloquent
approve and admire
apt and novel
archness and vivacity
ardent and aspiring
argument and inference
arid and unprofitable
arrangement and combination

arrogant and overbearing
artificial and elaborate
artistic and literary
artlessness and urbanity
ashamed and speechless
aspects and phases
aspiring and triumphal
assiduity and success
assimilated and combined
assuaged and pacified
astonished and curious
astound and perplex
athletic and nimble
atonement and forgiveness
atrocious and abominable
attacks and intrigues
attention and respect
attitudes and expressions
attractiveness and ability
audacity and skill
august and splendid
austere and icy
available and capable
avarice and cruelty
avidity and earnestness
awake and active
awe and reverence
awkwardness and crudity

B

babel and confusion
backbone and sinew
baffled and disappointed

balanced and forceful
 barbarity and wickedness
 bards and sages
 base and unworthy
 beam and blaze
 bearing and address
 beautiful and majestic
 bedraggled and disappointed
 befogged and stupefied
 beliefs and practises
 bellowing and shouting
 benevolence and candor
 benign and hopeful
 bent and disposition
 benumbed and powerless
 bewildered and stupefied
 bigots and blockheads
 billing and cooing
 birth and breeding
 bite and sting
 bits and scraps
 bitter and disdainful
 black and solitary
 bland and ingenious
 blasphemous and profane
 bleak and unrelenting
 blend and harmonize
 blessing and benediction
 blind and unreasoning
 blundering and plundering
 blurred and confused
 bluster and vulgarity
 boast and assertion

bold and haughty
 bombast and egotism
 bone and sinew
 boundless and unlimited
 bourgeois and snobbish
 brag and chatter
 bravado and cowardice
 brave and chivalrous
 breathless and reverential
 brevity and condensation
 bribery and corruption
 brief and pithy
 bright and vivacious
 brilliancy and grace
 brisk and enlivening
 broad and deep
 brooding and solemn
 brutal and degrading
 bulks and masses
 bungling and trifling
 businesslike and practicable
 bustle and business

C

cajoled and bullied
 calamity and sorrow
 callous and impervious
 calmness and composure
 calumny and exaggeration
 candor and kindness
 cant and hypocrisy
 capable and efficient
 capacity and ability

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capricious and unreasonable
career and occupation
cares and anxieties
carping and ungenerous
casual and transient
causes and circumstances
cautious and reticent
celebrated and praised
celerity and violence
ceremony and splendor
certain and verifiable
chafe and exasperate
chagrin and despondency
chance and opportunity
change and variety
chaos and confusion
character and temperament
characteristic and complete
charges and insinuations
charm and perfection
chaste and refined
cheap and convenient
checked and thwarted
cheerfulness and gaiety
cherish and guard
chief and paramount
chilled and stiffened
choleric and sanguine
churlishness and violence
citation and allusion
civility and communicative-
ness
civilized and cultured

clamorous and wild
claptrap and platitude
clarity and straightforward-
ness
classical and perspicuous
clatter and clang
clear and decisive
cleverness and acuteness
clogged and dulled
clumsy and smudgy
coarse and grotesque
coaxed and threatened
coexistent and correlative
cogent and conclusive
cohesion and sequence
cold and unemotional
comely and vivacious
comfort and security
command and threaten
common and familiar
commotion and annoyance
compact and complete
comparison and discrimina-
tion
compass and power
competent and experienced
complaints and imprecations
complaisance and readiness
complete and permanent
complex and various
composure and gracefulness
comprehensive and accurate
compression and pregnancy

conceal and deny	contrivance and disguise
conceit and impertinence	conventional and limited
conceived and consummated	cool and indifferent
concentrated and intensified	copiousness and vivacity
conception and treatment	cordial and cheerful
concern and wonder	corruption and decay
concise and emphatic	costly and gorgeous
concrete and definite	counselor and guide
condemned and upbraided	countless and indescribable
conditions and limitations	courage and endurance
confession and doubt	courted and fêted
confidence and loyalty	courteous and sympathetic
confusion and dismay	coveted and deserved
congratulations and welcom- ings	coy and furtive
connection and interdepen- dence	cramped and distorted
conquered and transformed	creative and inventive
conquest and acquisition	credulity and ignorance
consciously and purposely	creeds and dogmas
consistent and harmonious	crime and misdemeanor
conspicuous and impressive	crippled and maimed
conspired and contrived	crises and struggles
constant and intimate	crisp and sparkling
constructive and vital	critical and skeptical
contemn and decry	crowded and jostled
contempt and indignation	crowned and sceptered
contentment and serenity	crude and primitive
continuous and undeviating	cruel and rapacious
contorted and fantastic	crumbling and shapeless
contradictions and inconsis- tencies	crushed and bewildered
contrast and comparison	cultured and refined
	cumbrous and diffuse
	cunning and cruelty
	curious and inexpressible

curved and channeled
customs and manners
cynical and contemptuous

D

dangers and pitfalls
daring and resolute
dark and starless
dart and quiver
dashing and careless
dates and details
dazzled and confounded
debased and demoralized
debilitating and futile
decencies and restraints
deception and cruelty
decided and definite
declamation and delivery
decline and decay
deductions and inferences
deep and subtle
deface and injure
defame and tarnish
deference and concession
defiant and antagonistic
deficient and unskilled
definite and memorable
deft and offensive
degraded and dishonored
deliberate and effective
delicate and lambent
delight and consolation
delusion and trickery

demands and expectations
demeanor and conduct
demoralizing and enfeebling
denial and defense
dense and luminous
denunciations and censures
deplorable and baneful
depravity and frivolity
depressing and discouraging
depth and richness
derision and skepticism
described and classified
desecration and decay
designs and activities
desires and motives
desolation and wretchedness
despatch and resolution
desperation and defiance
despise and satirize
despoiled and destroyed
despondency and melancholy
despotism and coercion
destitution and misery
desultory and slipshod
detached and isolated
determined and courageous
detestable and intolerable
development and culture
devoted and unwavering
dictatorial and insolent
diction and pronunciation
differences and disputes
difficult and arduous

diffidence and constraint
 diffuseness and warmth
 dignified and austere
 digressive and wanton
 dilatory and hesitating
 diligent and sedulous
 dim and distant
 din and traffic
 directed and controlled
 disagreeable and painful
 disappointed and abashed
 disapprobation and condemnation
 disapproval and apprehension
 discipline and development
 discomfiture and degradation
 disconcerted and dismayed
 discontent and disquiet
 discords and differences
 discouraging and distressing
 discovery and invention
 discretion and moderation
 disdain and mockery
 disfigured and shapeless
 disgrace and ruin
 disgust and dismay
 dishonor and ruin
 disillusioned and ironical
 disintegration and decay
 disinterested and gracious
 disjointed and voluble

dislike and disdain
 dislocation and chaos
 dismay and apprehension
 dispirit and discourage
 disposition and power
 disquietude and uneasiness
 dissolute and hateful
 dissolve and disappear
 distant and diverse
 distended and distorted
 distinctive and appropriate
 distinguishing and differentiating
 distress and humiliation
 distrust and aversion
 disturbed and anxious
 diverging and contracting
 docile and obedient
 dogma and ritual
 dominant and permanent
 dormant and subdued
 doubt and trepidation
 dramatic and sensational
 drastic and revolutionary
 dread and terror
 dreams and ambitions
 dreariness and desolation
 dregs and sediments
 drill and discipline
 driveling and childish
 drollery and ridicule
 drooping and disconsolate
 dubious and dangerous

dull and spiritless
 dumb and nerveless
 dupe and victim
 duplicity and equivocation
 dust and oblivion
 duties and difficulties
 dwarfed and obscured
 dwindle and disappear

E

eagerness and ecstasy
 earnestness and animation
 ease and lightness
 ebb and flow
 eclectic and assimilated
 edifying and enchanting
 education and skill
 effective and competent
 efficiency and success
 egotism and bigotry
 elaboration and display
 elation and delight
 elegance and gentility
 elementary and simple
 elevate and ennoble
 eligibility and suitability
 elongated and narrow
 eloquent and expressive
 elusive and exquisite
 embarrassed and concerned
 embittered and despairing
 embodiment and actualiza-
 tion

emerged and flowered
 eminent and remarkable
 emoluments and honors
 emotion and passion
 emphasize and magnify
 employment and profession
 encouragement and stimulus
 energy and activity
 enfeebled and exhausted
 enfold and enwrap
 engulfed and buried
 enjoyment and satisfaction
 enlightenment and progress
 enraptured and amazed
 enriched and ennobled
 enslave and dominate
 enterprising and intelligent
 entertaining and diverting
 enthusiasm and zeal
 enticing and alluring
 entire and complete
 environment and training
 envy and despair
 ephemeral and feeble
 episodes and interludes
 epithet and description
 equality and solidarity
 equity and justice
 erratic and confused
 errors and infirmities
 essential and predominating
 estimable and agreeable
 eternal and sublime

ethical and religious
 ever and anon
 evident and manifest
 exactitude and completeness
 exaggerate and distort
 exaltation and enthusiasm
 examination and comparison
 examples and models
 exasperations and parox-
 ysms
 excellent and worthy
 exceptional and remarkable
 excessive and unreasonable
 excitable and irritable
 exclusive and limited
 excusable and justifiable
 execration and defiance
 exertion and excitement
 exhaustion and fatigue
 exhibition and display
 exhilarating and beneficial
 exigency and requirement
 expansive and digressive
 expediency and utility
 expensive and unprofitable
 experience and skill
 experiment and explorations
 expert and vigorous
 explanation and elucidation
 explore and examine
 expressions and exclama-
 tions
 expressive and effective

exquisite and powerful
 extent and importance
 extraordinary and unex-
 pected
 extravagant and grotesque
 extreme and morbid
 exuberant and infectious

F

fabulous and fabricated
 facile and brilliant
 facts and traditions
 faculties and powers
 faded and withered
 failures and misadventures
 faint and obscure
 fair and impartial
 faith and reverence
 fallacy and danger
 false and fugitive
 fame and fortune
 familiar and gracious
 famous and foremost
 fancies and sentiments
 fanciful and chimerical
 fantastic and meretricious
 fascination and awe
 fashion and frivolity
 fastidious and exacting
 fatigued and careworn
 faults and delusions
 favors and kindnesses
 fear and bewilderment

feasible and practical
feebleness and folly
feeling and passion
felicitous and exquisite
ferocious and mercenary
fertility and vigor
fervor and simplicity
feverishly and furiously
fickle and uncertain
fidelity and zeal
fierce and menacing
fiery and controversial
final and irreversible
finish and completeness
firm and decisive
first and foremost
fitful and capricious
fitting and appropriate
fixity and finality
flaming and mendacious
flare and flicker
flatness and insipidity
flattery and toadyism
flexible and spontaneous
flickering and ambiguous
flighty and impetuous
flippant and contemptuous
florid and healthy
flotsam and jetsam
flow and fulness
flowery and figurative
fluctuating and transitory
fluency and flippancy

fluttering and restless
focus and concentrate
fogs and complications
foibles and follies
foiled and defeated
folly and indecorum
fools and underlings
force and effectiveness
formal and cold
formidable and profound
formlessness and exaggeration
fortitude and perseverance
foul and ominous
fragile and pale
fragments and morsels
fragrance and beauty
frailties and absurdities
frank and genial
free and independent
frequent and poignant
freshness and fragrance
fretful and timorous
friend and benefactor
frigid and pompous
frivolous and empty
froth and effervescence
frustrated and confounded
fuddled and contradictory
full and sonorous
fumbling and blundering
fuming and bustling
fun and satire

function and aim
 fundamental and necessary
 furrowed and ragged
 furtive and illusive
 fury and madness
 fussing and fuming
 futile and untrustworthy

G

gaiety and grace
 gallant and proud
 galling and humiliating
 gaunt and ghastly
 gay and genial
 general and universal
 generosity and prodigality
 generous and humane
 genial and refreshing
 genius and reputation
 gentle and amiable
 genuine and infectious
 germ and root
 gesticulation and emphasis
 ghastly and inconceivable
 gifts and graces
 gigantic and portentous
 glamour and fascination
 glare and pretension
 glib and loquacious
 glitter and glamour
 gloomy and morose
 glorious and gorgeous
 glowing and exaggerated

glum and grim
 goodness and rectitude
 goodwill and merriment
 gorgeousness and splendor
 gossiping and grumbling
 govern and overrule
 grace and dignity
 gracious and generous
 gradual and progressive
 graft and dishonesty
 grand and sublime
 grandeur and massiveness
 grandiose and oracular
 graphic and gorgeous
 gratification and enjoyment
 gratitude and generosity
 gratuitous and ungracious
 grave and stately
 graveyards and solitudes
 greatness and stability
 greed and covetousness
 grief and remorse
 grim and sullen
 grimaces and gesticulations
 grope and fumble
 grossness and brutality
 grotesque and monstrous
 grouped and combined
 growth and development
 guesses and fancies
 guidance and inspiration
 gush and hysteria
 gusto and effect

H

habits and humors
habitual and intuitive
hackneyed and tawdry
haggard and pale
handsome and amiable
haphazard and dangerous
happiness and pleasantness
harass and pursue
hard and unsparing
hardships and indignities
harmony and beauty
harsh and austere
hasty and unwarranted
hateful and loathsome
haughtiness and arrogance
hauteur and disdain
hazard and peril
hazy and indefinite
headstrong and foolish
healthy and vigorous
hearth and shrine
heartless and hypocritical
heat and impatience
heaviness and weariness
hecklings and interruptions
hectic and pitiful
heretics and schismatics
heritage and privilege
heroism and wisdom
hesitation and irresolution
hideous and grotesque
high and conscientious

hilarity and mirth
hints and suggestions
history and tradition
hither and thither
hoarse and rumbling
hobbies and eccentricities
hollowness and unreality
holy and prayerful
homeliness and simplicity
honestly and confessedly
honors and emoluments
hooted and mobbed
hopes and prospects
horror and ghastliness
hospitality and magnificence
hubbub and confusion
huge and unwieldy
humane and sympathetic
humility and devoutness
humors and singularities
hurry and bustle
hushed and still
husks and phantoms
hypocrisy and impudence

I

ideas and achievements
idle and presumptuous
ignoble and shabby
ignominy and misfortune
ignorance and superstition
illiterate and unfit
ill-tempered and unjust

illuminative and suggestive
 illustrative and typical
 images and impressions
 imagination and memory
 imbitter and exasperate
 imitators and disciples
 immature and unpromising
 immediate and instantaneous
 immensity and intricacy
 imminent and terrible
 immovable and unchangeable
 impalpable and spiritual
 impassioned and energetic
 impatient and restless
 imperfection and fallibility
 imperil and destroy
 imperious and ruthless
 impertinent and personal
 impinging and inexorable
 implacable and destructive
 important and formidable
 imposed and enforced
 impossibilities and absurdities
 impressible and plastic
 improvement and progress
 imprudent and thoughtless
 impulse and indignation
 inaccessible and audacious
 inactive and supine
 inadequate and misleading
 inapplicable and alien
 inarticulate and confused

inborn and native
 incensed and alarmed
 inchoate and tentative
 incoherent and inconclusive
 incompetence and ignorance
 incomplete and erroneous
 incongruity and absurdity
 inconvenient and troublesome
 incorrigible and irrepressible
 incredulous and mortified
 indefatigable and irresistible
 indefinite and vague
 independent and democratic
 indifference and brevity
 indigence and obscurity
 indignation and chagrin
 indirectly and unconsciously
 indispensable and irreplaceable
 indistinct and misty
 indolence and indifference
 indomitable and dogged
 indorsed and applauded
 indulge and cherish
 industrious and vigilant
 ineffective and bungling
 inert and uncertain
 inevitable and assured
 inexhaustible and indomitable
 inexperienced and timid
 infallible and disdainful

inference and suggestion
 infinite and eternal
 inflexible and unchanging
 influence and authority
 informed and competent
 ingenious and eloquent
 ingratitude and cruelty
 inharmonious and irregular
 injustice and inhumanity
 innocence and fidelity
 innuendo and suggestion
 inopportune and futile
 insanely and blindly
 inscrutable and perplexing
 insecurity and precarious-
 ness
 insensibly and graciously
 insignificant and transitory
 insincere and worthless
 insipid and silly
 insistent and incongruous
 insolence and absurdity
 inspiring and animating
 instant and momentous
 instinctive and rational
 insulted and thwarted
 intangible and indefinable
 integral and indestructible
 integrity and honor
 intelligence and insight
 intense and overpowering
 intentness and interest
 interesting and engrossing

intimate and familiar
 intolerant and bumptious
 intractable and untameable
 intricate and endless
 intrusive and unmannerly
 intuitive and axiomatic
 invasion and aggression
 invective and innuendo
 investigation and research
 invidious and painful
 inviolate and unscathed
 invisible and silent
 involuntary and automatic
 irksome and distasteful
 irrational and excessive
 irregular and intermittent
 irreligious and immoral
 irremediable and eternal
 irrepressible and insistent
 irreverence and ingratitude
 irritable and churlish
 isolated and detached

J

jabber and chatter
 jagged and multifarious
 jargon and absurdity
 jaundiced and jealous
 jeer and scoff
 jeopardy and instability
 jests and sarcasms
 jocular and vivacious
 jostle and stumble

joy and felicity
 jubilant and boastful
 judgment and discretion
 judicious and acute
 juggled and manipulated
 jumble and confuse
 juncture and circumstance
 jurisdiction and authority
 justice and virtue
 juvenile and budding

K

keen and pertinacious
 kind and forbearing
 kindle and intensify
 kindred and analogous
 kingly and autocratic
 knavish and tyrannical
 knowledge and conviction
 known and recognized

L

labor and drudgery
 lame and impotent
 lamentable and depressing
 languid and indifferent
 large and opulent
 lassitude and languor
 latent and lifeless
 latitude and scope
 laudable and deserving
 laughable and grotesque
 lavish and wasteful

lawlessness and violence
 laxity and forbearance
 laziness and profligacy
 leafage and fruitage
 learning and austerity
 legends and traditions
 legitimate and logical
 leisure and tranquillity
 lengthy and diffuse
 lenient and sympathetic
 lethargy and sloth
 levity and gaiety
 liberal and ample
 liberty and freedom
 license and laxity
 likely and plausible
 limited and abbreviated
 listless and inert
 literal and exact
 literary and artistic
 lithe and sinewy
 lively and poignant
 loathsome and abject
 lofty and sonorous
 logical and consistent
 loquacity and exuberance
 loss and deterioration
 loud and passionate
 loving and reverential
 low and groveling
 loyal and devoted
 lucidity and vividness
 lucky and propitious

lucrative and advantageous
 ludicrous and detestable
 lugubrious and unfortunate
 lukewarm and indifferent
 lull and silence
 luminous and keen
 lure and captivate
 lurid and fiery
 luscious and lasting
 luster and resplendence
 lusty and big-sounding
 luxury and pomp

M

madness and folly
 magical and secret
 magnificent and luxurious
 majestic and imposing
 malice and revenge
 malignity and spitefulness
 manifold and complex
 manly and powerful
 manner and conduct
 marvels and mysteries
 massive and compact
 masterly and convincing
 materialistic and sordid
 maternal and filial
 maudlin and grotesque
 maxims and morals
 meager and bare
 mean and debasing
 meaning and significance

means and materials
 mechanical and monotonous
 meddling and muddling
 meditative and sympathetic
 meek and manageable
 melody and softness
 memorable and glorious
 menace and superciliousness
 merciful and chivalrous
 merciless and unpitying
 merit and virtue
 mighty and majestic
 mild and virtuous
 mince and temporize
 minds and memories
 minuteness and fidelity
 mirth and joviality
 misdemeanors and improprieties
 misery and degradation
 misrepresented and reviled
 misty and indefinite
 mobile and expressive
 mockery and imposture
 moderate and cautious
 modes and methods
 modest and retiring
 molding and upbuilding
 momentary and languid
 momentous and appalling
 monopoly and injustice
 monotony and indecorum
 monstrous and insupportable

moody and brooding
 moral and religious
 morbid and irritable
 motionless and commanding
 motives and aims
 mud and mire
 muddled and incoherent
 murmurs and reproaches
 muscularity and morality
 mutable and fleeting
 mute and insensate
 mutilated and disfigured
 muttering and murmuring
 mutual and friendly
 mysterious and incompre-
 hensible
 mystic and wonderful

N

nagging and squabbling
 nameless and obscure
 narrow and timorous
 natural and spontaneous
 nauseous and disgusting
 neatness and propriety
 necessarily and essentially
 needs and demands
 nefarious and malévolent
 negations and contradictions
 neglect and evade
 negotiate and bargain
 nerve and fiber
 neutral and colorless

nicety and precision
 nimble and airy
 noble and powerful
 nodding and blinking
 noisy and scurrilous
 nonsense and absurdity
 nooks and corners
 notable and conspicuous
 noted and distinguished
 noteworthy and intelligible
 notoriety and prominence
 nourish and foster
 novelty and freshness
 novice and ignoramus
 nucleus and beginning
 nugatory and ineffectual
 nullify and destroy
 number and variety
 numerous and important

O

oaths and revilings
 obdurate and impenitent
 obedient and dutious
 obeisance and submission
 objectionable and inexpedi-
 ent
 obligation and dependence
 obliquity and hypocrisy
 oblivious and insensible
 obloquy and detraction
 obnoxious and odious
 obscure and enigmatical

obsequies and panegyrics
 obsequious and conciliating
 observations and reflections
 obstacles and disasters
 obstinate and stupid
 obstreperous and noisy
 obtrusive and vulgar
 obtuse and imbecile
 obvious and palpable
 occasional and contingent
 occult and hidden
 occupations and habits
 odd and dismal
 odious and oppressive
 offensive and aggressive
 official and authoritative
 oily and servile
 old and decrepit
 ominous and untrustworthy
 omnivorous and sordid
 oneness and unity
 onerous and perplexing
 open and inviting
 opinions and hypotheses
 opportunism and inconsistency
 opposite and discordant
 oppressed and sullen
 optimistic and reassuring
 opulence and magnitude
 oracular and occult
 order and uniformity
 organic and rational

organization and system
 origin and discovery
 original and attractive
 ornate and variegated
 ostensible and explicit
 ostentatiousness and gaiety
 outlines and appearances
 outrageous and scandalous
 overburdened and confused
 overcome and vanquish
 overstep and contravene
 overt and unmistakable
 overwearied and outworn
 overworked and fagged

P

pains and penalties
 painstaking and cumbersome
 pale and anxious
 palpable and plain
 paltry and inglorious
 pampered and petted
 parade and display
 parched and dry
 partial and provisional
 particularly and individually
 parties and sects
 passion and prejudice
 passive and indifferent
 pastimes and diversions
 patent and pertinent
 pathos and terror
 patience and perseverance

patriotism and reverence
 pattern and exemplar
 peaks and pinnacles
 pedagogue and pedant
 pedantries and affectations
 pedigree and genealogy
 peevishness and spleen
 pellucid and crystal
 penetrating and insidious
 penned and planned
 peppery and impetuous
 perception and recognition
 peremptorily and irrevocably
 perilous and shifting
 permanent and unchangeable
 permeate and purify
 pernicious and malign
 perplexity and confusion
 persistent and reiterated
 personal and specific
 perspicuous and flowing
 perturbed and restless
 perverted and prejudicial
 pessimistic and disenchanting
 pestilence and famine
 petted and indulged
 pettiness and prudence
 petulance and acrimony
 pharisaical and bitter
 pictorial and dramatic
 picturesque and illustrative
 pilgrim and crusader

pillage and demolish
 piquant and palatable
 pith and brevity
 pitiful and destitute
 place and power
 plagued and persecuted
 plainness and severity
 plaintive and mournful
 plans and projects
 plastic and ductile
 plausibility and humbug
 pleasant and pungent
 pleasurable and wholesome
 pliant and submissive
 plot and verisimilitude
 plunder and sacrilege
 poetical and pastoral
 pointless and ineffective
 polite and elegant
 political and sociological
 pomp and pageantry
 ponderous and unwieldy
 poor and barren
 possession and dominion
 potent and prevailing
 power and luxury
 praise and commend
 precedence and usage
 precision and efficiency
 preference and prejudice
 pregnant and suggestive
 prejudice and predilection
 presence and address

present and tangible
 prestige and authority
 presumptuous and futile
 pretentious and inept
 pretty and enchanting
 pride and indignation
 primary and essential
 priority and predominance
 probity and candor
 prodigal and careless
 profile and outline
 profound and philosophical
 profuse and tearful
 prolix and tedious
 prominence and importance
 promise and performance
 promptitude and dispatch
 proneness and readiness
 pronounced and diversified
 proof and illustration
 propensity and desire
 proportion and consistency
 propriety and delicacy
 prostration and loss
 protection and safety
 protesting and repelling
 protracted and fruitless
 provincialism and vulgarity
 prudent and sagacious
 puerile and sickly
 puffy and dissipated
 puissant and vigorous
 punctilious and severe

purity and simplicity
 purpose and intention
 pusillanimous and petty
 puzzled and affected

Q

quackery and incompetence
 quaintness and oddity
 qualities and gifts
 quarrel and wrangle
 queer and affected
 querulous and plaintive
 quibble and fabricate
 quickness and agility
 quiet and unobtrusive
 quintessential and nuclear
 quips and cranks
 quirks and graces
 quivering and fearful
 quizzical and whimsical

R

racked and oppressed
 racy and incisive
 rage and apprehension
 rank and learning
 rant and gush
 rapacity and villainy
 rapidity and precision
 rapt and silent
 rapture and enthusiasm
 rare and exquisite
 rashness and heedlessness

ready and spontaneous
 real and positive
 realistic and effective
 reasonable and practical
 rebellion and disloyalty
 rebuffs and anxieties
 receptive and responsive
 recognized and honored
 recoil and reaction
 reconciliation and peace
 recondite and abstruse
 reconnoiter and explore
 recreation and amusement
 rectitude and delicacy
 redeeming and transforming
 refined and dignified
 refreshing and invigorating
 regard and esteem
 regret and remorse
 regular and symmetrical
 rejection and scorn
 reliable and trustworthy
 relief and redress
 remarkable and interesting
 remorseful and sullen
 remote and distant
 rend and devastate
 repellent and ungracious
 repetition and reiteration
 repress and silence
 repugnance and aversion
 repulsive and loathsome
 resentment and indignation

reserve and coyness
 resistless and implacable
 resolution and effort
 resonant and tuneful
 resourceful and unscrupulous
 respected and obeyed
 responsibilities and burdens
 restive and bored
 restless and impatient
 retaliation and revenge
 reticence and repose
 revered and cherished
 reverses and disasters
 revised and corrected
 revolution and sedition
 rhapsodies and panegyrics
 richness and fertility
 ridicule and censure
 right and praiseworthy
 rigid and inexpressive
 ripeness and plenitude
 rivals and antagonists
 roar and ring
 robust and rugged
 rococo and affected
 romantic and pathetic
 rough and barren
 roundabout and complicated
 roused and stimulated
 rude and fiery
 rugged and inaccessible
 rumors and impressions

rushing and gurgling
rust and disuse

S

sad and melancholy
sagacity and virtue
sane and simple
sarcastic and cruel
sayings and quibbles
scant and incidental
scattered and desultory
scenes and associations
scholastic and erudite
scientific and exact
scintillating and brilliant
scoffing and unbelief
scope and significance
scorched and shriveled
scorn and loathing
scrupulous and anxious
scrutiny and investigation
searching and irresistible
seared and scorched
secondary and subsidiary
secretive and furtive
sedate and serious
selfish and overbearing
sensational and trivial
senseless and unreasoning
sensibilities and emotions
sensitive and capricious
sententious and tiresome

sentiment and passion
serene and quiet
serious and studious
severe and saturnine
shabbiness and vulgarity
shadowy and confused
shame and mortification
shams and hypocrisies
shaped and sculptured
sharp and vigorous
shelter and safeguard
shifts and compromises
shivering and chattering
shocked and astonished
short and precarious
shreds and tatters
shrewd and diligent
shrill and piercing
shrinking and nervous
shy and subdued
significant and sinister
signs and tokens
silence and obscurity
similarities and resemblances
simple and straightforward
simpletons and nincompoops
sincerity and frankness
sinewy and active
skill and coolness
skulk and shirk
sleek and languid
slight and precarious
slipshod and untidy

slothfulness and perversity
 slow and sluggish
 slumbering and unsuspected
 small and hampered
 smirched and tarnished
 smoothness and artifice
 sneering and sentimental
 soberly and truthfully
 softness and effeminacy
 solemn and dramatic
 solitary and idle
 solitude and depression
 sonorous and musical
 sons and scions
 soporific and sodden
 sordid and stupid
 sorrow and lamentation
 soulless and mindless
 sovereign and independent
 spacious and lofty
 sparkling and spontaneous
 spasmodic and hysterical
 speedy and inevitable
 spicy and pungent
 spiritual and invisible
 spiteful and sordid
 splash and dash
 splendor and glory
 spontaneity and intensity
 sportive and playful
 sprightly and vigorous
 spur and impulse
 spurious and misleading

squalid and dismal
 stare and gasp
 stately and ponderous
 statesmanship and character
 staunch and influential
 stay and solace
 steadfast and resolute
 steadily and patiently
 stealthy and hostile
 stern and unbending
 stiff and cumbersome
 stifling and venomous
 still and translucent
 stimulating and wholesome
 stings and stimulants
 stir and tumult
 stolid and soulless
 strain and struggle
 strange and incomprehensible
 stratagems and plots
 strenuous and energetic
 strictly and absolutely
 strife and contention
 striking and picturesque
 strong and youthful
 structure and organization
 struggles and misgivings
 studied and artificial
 stunned and insensible
 stupor and despair
 sturdy and manly
 style and temperament

suave and winning
 sublime and aspiring
 submission and patience
 subordinate and dependent
 substance and basis
 subtle and elusive
 suddenness and vehemence
 suffering and desperation
 suffused and transfigured
 suggestions and stimulations
 sullen and fierce
 summarize and epitomize
 sumptuous and aromatic
 sunshine and smiles
 superb and showy
 supercilious and obstinate
 superficial and obvious
 superfluous and impertinent
 suppressed and restrained
 surmises and suggestions
 surprise and wonder
 susceptibility and vulnerabil-
 ity
 suspense and excitement
 suspicion and innuendo
 sustained and measured
 sweet and wholesome
 swelled and bloated
 swift and stealthy
 swoop and range
 symbolism and imagery
 sympathetic and consoling

T

taciturn and laconic
 tactful and conciliatory
 talkative and effusive
 tame and insipid
 tangible and sufficient
 tangled and shapeless
 tardy and belated
 taftness and contradiction
 taste and elegance
 tattle and babble
 taunt and reproach
 tawdry and penurious
 tears and lamentations
 tedious and trivial
 temperament and taste
 temperately and judiciously
 tempest and violence
 temporal and evanescent
 tenacity and coherence
 tender and emotional
 tense and straining
 tentative and experimental
 terrible and satanical
 testiness and crabbedness
 thankfulness and acknowl-
 edgment
 theories and speculations
 thorough and effective
 threatening and formidable
 thriftless and unenterprising
 thrilling and vitalizing
 ties and associations

time and opportunity
 timid and vacillating
 tiresome and laborious
 tolerant and kindly
 tone and treatment
 topics and instances
 tormented and tantalized
 tortuous and twisted
 tottering and hopeless
 touched and thrilled
 tractable and gracious
 traditions and practises
 training and temperament
 tranquillity and benevolence
 transfuse and irradiate
 transitory and temporary
 transparent and comprehensible
 treacherous and cowardly
 tremble and oscillate
 trenchant and straightforward
 trials and tribulations
 tricks and stratagems
 trifling and doubtful
 trite and commonplace
 trivial and ridiculous
 troublous and menacing
 truisms and trivialities
 trust and confidence
 truth and righteousness
 turbid and noisome
 turgid and bombastic

turmoil and shouting
 twisted and perverted
 type and forerunner
 tyrant and oppressor

U

unaccountable and grotesque
 unaffected and undaunted
 unapproached and unapproachable
 unassuming and unpretending
 unchangeable and enduring
 unconsciously and innocently
 uncouth and barbarous
 unctuous and irresistible
 undeveloped and ignorant
 undignified and futile
 uneasiness and apprehension
 uneducated and inexperienced
 unfamiliar and distant
 unfettered and vigorous
 unforced and unchecked
 unfortunate and unparalleled
 unfounded and incredible
 ungracious and reluctant
 unhappiness and discomfort
 unique and original
 unity and completeness
 unjust and ungrateful



FELICITOUS PHRASES

A

ability, humor, and perspicacity
abrupt, rough, and immoderate
abstruse, metaphysical, and idealistic
abundant, varied, and vigorous
accessible, knowable, and demonstrable
accomplished, inventive, and deft-fingered
accuracy, ease, and grace
acquire, classify, and arrange
action, incident, and interest
active, learned, and liberal
acts, activities, and aims
actual, stern, and pathetic
acuteness, honesty, and fearlessness
addition, correction, and amplification
adventurous, eager, and afraid
affected, pedantic, and vain
affluent, genial, and frank
aggressive, envious, and arrogant
agreeable, engaging, and delightful
air, woodland, and water
alarmed, anxious, and uneasy
alert, hopeful, and practical
amazement, resentment, and indignation
ambiguous, strange, and sinister
amiable, genial, and charitable

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amusing, sympathetic, and interesting
ancient, subtle, and treacherous
annoyances, shifts, and inconveniences
anxious, fearful, and anticipative
appearance, conversation, and bearing
approbation, wealth, and power
apt, explicit, and communicative
ardent, undisciplined, and undirected
arrogance, conceit, and disdain
artificial, rhetorical, and mundane
artistic, progressive, and popular
aspirations, dreams, and devotions
assured, stern, and judicial
astonishment, apprehension, and horror
attainments, possessions, and character
attention, forbearance, and patience
attract, interest, and persuade
augmenting, furthering, and reenforcing
austere, calm, and somber
authority, leadership, and command
avarice, pride, and revenge
awakened, girded, and active
awe, reverence, and adoration
awkwardness, narrowness, and self-consciousness

B

barbarous, shapeless, and irregular
beautiful, graceful, and accomplished
beggar, thief, and impostor
belittling, personal, and selfish
birth, rank, and fortune
bitter, baleful, and venomous
bland, patient, and methodical

blowing, bestowing, and welcoming
blind, partial, and prejudiced
blithe, innocent, and free
bluster, swagger, and might
body, soul, and mind
boisterous, undignified, and vulgar
bold, original, and ingenious
bombastic, incongruous, and unsymmetrical
bountiful, exuberant, and luxurious
brain, energy, and enterprise
brave, authoritative, and confident
breadth, richness, and freshness
breathless, confused, and exhilarated
brief, isolated, and fragmentary
brilliance, energy, and zeal
broad, spare, and athletic
broken, apologetic, and confused
brotherhood, humanity, and chivalry
brusqueness, rudeness, and self-assertion
brutish, repulsive, and terrible
busy, active, and toiling

C

calculated, logical, and dispassionate
calm, earnest, and genial
candor, integrity, and straightforwardness
capricious, perverse, and prejudiced
careful, reasoned, and courteous
cautious, prudent, and decisive
caviling, petulance, and discontent
censured, slighted, and despised
certain, swift, and final
chance, doubt, and mutability

dependent, subsidiary, and allied
depth, tenderness, and sublimity
desolated, impoverished, and embittered
despair, finality, and hopelessness
detailed, described, and explained
devastating, horrible, and irremediable
devout, gentle, and kindly
difficult, painful, and slow
digestion, circulation, and assimilation
dignity, solemnity, and responsibility
diligent, cautious, and painstaking
dingy, cumbersome, and depressing
directness, spontaneity, and simplicity
disciplined, drilled, and trained
discontent, revolt, and despair
discordant, coarse, and unpleasing
discourses, lectures, and harangues
disheveled, wild, and distracted
disinterested, patient, and exact
dislikes, jealousies, and ambitions
dismal, cold, and dead
dismay, remorse, and anguish
disordered, wild, and incoherent
dispassionate, wise, and intelligent
disposition, taste, and temperament
dissension, discord, and rebellion
distracted, hopeless, and bankrupt
disturbed, shaken, and distressed
diversified, animated, and rapid
division, prejudice, and antagonism
doctrine, life, and destiny
dogmatic, scientific, and philosophic
doubt, cynicism, and indifference

dragged, dirty, and slouching
dramatic, picturesque, and vigorous
dream, speculate, and philosophize
drunkenness, licentiousness, and **profanity**
dry, inane, and droll
dull, hideous, and arid
dullards, hypocrites, and cowards
dust, turmoil, and smoke
duties, labors, and anxieties
dwarfed, scant, and wretched

E

eagerness, heartiness, and vehemence
earnestness, zeal, and intelligence
ease, power, and self-confidence
easy, natural, and unembarrassed
effluent, radiating, and fructifying
egotistic, disdainful, and proud
elegant, convincing, and irresistible
emotion, affection, and desire
empty, noisy, and blundering
end, aim, and purpose
energies, capacities, and **opportunities**
enlighten, uplift, and strengthen
enmity, suspicion, and hatred
enrich, discipline, and embellish
enthusiasm, vehemence, and **spirit**
envy, jealousy, and malice
equable, animated, and alert
erect, elastic, and graceful
error, ignorance, and strife
essence, existence, and identity
esteem, confidence, and **affection**

evil, disease, and death
exact, logical, and convincing
examine, compare, and decide
excessive, inaccurate, and unliterary
excitements, interests, and responsibilities
experience, knowledge, and conduct
exposure, ruin, and flight
exterior, formal, and imposing

F

faded, dusty, and unread
failures, experiences, and ambitions
fair, proud, and handsome
fairies, sprites, and angels
faith, hope, and love
false, wicked, and disloyal
fantastic, absurd, and impossible
fear, dread, and apprehension
features, form, and height
feeble, illogical, and vicious
feelings, motives, and desires
fertility, ingenuity, and resource
fervently, patiently, and persistently
fibs, myths, and fables
fierce, dogmatic, and bigoted
figure, face, and attitude
fire, force, and passion
flit, change, and vary
flushed, trembling, and unstrung
foibles, tricks, and fads
foliage, color, and symmetry
follies, fashions, and infatuations
foolish, ignorant, and unscrupulous

force, grace, and symmetry
forcible, extraordinary, and sublime
foremost, preeminent, and incomparable
foresight, prudence, and economy
form, color, and distance
formless, silent, and awful
forward, onward, and upward
frank, kindly, and unfaltering
free, equal, and just
freedom, honor, and dignity
fresh, vigorous, and telling
fretfulness, irritability, and petulance
friendly, amiable, and sincere
frigid, austere, and splendid
fruitful, luminous, and progressive
full, animated, and varied
fulness, force, and precision
furious, sanguinary, and disorganizing
fustian, padding, and irrelevancy

G

gaunt, desolate, and despoiled
gay, easy, and cordial
generous, large-hearted, and magnanimous
genial, frank, and confiding
genius, learning, and virtue
gentle, firm, and loving
genuineness, disinterestedness, and strength
germinate, develop, and radiate
gesture, accent, and attitude
ghastly, hateful, and ugly
gibes, sneers, and anger
gifts, graces, and accomplishments

gladness, exaltation, and triumph
glean, gather, and digest
gloomy, silent, and tranquil
glow, grace, and pleasantness
good, gentle, and affectionate
gorgeous, still, and warm
grace, simplicity, and sweetness
gracious, mild, and good
gradual, cautious, and well-reasoned
gratitude, happiness, and affection
grave, disastrous, and wanton
gravity, sweetness, and patience
gray, monotonous, and uninteresting
great, grand, and mighty
greed, lust, and cruelty
grim, lean, and hungry
gross, ignorant, and impudent
growth, progress, and extension
guide, philosopher, and friend

H

habits, tastes, and opinions
hard, stern, and inexorable
harmony, peace, and happiness
harsh, intolerant, and austere
health, character, and efficiency
helpful, suggestive, and inspiring
helpless, hopeless, and downtrodden
high, lofty, and noble
high-spirited, confident, and genial
history, philosophy, and eloquence
homage, ability, and culture
honesty, probity, and justice

honors, riches, and power
hopes, aspirations, and longings
hot, swift, and impatient
humanity, freedom, and justice
humble, submissive, and serviceable
humor, fancy, and susceptibility

I

idle, profuse, and profligate
ignorance, fear, and selfishness
illuminating, chastening, and transforming
images, events, and incidents
imagination, judgment, and reason
immediate, sure, and easy
immethodical, irregular, and inconsecutive
impatient, inconsiderate, and self-willed
impetuous, fierce, and irresistible
impracticable, chimerical, and contemptible
impulse, energy, and activity
inclinations, habits, and interests
incoherent, loud, and confusing
incomparable, matchless, and immortal
inconsiderate, irritable, and insolent
indignation, surprise, and reproach
indirect, obscure, and ambiguous
indolent, dreamy, and frolicsome
inert, torpid, and lethargic
ingenuity, force, and originality
innocence, intelligence, and youth
inordinate, excessive, and extravagant
insight, knowledge, and capacity
insincere, partial, and arbitrary
insipid, commonplace, and chattering

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insolence, injustice, and imposture
intelligence, taste, and manners
intense, weighty, and philosophical
inventions, sciences, and discoveries
irksome, painful, and depressing
irresolute, procrastinating, and unenterprising
irritable, sulky, and furious
issues, hopes, and interests

J

jealousy, exclusiveness, and taciturnity
jovial, ready-witted, and broad-gaged
joyous, delightful, and gay
justice, mercy, and peace

K

keen, clear, and accurate
knowing, feeling, and willing
knowledge, skill, and foresight

L

labors, anxieties, and trials
large, rhythmical, and pleasing
laughter, ridicule, and sneers
lead, attack, and conquer
learning, profundity, and imagination
legislation, education, and religion
levity, indolence, and procrastination
libelers, reviewers, and rivals
liberating, vitalizing, and cheering
liberty, justice, and humanity
light, easy, and playful
literature, history, and legend

lively, careless, and joyous
lofty, serene, and impregnable
logical, clear, and consistent
loitering, heart-sick, and reluctant
lonely, sad, and enslaved
long, wailing, and passionate
lost, ruined, and deserted
loud, deep, and distinct
love, veneration, and gratitude
lucid, lively, and effective
luxurious, whimsical, and selfish

M

magnificent, sumptuous, and stately
magnitude, duration, and scope
majesty, beauty, and truth
malevolence, vanity, and falsehood
manly, refined, and unaffected
mean, pitiful, and sordid
mEEK, humane, and temperate
melancholy, grave, and serious
mercy, truth, and righteousness
methodical, sensible, and conscientious
might, majesty, and power
mild, sweet, and peaceable
mischief, cruelty, and futility
moans, shrieks, and curses
mobile, quick, and sensitive
modest, sympathetic, and kind
molding, controlling, and conforming
monstrous, incredible, and inhuman
moral, material, and social
motionless, staring, and appalled

108 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

motives, purposes, and intentions
mountains, seas, and vineyards
moved, swayed, and ruled
murder, destruction, and agony
mystery, vagueness, and jargon

N

narrow, precise, and formal
natural, innocent, and laudable
neatness, order, and comfort
necessary, just, and logical
neglect, rashness, and incompetence
new, strange, and unusual
niggardly, sordid, and parsimonious
noble, laudable, and good
noise, clatter, and clamor
null, void, and useless

O

obscure, difficult, and subtle
observation, discrimination, and comparison
obsolete, artificial, and inadequate
obstinacy, stupidity, and wilfulness
officious, fidgety, and talkative
old, absurd, and meaningless
one, individual, and integral
openly, frankly, and legitimately
opposition, bitterness, and defiance
oppressive, grasping, and slanderous
opulent, powerful, and prosperous
organization, monopoly, and pressure
origin, character, and aim
original, terse, and vigorous
overriding, arrogant, and quarrelsome

P

pain, toil, and privation
pale, ugly, and sinister
parable, precept, and practise
partial, false, and disastrous
passion, tenderness, and reverence
patient, gentle, and kind
peace, order, and civilization
pellucid, animated, and varied
permanent, true, and real
perplexed, tedious, and obscure
personal, sharp, and pointed
perspicuity, vivacity, and grace
pert, smirking, and conceited
pervading, searching, and saturating
petty, unsuccessful, and unamiable
philosophy, morals, and discoveries
picturesque, daring, and potent
piety, charity, and humility
pillage, arson, and bloodshed
pious, patient, and trustful
pity, sympathy, and compassion
placable, reasonable, and willing
place, fame, and fortune
placid, clear, and mellow
plague, pestilence, and famine
plan, purpose, and work
pleasant, friendly, and amiable
pleased, interested, and delighted
pleasure, enjoyment, and satisfaction
plenty, content, and tranquillity
plodding, sedentary, and laborious
poise, dignity, and reserve

110 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

polished, elegant, and sumptuous
politics, business, and religion
pompous, affected, and unreal
poor, miserable, and helpless
pose, gesture, and expression
powerful, dazzling, and daring
practical, visible, and tangible
precious, massive, and splendid
precise, formal, and cynical
prejudice, dulness, and spite
prepossessions, opinions, and prejudices
presiding, directing, and controlling
pride, passion, and conceit
princely, picturesque, and pathetic
principles, conduct, and habits
progress, order, and happiness
prolonged, obstinate, and continued
prompt, fiery, and resolute
propriety, perspicacity, and accuracy
prosaic, dull, and unattractive
protective, propitiatory, and accommodating
protests, criticisms, and rebukes
proud, reserved, and disagreeable
prudence, mildness, and firmness
puckered, winking, and doddering
pure, honorable, and just
purge, brace, and strengthen
purpose, intention, and meaning
puzzles, tangles, and questionings

Q

quarrels, misunderstandings, and enmities
questions, disputes, and controversies

quicken, sharpen, and intensify
quiet, unaffected, and unostentatious

R

raise, refine, and elevate
rapid, robust, and effective
rapt, emotional, and mystic
raptures, transports, and fancies
rash, violent, and indefinite
readiness, skill, and accuracy
reading, reflection, and observation
reaffirmed, amplified, and maintained
real, earnest, and energetic
regard, esteem, and affection
relaxation, recreation, and pleasure
religion, politics, and literature
reminiscences, associations, and impressions
remote, careless, and indifferent
reparations, restitutions, and guarantees
repress, curb, and correct
reproach, shame, and remorse
reproof, correction, and instruction
resentment, hatred, and despair
resolute, patient, and fervent
resourceful, steadfast, and skilful
respect, admiration, and homage
rest, respite, and peace
restless, discontented, and rebellious
restraint, self-denial, and austerity
reticent, restrained, and reserved
reverie, contemplation, and loneliness
rich, thoughtful, and glowing
ridicule, sarcasm, and invective

112 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

rights, powers, and privileges
rise, flourish, and decay
robustness, elasticity, and firmness
romance, adventure, and passion
rough, barren, and unsightly
rude, sulky, and overbearing
rush, roar, and shriek

S

sacredness, dignity, and loveliness
sad, gloomy, and suspicious
safe, sensible, and sane
sanguine, impulsive, and irrepressible
sarcasm, satire, and ridicule
satiety, surfeit, and tedium
savage, fierce, and intractable
scheming, contriving, and dishonesty
self-absorbed, conceited, and contemptuous
self-conscious, artificial, and affected
self-exacting, laborious, and inexhaustible
selfishness, coarseness, and mendacity
sense, grace, and good-will
sensibility, harmony, and energy
sensitive, ardent, and conscientious
serene, ineffable, and flawless
serious, calm, and searching
settled, adjusted, and balanced
shallow, false, and petty
shapes, forms, and artifices
sharpness, bitterness, and sarcasm
shivering, moaning, and weeping
shrewd, artful, and designing
shy, wild, and provocative

sick, ashamed, and disillusioned
silent, cold, and motionless
simple, full, and impressive
sin, selfishness, and luxury
sincere, placable, and generous
skill, sagacity, and firmness
sleekness, stealth, and savagery
slovenly, base, and untrue
slow, reluctant, and unwelcome
smirking, garrulous, and pretentious
smooth, sentimental, and harmonious
smug, fat, and complacent
sneers, innuendoes, and insinuations
social, esthetic, and intellectual
solitary, sedentary, and lifeless
sound, human, and healthy
sour, malignant, and envious
spacious, clean, and comfortable
speechless, motionless, and amazed
spirit, vigor, and variety
spitefulness, dishonesty, and cruelty
splendid, powerful, and enduring
startling, alarming, and vehement
statesmen, philosophers, and divines
steadiness, self-control, and serenity
stern, forbidding, and unfeeling
stiff, decorous, and formal
strained, worn, and haggard
strange, dark, and mysterious
strengthen, invigorate, and discipline
strenuous, intelligent, and alive
striking, bold, and magnificent
stripped, swept, and bare

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strong, cool, and inflexible
studied, discussed, and debated
sturdy, energetic, and high-minded
style, manner, and disposition
subtle, delicate, and refined
successful, energetic, and ingenious
sudden, vehement, and unfamed
suggestive, stimulating, and inspiring
sullen, silent, and disconsolate
suppliant, gentle, and submissive
surprise, admiration, and wonder
suspicious, restive, and untractable
swiftness, mobility, and penetrativeness
sympathy, service, and compassion

T

talent, scholarship, and refinement
tameness, monotony, and reserve
taste, feeling, and sentiment
tedious, painful, and distressing
temper, pride, and sensuality
temperament, character, and circumstance
temperate, sweet, and venerable
tenderness, loyalty, and devotion
terror, remorse, and shame
terseness, simplicity, and quaintness
theatrical, sensational, and demonstrative
thought, utterance, and action
threats, cries, and prayers
thrilling, dramatic, and picturesque
thwart, criticize, and embarrass
time, thought, and consideration
touched, strengthened, and transformed

tradition, prejudice, and stupidity
tragic, tremendous, and horrible
transparent, theatric, and insincere
treachery, envy, and selfishness
tremulous, soft, and bright
trial, discipline, and temptation
tricks, shuffings, and frauds
trivial, labored, and wearisome
true, lasting, and beneficial
tyranny, injustice, and extortion

U

ugly, scowling, and offensive
unbending, contemptuous, and scornful
unclean, shameful, and degrading
undecided, wavering, and cautious
unearthly, horrible, and obnoxious
uneasy, overstrained, and melancholy
unity, emphasis, and coherence
unmodulated, cold, and expressionless
unphilosophical, unsystematic, and discursive
unscrupulous, heartless, and hypocritical
unwholesome, bewildering, and unprofitable
unworldly, peaceable, and philosophical
upright, kind-hearted, and blameless
urgent, tumultuous, and incomprehensible

V

vague, impalpable, and incongruous
vanities, stupidities, and falsehoods
venerable, patriotic, and virtuous
verities, certainties, and realities
vigilant, inveterate, and unresting

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vigorous, subtle, and comprehensive
violent, sinister, and rebellious
virtue, genius, and charm
visionary, fraudulent, and empirical
vital, formidable, and dominant
vivid, comprehensible, and striking
vulgarity, ignorance, and misapprehension

W

waddling, perspiring, and breathless
want, worry, and woe
wasteful, indolent, and evasive
watchful, suspicious, and timid
wealth, position, and influence
wearied, despondent, and bewildered
weight, size, and solidity
well-proportioned, logical, and sane
whimsical, fantastic, and impracticable
wholesome, beautiful, and righteous
wicked, pernicious, and degrading
wild, confused, and dizzy
wilful, wanton, and deliberate
will, energy, and self-control
wisdom, patriotism, and justice
wit, fancy, and imagination
worthless, broken, and defeated
wretchedness, deformity, and malice
wrinkled, careworn, and pale

SECTION IV

IMPRESSIVE PHRASES



IMPRESSIVE PHRASES

A

able, skilful, thorough, and genuine
absolute, complete, unqualified, and final
accurate, precise, exact, and truthful
active, alert, vigorous, and industrious
actual, positive, certain, and genuine
adequate, uniform, proportionate, and equitable
adventurous, fine, active, and gossipy
adverse, antagonistic, unfriendly, and hostile
advisable, advantageous, acceptable, and expedient
affable, diffident, humble, and mild
affectionate, tender, loving, and attached
affluent, opulent, abundant, and ample
allurements, pits, snares, and torments
anger, indignation, resentment, and rage
animate, impel, instigate, and embolden
animosity, malice, enmity, and hatred
annul, frustrate, reverse, and destroy
anxiety, caution, watchfulness, and solicitude
apparent, ostensible, plausible, and specious
appropriate, use, arrogate, and usurp
approval, enthusiasm, sympathy, and applause
aptitude, capacity, efficiency, and power
arbitrary, dictatorial, domineering, and imperious
architecture, sculpture, painting, and poetry

ardent, impatient, keen, and vehement
argue, discuss, dispute, and prove
arrangement, place, time, and circumstance
art, science, knowledge, and culture
artful, wily, insincere, and disingenuous
artificial, soulless, hectic, and unreal
assemble, amass, accumulate, and acquire
assiduity, tenderness, industry, and vigilance
assurance, persuasion, fidelity, and loyalty
attention, effort, diligence, and assiduity
august, magnanimous, important, and distinguished
authoritative, independent, arbitrary, and supreme
avaricious, grasping, miserly, and parsimonious
aversion, dislike, hatred, and repugnance

B

bad, vicious, unwholesome, and distressing
babble, prate, chatter, and prattle
barbarous, brutal, inhuman, and cruel
base, cowardly, abject, and hideous
battle, defeat, frustrate, and ruin
bearing, deportment, manner, and behavior
beg, entreat, implore, and supplicate
beliefs, doctrines, ceremonies, and practices
boorish, clownish, rude, and uncultivated
boundless, immeasurable, unlimited, and infinite
bravery, courage, fearlessness, and confidence
breadth, knowledge, vision, and power
brilliant, beautiful, elegant, and faithful
broaden, enlarge, extend, and augment
business, profession, occupation, and vocation

C

candid, sincere, familiar, and ingenuous
captious, petulant, peevish, and splenetic
cautious, discreet, considerate, and provident
certain, confident, positive, and unquestionable
chagrin, vexation, irritation, and mortification
character, disposition, temperament, and reputation
charm, fascinate, bewitch, and captivate
cheap, inexpensive, inferior, and common
cheer, animate, vivify, and exhilarate
chiefly, particularly, principally, and especially
childhood, youth, manhood, and age
circumstance, condition, environment, and surroundings
claim, grab, trick, and compel
clean, fastidious, frugal, and refined
clear, distinct, obvious, and intelligible
clumsy, crawling, snobbish, and comfort-loving
coarse, gross, offensive, and nauseous
coax, flatter, wheedle, and persuade
cogitate, contemplate, meditate, and ponder
cold, frigid, unfeeling, and stoical
commanding, authoritative, imperative, and peremptory
compassion, goodwill, admiration, and enthusiasm
confirm, establish, sustain, and strengthen
conform, submit, obey, and satisfy
confuse, distort, involve, and misinterpret
consistent, congruous, firm, and harmonious
cool, collected, calm, and self-possessed
copious, commanding, sonorous, and emotional
cowardly, timid, shrinking, and timorous
crazy, absurd, nonsensical, and preposterous
crude, rough, jagged, and pitiless

D

daring, cordial, discerning, and optimistic
darkness, dimness, dulness, and blackness
deadly, destructive, fatal, and implacable
deceit, delusion, treachery, and sham
deep, abstruse, learned, and profound
deficient, inadequate, scanty, and incomplete
define, explain, determine, and circumscribe
degrade, defame, humble, and debase
delicacy, daintiness, tact, and refinement
delicious, sweet, palatable, and delightful
democracy, equality, justice, and freedom
deny, dismiss, exclude, and repudiate
deprive, dispossess, divest, and despoil
describe, delineate, depict, and characterize
designed, contrived, planned, and executed
desperate, extreme, wreckless, and irremediable
despicable, abject, servile, and worthless
destructive, detrimental, deleterious, and subversive
desultory, discursive, loose, and unmethodical
detestable, abominable, horrible, and hideous
developed, revealed, measured, and tested
difference, disagreement, discord, and estrangement
difficult, arduous, intricate, and perplexing
diffuse, discursive, rambling, and wordy
diligence, attention, industry, and assiduity
disagreement, discrepancy, difference, and divergence
disconsolate, desolate, pessimistic, and impossible
discrimination, acuteness, insight, and judgment
disgust, distaste, loathing, and abhorrence
dissatisfied, rebellious, unsettled, and satirical
distinct, definite, clear, and obvious
distinguished, glorious, illustrious, and eminent

disturbed, shaken, distressed, and bewildered
docile, tractable, compliant, and teachable
dogmatic, bigoted, libelous, and unsympathizing
doubt, indecision, suspense, and perplexity
dread, disgust, repugnance, and dreariness
dreary, dispirited, unhappy, and peevish
dry, lifeless, tiresome, and uninteresting
dubious, equivocal, fluctuating, and uncertain
dull, heavy, painstaking, and conscientious

E

earth, air, stars, and sea
efficient, forcible, adequate, and potent
emaciated, scraggy, meager, and attenuated
endless, ceaseless, immutable, and imperishable
energy, eagerness, earnestness, and enthusiasm
enhance, exalt, elevate, and intensify
enormous, base, prodigious, and colossal
enrage, incense, infuriate, and exasperate
enthusiasm, devotion, intensity, and zeal
envy, discontent, deception, and ignorance
equitable, reasonable, just, and honest
equivocal, uncertain, cloudy, and ambiguous
eradicate, extirpate, exterminate, and annihilate
erroneous, faulty, inaccurate, and inexact
eternal, unchangeable, unerring, and intelligent
evil, misfortune, corruption, and disaster
exacting, suspicious, irritable, and wayward
exalt, dignify, elevate, and extol
examination, inquiry, scrutiny, and research
exceed, outdo, surpass, and transcend
exceptional, uncommon, abnormal, and extraordinary
excitement, distraction, diversion, and stimulation

exhaustive, thorough, radical, and complete
expend, dissipate, waste, and squander

F

facile, showy, cheap, and superficial
faithful, truthful, loyal, and trustworthy
fame, distinction, dignity, and honor
fanatic, enthusiast, visionary, and zealot
fanciful, unreal, fantastic, and grotesque
fancy, humor, vagary, and caprice
fashion, practise, habit, and usage
fastidious, proud, gracious, and poised
fate, fortune, contingency, and opportunity
fatuous, dreamy, moony, and impracticable
fear, timidity, cowardice, and pusillanimity
feeble, languid, timid, and irresolute
ferocious, restive, savage, and uncultivated
fervent, enthusiastic, anxious, and zealous
fiction, fancy, falsehood, and fabrication
fine, fragile, delicate, and dainty
firmness, steadfastness, stability, and tenacity
flash, flame, flare, and glare
flat, insipid, tame, and monotonous
fluctuating, hesitating, vacillating, and oscillating
folly, foolishness, imbecility, and fatuity
foolhardy, hasty, adventurous, and reckless
fop, coxcomb, puppy, and jackanapes
force, vigor, power, and energy
formal, precise, stiff, and methodical
fortunate, happy, prosperous, and successful
fragile, frail, brittle, and delicate
freedom, familiarity, liberty, and independence
frightful, fearful, direful, and dreadful

frivolous, trifling, petty, and childish
fruitful, fertile, prolific, and productive
fruitless, vain, trivial, and foolish
frustrate, defeat, disappoint, and thwart
fully, completely, abundantly, and perfectly
furious, impetuous, boisterous, and vehement

G

gaiety, merriment, joy, and hilarity
gallant, ardent, fearless, and self-sacrificing
garnish, embellish, beautify, and decorate
generous, candid, easy, and independent
genius, intellect, aptitude, and capacity
genteel, refined, polished, and well-bred
gentle, persuasive, affective, and simple
genuine, true, unaffected, and sincere
ghastly, grim, shocking, and hideous
gibe, mock, taunt, and jeer
giddy, fickle, flighty, and thoughtless
gleam, glimmer, glance, and glitter
gloomy, dismal, dark, and dejected
glorious, noble, exalted, and resplendent
glut, gorge, cloy, and satiate
good, safe, venerable, and solid
government, law, order, and organization
grand, stately, dignified, and pompous
grave, contemplative, reserved, and profound
great, joyous, strong, and triumphant
greed, avarice, covetousness, and cupidity
gross, academic, vulgar, and indiscriminate

H

habit, custom, method, and fashion
handsome, exquisite, brilliant, and accomplished

harmless, innocent, innocuous, and inoffensive
harmony, order, sublimity, and beauty
harsh, discordant, disagreeable, and ungracious
hasty, superficial, impatient, and desultory
healed, soothed, consoled, and assuaged
healthy, hale, sound, and wholesome
heavy, sluggish, dejected, and crushing
high-minded, truthful, honest, and courageous
holy, hallowed, sacred, and consecrated
homely, hideous, horrid, and unsightly
honor, obedience, virtue, and loyalty
hopefulness, peace, sweetness, and strength
hopes, dreams, programs, and ideals
hospitable, generous, tolerant, and kindly
hot, hasty, fervent, and fiery
humane, gentle, kind, and generous
humble, simple, submissive, and unostentatious

I

idea, imagination, conception, and ideal
idleness, recreation, repose, and rest
ignominious, infamous, despicable, and contemptible
illumine, instruct, enlighten, and inform
imaginative, sensitive, nervous, and highly-strung
impatience, indolence, wastefulness, and inconclusiveness
impel, stimulate, animate, and inspirit
imperious, wayward, empirical, and impatient
improvident, incautious, prodigal, and thriftless
impudent, insolent, irrelevant, and officious
inadvertency, carelessness, negligence, and oversight
indecision, doubt, fear, and lassitude
indifference, caution, coldness, and weariness
indolent, passive, sluggish, and slothful

ineffectual, powerless, useless, and unavailing
infamy, shame, dishonor, and disgrace
infantile, childish, boyish, and dutiful
informal, natural, unconventional, and careless
insolent, impudent, impertinent, and flippant
integrity, frankness, sincerity, and truthfulness
intellectual, moral, emotional, and esthetic
intense, earnest, violent, and extreme
invent, discover, design, and contrive
inveterate, confirmed, chronic, and obstinate
invidious, envious, odious, and offensive
invincible, unconquerable, insurmountable, and insuperable
irksome, tiresome, tedious, and annoying
irregular, uncertain, devious, and unsystematic
irritable, choleric, petulant, and susceptible

J

jangle, wrangle, squabble, and quarrel
jealousy, suspicion, envy, and watchfulness
joyful, lively, happy, and hilarious
judgment, discrimination, penetration, and sagacity
just, impartial, equitable, and unbiased
juvenile, childish, trifling, and puerile

K

keen, intelligent, penetrating, and severe
keep, protect, support, and sustain
kind, sympathetic, ready, and appreciative
kingly, noble, imperial, and august
knowledge, learning, enlightenment, and understanding

L

lapses, makeshifts, delays, and irregularities
lawful, legitimate, allowable, and just

lazy, listless, drowsy, and indifferent
 lightly, freely, unscrupulously, and irresponsibly
 lively, vivacious, vigorous, and forcible
 loss, deprivation, forfeiture, and waste
 loud, noisy, showy, and clamorous
 loutish, prankish, selfish, and cunning
 love, depth, loyalty, and faithfulness
 lucidity, impressiveness, incisiveness, and pungency

M

malice, anger, uncharitableness, and indignation
 malignity, brutality, malevolence, and inhumanity
 manners, morals, habits, and behavior
 marvelous, wonderful, extraordinary, and incredible
 massive, ponderous, solid, and substantial
 mastery, proficiency, dexterity, and superiority
 matchless, unrivaled, inimitable, and incomparable
 maxim, proverb, truism, and apothegm
 medley, mixture, jumble, and hodge-podge
 meekness, inwardness, patience, and self-denial
 merciless, remorseless, relentless, and ruthless
 mild, gentle, humble, and submissive
 mismanagement, indecision, obstinacy, and hardihood
 mixture, medley, variety, and diversification
 modesty, fineness, sensitiveness, and fastidiousness
 money, position, power, and consequence
 mood, temper, humor, and caprice
 motive, impulse, incentive, and intimation
 mysterious, dark, secret, and enigmatical

N

narrow, limited, selfish, and bigoted
 necessary, expedient, indispensable, and unavoidable

necessity, emergency, exigency, and crisis
neglect, overlook, disregard, and contemn
rice, finical, effeminate, and silly
niggardly, close, miserly, and parsimonious
noble, pure, exalted, and worthy
nonsense, trash, twaddle, and rubbish
novel, recent, rare, and unusual
noxious, unwholesome, mischievous, and destructive

O

obdurate, unfeeling, callous, and obstinate
obedient, respectful, dutiful, and submissive
object, propose, protest, and decline
obliging, kind, helpful, and courteous
obscure, shadowy, intricate, and mysterious
obsequious, cringing, fawning, and servile
observations, sentiments, ideas, and theories
obstinacy, pertinacity, stubbornness, and inflexibility
offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, and obnoxious
officious, impertinent, insolent, and meddling

P

particular, precise, formal, and punctilious
passions, weaknesses, uglinesses, and deformities
patient, loyal, hard-working, and true
peace, quiet, tranquillity, and harmony
peculiar, individual, specific, and appropriate
perplex, embarrass, confuse, and mystify
phrases, figures, metaphors, and quotations
piteous, weebegone, dismal, and dolorous
placid, meek, gentle, and moderate
plain, transparent, simple, and obvious
play, diversion, pastime, and amusement
pleasant, jocular, witty, and facetious

pliable, ductile, supple, and yielding
poetry, sentiment, morality, and religion
polished, deft, superficial, and conventional
polite, polished, cultured, and refined
positive, direct, explicit, and dogmatic
powerful, efficient, vivid, and forcible
precise, delicate, discriminating, and fastidious
prejudicial, injurious, noxious, and pernicious
preposterous, irrational, unreasonable, and nonsensical
pretense, subterfuge, simulation, and disguise
prevent, restrain, dissuade, and dishearten
primary, foremost, leading, and principal
probity, directness, simplicity, and sincerity
profession, business, trade, and vocation
profit, advantage, benefit, and emolument
profuse, excessive, copious, and extravagant
progress, prosperity, peace, and happiness
prolix, prosaic, prolonged, and wordy
property, comforts, habits, and conveniences
prudence, judgment, wisdom, and discretion
pulsing, coursing, throbbing, and beating
pure, kind, sweet-tempered, and unselfish
purified, exalted, fortified, and illumined
purpose, meaning, scope, and tendency

Q

quack, imposture, charlatan, and mountebank
qualified, powerful, vigorous, and effective
quality, property, attribute, and character
quarrels, misunderstandings, enmities, and disapprovals
queries, echoes, reactions, and after-thoughts
quick, impetuous, sweeping, and expeditious
quiet, peaceful, sane, and normal

R

racy, smart, spicy, and pungent
rational, sane, sound, and sensible
ravenous, greedy, voracious, and grasping
recreation, sport, pastime, and amusement
relation, work, duty, and pleasure
reliable, accurate, truthful, and duty-loving
reports, stories, rumors, and suspicions
reproach, dishonor, disgrace, and ignominy
restrained, calm, quiet, and placid
reverential, disciplined, self-controlling, and devoted
rigid, inelastic, stiff, and unbending
rough, rude, gruff, and surly
rude, curt, insolent, and unpleasant

S

sad, despondent, melancholy, and depressed
sane, sober, sound, and rational
scandalize, vilify, traduce, and offend
scanty, pinched, slender, and insufficient
science, art, religion, and philosophy
scopè, design, purpose, and judgment
sensual, cruel, selfish, and unscrupulous
sentence, judgment, verdict, and doom
serene, composed, conservative, and orderly
several, sundry, many, and various
severe, stern, stiff, and stringent
shameless, corrupt, depraved, and vicious
shock, surprise, terror, and forlornness
simple, hearty, joyous, and affectionate
sin, injustice, grievance, and crime
skill, courage, prowess, and attractiveness
sleepy, soperific, sluggish, and dull
slim, slender, slight, and scraggy

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slow, dilatory, slack, and procrastinating
solemn, profound, serious, and difficult
solicit, urge, implore, and importune
sorrow, disaster, unhappiness, and bereavement
spontaneity, freedom, ease, and adequacy
stately, stern, august, and implacable
steady, reliable, dependable, and well-balanced
stern, severe, abrupt, and unreasonable
stories, pictures, shows and representations
strength, agility, violence, and activity
strong, inventive, daring, and resourceful
sublime, consoling, inspiring, and beautiful
substantial, solid, strong, and durable
suffering, regret, bitterness, and fatigue
superficial, shallow, flimsy, and untrustworthy
superfluous, excessive, unnecessary, and redundant
suspicious, cynical, crafty, and timid
symmetry, proportion, harmony, and regularity

T

tact, courtesy, adroitness, and skill
talents, opportunities, influence, and power
talkative, selfish, superstitious, and inquisitive
tastes, appetites, passions, and desires
tease, tantalize, worry, and provoke
tenacious, stubborn, pertinacious, and obstinate
tendency, drift, scope, and disposition
tests, trials, temptations, and toils
theatrical, ceremonious, meretricious, and ostentatious
theory, assumption, speculation, and conjecture
think, reflect, weigh, and ponder
tortuous, twisted, sinuous, and circuitous
tractable, gentle, pliant, and submissive

traditional, uncertain, legendary, and unverified
traffic, trade, commerce, and intercourse
tricky, insincere, wily, and shifty
trite, ordinary, commonplace, and hackneyed
trivial, petty, frivolous, and insignificant
true, upright, real, and authentic
tumultuous, riotous, disorderly, and turbulent

U

ugly, evil, hateful, and base
uncertain, questionable, erroneous, and mistaken
unctuous, shrill, brisk, and demonstrative
unhappy, unfortunate, distressed, and disastrous
uninteresting, lifeless, obscure, and commonplace
unity, aggressiveness, efficiency, and force
unkind, severe, oppressive, and callous
unpractical, childish, slipshod, and silly
unreasonable, foolish, excessive, and absurd
unrivalled, unequalled, incomparable, and matchless
upright, high-minded, brave, and liberal
urgent, important, immediate, and imperative
usage, custom, habit, and practise

V

vain, useless, unproductive, and unavailing
vanities, envies, devices, and jealousies
vast, scattered, various, and incalculable
versatile, eloquent, sagacious, and talented
vigorous, upright, dignified, and imperative
vile, mean, debased, and sordid
violent, impetuous, intense, and ungovernable
virtuous, upright, honest, and moral
visionary, dreamy, pensive, and sensitive
vulgar, heavy, narrow, and obtuse

W

want, lack, poverty, and paucity
warm, soft, clear, and serene
waste, devastate, pillage, and destroy
watched, tendered, fostered, and pruned
weak, inefficient, stupid, and futile
wealth, position, influence, and reputation
well-being, happiness, prosperity, and distress
wild, restless, aimless, and erring
wisdom, judgment, understanding, and far-sightedness
wit, purity, energy, and simplicity
wonderful, interesting, active, and delightful
works, sorrows, visions, and experiences
worry, annoyance, awkwardness, and difficulty

SECTION V
PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES



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Preposition "of"

A

abandon of spontaneity
abatement of misery
aberrations of judgment
abhorrence of meanness
absence of vainglory
abyss of ignominy
accent of conviction
accretions of time
accumulation of ages
accuracy of aim
acquisition of knowledge
activity of attention
acuteness of sensibility
admixture of fear
affectation of content
affinity of events
age of ignorance
agility of brain
agony of despair
air of assumption
ambitious of success
amiability of disposition
amplitude of space
anachronisms of thought

anchor of moderation
angle of vision
annulment of influence
aping of manners
apostle of culture
ardor of life
arrogance of opinion
aspect of grandeur
assumption of sternness
atmosphere of obscurity
attitude of mind
attribute of weakness
austerities of fanaticism
authority of manner
avalanche of scorn
avenues of dissemination

B

babel of tongues
ban of exclusion
barren of enthusiasm
barriers of reticence
bars of sunlight
basis of fact
beam of moonlight
beast of prey

beauty of imagery
 beggared of faith
 bent of mind
 betrayal of trust
 bevy of maidens
 bewilderment of feeling
 birds of prey
 bit of portraiture
 bitterness of anguish
 blackness of spirit
 blandishments of society
 blast of adversity
 blaze of fury
 blend of dignity
 bliss of solitude
 bloom of earth
 blow of fate
 boldness of conception
 bond of alliance
 bone of contention
 bouts of civility
 breach of law
 breath of life
 breeze of anxiety
 brilliancy of wit
 brimful of fun
 broil of politics
 brood of emotions
 brow of expectation
 brunt of disgrace
 bulk of mankind
 bundle of conceptions
 buoyancy of youth

burden of proof
 burst of confidence
 business of life

C

cadences of delirium
 calmness of manner
 calumny of passion
 caprice of inclination
 careless of opinion
 catholicity of spirit
 cause of solicitude
 celerity of movement
 chain of evidence
 change of habitude
 chaos of confusion
 chill of indifference
 chimera of superstition
 chorus of approbation
 circle of hills
 clamor of envy
 clap of thunder
 clarity of thinking
 clash of arms
 cloak of ecclesiasticism
 code of morals
 cogency of argument
 combination of calamities
 command of wit
 community of interest
 compass of imagination
 complexity of life
 confidence of genius

conflict of will
 conquest of difficulty
 consciousness of peril
 constellation of luminaries
 contagion of conflict
 continuity of life
 contradiction of terms
 contrariety of opinion
 convulsion of laughter
 copiousness of diction
 cord of sympathy
 countenance of authority
 courage of conviction
 course of existence
 courtliness of manner
 cover of hospitality
 crash of thunder
 creature of circumstance
 criteria of feeling
 crown of civilization
 crudity of thought
 cry of despair
 curl of contempt
 current of thought

D

darkness of calamity
 dash of eccentricity
 dawning of recognition
 day of reckoning
 daylight of faith
 decay of authority
 declaration of indifference

deeds of prowess
 defects of temper
 degree of hostility
 delicacy of thought
 delirium of wonder
 depth of despair
 dereliction of duty
 derogation of character
 despoiled of riches
 destitute of power
 desultoriness of detail
 device of secrecy
 devoid of merit
 devoutness of faith
 dexterity of phrase
 diapason of motives
 dictates of conscience
 difference of opinion
 difficult of attainment
 dignity of thought
 dilapidations of time
 diminution of brutality
 disabilities of age
 display of prowess
 distinctness of vision
 distortion of symmetry
 diversity of aspect
 divinity of tradition
 domain of imagination
 drama of action
 dream of vengeance
 drop of comfort
 ductility of expression

dull of comprehension
 duplicities of might
 dust of defeat

E

earnestness of enthusiasm
 easy of access
 ebullitions of anger
 eccentricity of judgment
 ecstasy of despair
 effect of loveliness
 efficacy of change
 effusion of sentiment
 elasticity of mind
 element of compulsion
 elevation of sentiment
 eloquence of passion
 emotions of joy
 emulous of truth
 encroachments of time
 encumbrance of mystery
 energy of youth
 enigma of life
 equanimity of mind
 era of fads
 error of judgment
 essence of eloquence
 excellence of vision
 excess of candor
 excitation of purpose
 excursiveness of thought
 exhibition of joy
 exhilaration of spirits

expenditure of energy
 explosion of rage
 expression of sternness
 extension of experience
 extravagance of eulogy
 extremity of fortune
 exuberance of wit

F

fabric of fact
 facility of expression
 faculty of perception
 failure of coordination
 feast of reason
 feats of strength
 feebleness of purpose
 feeling of uneasiness
 felicities of expression
 fertility of invention
 fervor of devotion
 fickleness of fortune
 field of activity
 fierceness of jealousy
 fineness of vision
 fire of imagination
 firmament of literature
 firmness of purpose
 fit of laughter
 fitness of circumstance
 fixity of purpose
 flag of truce
 flash of humor
 flashlight of introspection

fleetness of foot
 flexibility of spirit
 flicker of recognition
 flight of fancy
 flood of hatred
 flourish of manner
 flower of life
 fluctuation of fortune
 flush of youth
 flutter of expectation
 fog of sentimentalism
 force of conviction
 forest of faces
 form of captiousness
 fountain of learning
 fragment of conversation
 frame of mind
 frankness of manner
 freak of fancy
 freedom of enterprise
 frenzy of pursuit
 freshness of feeling
 frigidity of address
 frivolity of tone
 frown of meditation
 fulfilment of purpose
 fulness of time
 fury of resentment
 futility of pride

G

gaiety of spirit
 gales of laughter

garb of thought
 garlands of roses
 gateway of fancy
 gem of truth
 genuineness of sentiment
 gesture of despair
 gift of repartee
 glamor of sensationalism
 glare of scrutiny
 gleam of light
 glib of speech
 glimmer of suspicion
 glory of salvation
 glow of enthusiasm
 gorgeousness of coloring
 grace of simplicity
 gradations of outrage
 grandeur of outline
 grasp of comprehension
 gravity of manner
 greatness of nature
 greed of office
 grimace of disappointment
 grimness of spirit
 grip of attention
 groundwork of melancholy
 growth of experience
 guide of aspiration
 gulf of incongruity
 gust of laughter

H

harbor of refuge
 harvest of regrets

haven of rest
 haze of distance
 heat of enthusiasm
 height of absurdity
 hint of bitterness
 hopeful of success
 horizon of life
 horror of solitude
 hubbub of talk
 hue of divinity
 hum of pleasure
 hush of suspense

I

ideals of excellence
 idol of society
 illusion of youth
 immensity of extent
 immolation of genius
 impatient of restraint
 impetuosity of youth
 implacability of resentment
 impotent of ideas -
 impress of individuality
 impulse of enthusiasm
 imputation of eccentricity
 incapable of veracity
 independence of mind
 index of character
 indolence of temperament
 indulgence of vanity
 inequality of treatment
 infinity of height

infirmity of temper
 infusion of hatred
 inheritance of honor
 insensibility of danger
 insolence of office
 inspiration of genius
 instability of purpose
 instrument of expression
 integrity of mind
 intensity of faith
 interchange of ideas
 interval of leisure
 intoxication of vanity
 intrepidity of youth
 intuition of immortality
 invasion of thought
 irony of life

J

jangle of sounds
 jargon of philosophy
 jumble of facts
 justness of decision

K

keenness of intellect
 kernel of truth
 key of knowledge
 keynote of success
 king of finance
 kinship of humanity

L

lack of restraint
 languor of nature

lapse of time
 laws of decorum
 laxity of mind
 legacy of thought
 liberty of conscience
 light of experience
 limit of endurance
 link of sequence
 loftiness of spirit
 look of dominance
 loophole of escape
 love of approbation
 lust of conquest
 lustihood of youth
 luxuriance of expression

M

magnanimity of mind
 majesty of despair
 man of iron
 mantle of verdure
 martyrdom of ambition
 marvel of competency
 mask of flippancy
 mass of mediocrity
 master of phrasing
 maze of words
 measure of absurdity
 minister of vengeance
 minuteness of description
 miracle of miracles
 mists of criticism
 modesty of reserve

moment of lassitude
 monster of ingratitude
 monstrosities of character
 mood of tranquillity
 muddle of motives
 multitude of details
 mummery of words
 murmur of satisfaction
 mutations of time
 myriads of stars
 mysteries of taste

N

narrowness of range
 nebulae of romance
 nectar of enjoyment
 neglect of duty
 niceties of difference
 nightingale of affection
 nobility of purpose
 note of triumph

O

obduracy of mind
 object of contempt
 obligation of loyalty
 obliquity of vision
 obscurity of twilight
 ocean of eloquence
 omission of fact
 onrush of life
 onsets of temptation
 openness of mind

opulence of detail
 orgy of lying
 ornaments of eloquence
 outbreak of hostilities
 outburst of tears
 outflow of sympathy
 outposts of morality
 overflow of vitality

P

page of desolation
 pageant of life
 pang of regret
 parade of erudition
 passion of patriotism
 passivity of mind
 pattern of virtue
 peals of laughter
 pendulum of opinion
 pensiveness of feeling
 perils of fortune
 period of lassitude
 perturbation of mind
 perversity of chance
 pests of society
 petrification of egoism
 phantom of delight
 phase of belief
 physiognomy of nature
 piece of pedantry
 pinions of eloquence
 pinnacle of favor
 pit of oblivion

plainness of speech
 play of fancy
 plea of urgency
 plenitude of power
 point of view
 poise of mind
 policy of severity
 portent of danger
 power of imagination
 precipice of stupefaction
 precision of phrase
 prerogative of age
 presence of mind
 pressure of expediency
 presumption of doubt
 prey of fancy
 pride of life
 process of effacement
 profundity of thought
 profusion of argument
 progress of events
 promptings of reason
 propriety of action
 provocative of scorn
 puff of applause
 pulse of life
 purity of diction
 pursuit of knowledge
 puzzledom of life

Q

quagmire of distrust
 qualities of leadership

qualm of conscience
 question of honor
 quickness of apprehension
 quivering of pain

R

radiance of morning
 range of experience
 rashness of intention
 ravages of time
 ray of hope
 reaches of achievement
 realities of life
 realm of peace
 rebound of fascination
 rectitude of soul
 redress of grievances
 redundancy of words
 refinement of style
 reins of life
 relish of beauty
 remorse of guilt
 residue of truth
 resoluteness of conviction
 resource of expression
 restraint of speech
 revel of imagination
 revulsion of feeling
 richness of outline
 riddle of existence
 ridicule of ignorance
 riot of words
 ripeness of wisdom

roars of exultation
 robe of humility
 robustness of mind
 root of individuality
 round of platitudes
 rush of agony
 rust of neglect
 ruts of conventionality

S

sadness of soul
 sanguine of success
 sanity of judgment
 savoring of quackery
 scantiness of resources
 scarves of smoke
 school of adversity
 scrap of knowledge
 scruple of conscience
 searchlight of truth
 semblance of composure
 sensation of pity
 sense of urgency
 sentiment of disapprobation
 sequence of events
 serenity of mind
 severity of style
 shackles of civilization
 shade of doubt
 shadow of truth
 shallowness of thought
 shock of apprehension
 shouts of approval

shower of abuse
 shriek of wrath
 shuttle of life
 sigh of wind
 singleness of purpose
 slave of malice
 slough of ignorance
 slumber of death
 smile of raillery
 solace of adversity
 soul of generosity
 source of renown
 spark of perception
 species of despotism
 spell of emotion
 sphere of influence
 spice of caricature
 splendor of imagination
 spur of necessity
 start of uneasiness
 stateliness of movement
 sting of satire
 stolidity of sensation
 storehouse of facts
 storm of criticism
 stream of humanity
 stress of life
 string of episodes
 stroke of fate
 substratum of belief
 subtlety of intellect
 succession of events
 suggestion of fancy

sum of happiness
 summit of misery
 sunshine of life
 supremacy of good
 surface of events
 surfeit of verbiage
 surge of pathos
 suspense of judgment
 suspicion of flattery
 sweep of landscape
 symbol of admiration
 system of aspersion

T

taint of megalomania
 tardiness of speech
 task of conciliation
 tempest of passion
 tenacity of execution
 tenderness of sentiment
 term of reproach
 threshold of consciousness
 thrift of time
 thrill of delight
 throb of compunction
 throng of sensations
 tide of humanitarianism
 timid of innovation
 tincture of depreciation
 tinge of mockery
 tissue of misrepresentations
 tolerant of folly
 tone of severity

top of ambition
 torrent of fervor
 totality of effect
 touch of severity
 touchstone of genius
 trace of bitterness
 tradition of mankind
 train of disasters
 trait of cynicism
 trance of delight
 transport of enthusiasm
 trappings of wisdom
 trend of consciousness
 tribute of admiration
 trick of fancy
 tumult of applause
 turmoil of controversy
 turn of events
 twilight of elderliness
 twinge of envy

U

unity of purpose
 universality of experience

V

vagrancy of thought
 valley of misfortune
 vanguard of progress
 vehemence of manner
 vehicle of intercourse
 veil of futurity
 vein of snobbishness

velocity of movement
 vestige of regard
 vicissitudes of life
 vision of splendor
 vividness of memory
 voice of ambition
 void of authority
 volume of trade
 vow of allegiance

W

warmth of temperament
 waste of opportunity
 wave of depression
 wealth of meaning
 weariness of sorrow
 web of villainy
 weight of argument
 whiff of irritation
 whirl of delight
 whirligig of life
 whirlwind of words
 wilderness of perplexities
 wiles of innocence
 word of opprobrium
 work of supererogation
 world of fantasy
 worthy of mention

Y

yoke of convention

Z

zest of enjoyment
 zone of delusion

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Preposition "by"

A
affected by externals
allayed by sympathy
animated by victory
appraised by fashion
assailed by conscience
attained by effort
avert by prayer

B
ballasted by brains
beset by difficulties
bound by opinion
branded by defeat

C
characterized by discretion
chastened by sorrow
cheek by jowl
circulated by malice
clogged by insincerity
colored by environment
condemned by posterity
confirmed by habit
consoled by prayer
convinced by argument
convulsed by divisions

D
darkened by shadows
dazzled by fame
depraved by pain
devoured by curiosity

disgusted by servility
driven by remorse

E
embarrassed by timidity
encouraged by success
enfeebled by age
enforced by action
enjoined by religion
enriched by gifts
established by convention
evoked by shame

F
fascinated by mystery
favored by fortune
fettered by systems
fired by wrath
forbid by authority
fortified by faith

G
governed by precedent
guided by instinct

H
haunted by visions
hushed by denial

I
impelled by duty
inculcated by practise
induced by misrepresentation
influenced by caution
inspired by love

L
 learned by rote

M
 marked by acuteness
 measured by years

N
 narrowed by custom

O
 occasioned by irritation
 oppressed by destiny

P
 parched by disuse
 persuaded by appeal
 portray by words
 prescribed by custom
 prevented by chance
 prompted by coquetry
 purged by sorrow

R
 racked by suffering
 refuted by reason
 repelled by censure
 restrained by violence
 rising by industry

S
 sanctioned by experience
 shaped by tradition
 soured by misfortune
 stung by derision
 supplanted by others
 supported by evidence

T
 thwarted by fortune
 tempered by charity
 tormented by jealousy
 tortured by doubt

U
 unadorned by artifice
 undaunted by failure
 undetermined by sorrow
 undone by treachery
 unfettered by fear
 urged by curiosity

V
 vitalized by thought

W
 won by aggression
 worn by time
 wrenched by emotions

Preposition "in"

A
 absorbed in meditation
 affable in manner
 atone in measure

B
 barren in intellect

basking in sunshine
 buried in solitude

C
 call in question
 clothed in truth

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cloying in sweetness
confident in opinion
confute in argument
contemplative in aspect
cumbrous in style

D

deficient in insight
delight in learning
deterioration in quality
difference in detail
diligent in application
diminish in respect
dwarfed in numbers

E

end in smoke
enumerate in detail
experienced in duplicity

F

feeble in influence
fertile in consequence
flourish in luxuriance
founded in truth

G

gaze in astonishment
go in pursuit
graceful in proportion
grievously in error

H

hold in bondage

I

immersed in thought
indulge in reverie
inferior in character
influential in society
ingenuity in planning
instance in point
involved in obscurity

K

kept in abeyance

L

landmarks in memory
languish in obscurity
lie in wait
limited in scope
linger in expectation
listen in amazement
lost in awe
lower in estimation
luxuriant in fancy

M

monstrous in dulness
mysterious in origin

N

noble in amplitude
nursed in luxury

O

organized in thought

P

petulant in expression
plead in vain

pleasing in outline
 plunged in darkness
 positive in judgment
 practical in application
 pride in success
 protest in vain
 pursued in leisure

Q

quick in suggestion

R

ready in resource
 recoiling in terror
 remote in character
 revel in danger
 rich in variety
 rooted in prejudice

S

schooled in self-restraint
 scrupulous in conduct
 set in motion

skilled in controversy
 sound in theory
 stammer in confusion
 stricken in years
 strides in civilization
 striking in character
 stunted in growth

T

tender in sentiment

U

unique in literature
 unity in diversity
 unprecedented in kind

V

versed in knowledge

W

wallow in idolatry
 wanting in dignity
 waver in purpose
 weak in conception

Preposition "into"

A

abashed into silence

B

beguile into reading
 betray into speech
 blending into harmony
 bring into disrepute
 bullied into silence

C

burn into memory
 burst into view
 call into question
 carry into conflict
 chill into apathy
 coming into vogue
 cringe into favor

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crumbled into dust
crystallized into action

D

dash into fragments
deepen into confusion
degenerate into monotony
deluded into believing
descent into death
dissolve into nothingness
dragged into pursuit
drawn into controversy
dribbling into words
driven into servitude
dulled into acquiescence

E

electrify into activity
elevated into importance
enquire into precedents
enter into controversy
expand into weakness

F

fade into insignificance
fall into decay
fashion into festoons
flame into war
flower into sympathy
forced into action
frozen into form
fuse into unity

G

galvanize into life

go into raptures
goaded into action

H

hushed into silence

I

incursions into controversy
insight into truth
inveigled into dispute

K

kindle into action

L

lapse into pedantry
lash into silence
launch into disapproval
lead into captivity
leap into currency
lulled into indifference

M

melt into space
merge into character

P

pass into oblivion
plunge into despair
pour into print

Q

quicken into life

R

relapse into savagery
rendered into music

resolve into nothingness
retreat into silence
ripened into love
rush into print

S

shocked into attention
sink into insignificance
smitten into ice
snubbed into quiescence
stricken into silence
summoned into being
swollen into torrents

T
take into account
thrown into disorder
transform into beauty
translated into fact

U

usher into society

V

vanish into mystery

W

wander into digression
wheedled into acquiescence
withdraw into solitude

Preposition "to"

A

addicted to flattery
adherence to principle
affect to believe
akin to truth
alive to opportunity
allied to virtue
amenable to reason
aspire to rule
attempt to suppress
aversion to publicity

B

blind to demonstration
brought to repentance

C

claim to perpetuity
come to nothing

committed to righteousness
common to humanity
conducive to happiness
conformable to fact
consigned to oblivion
constrained to speak
contribution to knowledge

D

deaf to entreaty
dedicated to friendship
deference to custom
devoted to ideals
disposed to cavil
doomed to destruction
driven to despair
dwarf to unimportance

E

empowered to act

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endeared to all
excite to pity
exposed to derision

F

fly to platitudes
foredoomed to failure

G

given to extravagance
ground to atoms

H

harassed to death
hostile to progress

I

impervious to suggestion
impossible to reconcile
impotent to save
incentive to devotion
incitement to anger
inclined to vascillate
indifference to truth
intent to deceive
intolerable to society
inured to fatigue
invocation to sleep

L

laugh to scorn
left to conjecture
lost to remembrance

O

obedience to conscience
oblivious to criticism
offensive to modesty
open to reason
opposed to innovation

P

pander to prejudice
pertaining to fashion
prone to melancholy
propose to undertake
provoke to laughter
put to confusion

R

recourse to falsehood
reduced to impotence
related to eternity
repeat to satiety
repugnant to justice
requisite to success
resort to violence
run to seed

S

seek to overawe
serve to embitter
spur to action
stimulus to ambition
stirred to remonstrance
subject to scrutiny
succumb to fascination
superior to circumstances
susceptible to argument

T
 temptation to doubt
 tend to frustrate
 trust to chance

U
 utilize to advantage

V
 venture to say
 vital to success

W
 wedded to antiquity

Y
 yield to reason

Preposition "with"

A
 abounding with plenty
 accord with nature
 act with deliberation
 adorn with beauty
 afflict with ugliness
 aflame with life
 allied with economy
 anticipate with delight
 ascertain with exactness
 attended with danger

B
 beam with self-approval
 behave with servility
 big with fate
 blinded with tears
 blush with shame
 branded with cowardice
 bubbling with laughter
 burn with indignation

C
 cling with tenacity
 clothe with authority

compatible with freedom
 comply with tradition
 conceal with difficulty
 consistent with facts
 covered with ignominy
 crush with sorrow

D
 deny with emphasis
 depressed with fear
 dispense with formality
 distort with passion

E
 echo with merriment
 endow with intelligence
 endowed with faith
 endure with fortitude
 examine with curiosity

F
 face with indifference
 flushed with pride
 fraught with peril
 furious with indignation

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G

glowing with delight

I

imbued with courage
incompatible with reason
inconsistent with beauty
inflamed with rage
inspired with patriotism
intoxicated with joy

K

kindle with enthusiasm

L

laugh with glee

M

meet with rebuke
mingled with curiosity
move with alacrity

O

oppressed with hardship
overcome with shyness
overflowing with love
overhung with gloom

P

performed with regularity
pervaded with grandeur
proceed with alertness
punish with severity

Q

quicken with pride
quiver with anxiety

R

radiant with victory

regard with loathing
relate with zest
repel with indignation

S

saddle with responsibility
scream with terror
scrutinize with care
seething with sedition
sick with dread
sob with anguish
squirm with delight
suffuse with spirituality

T

tainted with fraud
teeming with life
tense with expectancy
thrill with excitement
throb with vitality
tinged with romance
touched with feeling
treat with contempt
tremble with fear

U

unmixed with emotion
utter with sarcasm

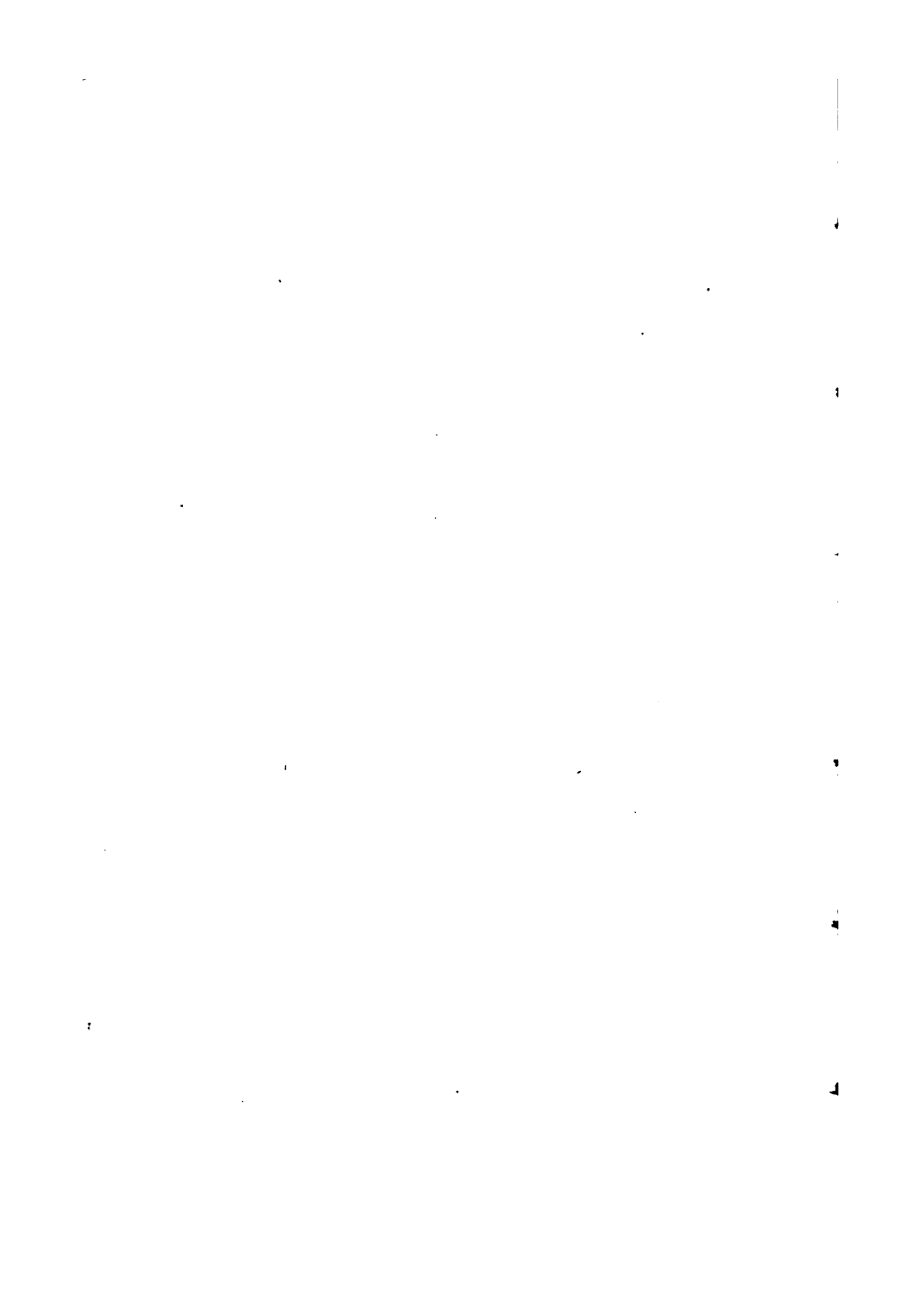
V

vibrant with feeling
view with awe

W

wield with power
work with zeal

SECTION VI
BUSINESS PHRASES



BUSINESS PHRASES

A

- A request for further particulars will not involve any obligation
- A telegram is enclosed for your use, as this matter is urgent
- Accept our thanks for your recent remittance
- Acknowledging the receipt of your recent inquiry
- After examination we can confidently say
- After very carefully considering
- Again thanking you for the inquiry
- Agreeable to our conversation
- An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience
- An early reply will greatly oblige
- Answering your recent inquiry
- Any information you may give us will be appreciated
- Any time that may suit your convenience
- As a matter of convenience and economy
- As a special favor we ask
- As directed in your letter, we are shipping to you
- As explained in our previous letter
- As it will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our ability
- As stated in our previous letter
- As we have received no response from you
- As you, doubtless, are aware
- As you probably have been told
- As your experience has probably shown you

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Assuring you of every courtesy

Assuring you of our entire willingness to comply with your request

Assuring you of prompt and careful cooperation

At the present writing

At the suggestion of one of our patrons

At your earliest opportunity

Awaiting the favor of your prompt attention

Awaiting the pleasure of serving you

Awaiting your early communication

Awaiting your further commands

Awaiting your pleasure

B

Believing you will answer this promptly

C

Complying with your request

Conditions make it obligatory for us

D

Do not hesitate to let us know

Do not overlook this opportunity

Do you realize that you can

E

Enclosed please find a memorandum

Enclosed we beg to hand you

Enclosed you will find a circular which will fully explain

F

For some years past

For your convenience we enclose a stamped envelope

For your further information we take pleasure in sending to you

Frankly, we believe it is extremely worth while for you
From the standpoint of serviceability

H

Here is a complete answer to

Here is your opportunity

Hoping for a continuance of your interest

Hoping for a definite reply

Hoping that our relations may prove mutually satisfactory

Hoping to be favored with your order

How may we serve you further?

However, because of the special circumstances attached

I

I am compelled to inform you

I am confident that you will be thoroughly satisfied

I am directed to say to you

I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully

I am giving the matter my personal attention

I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully

I am still holding this offer open to you

I ask that you be good enough

I beg to request that you give me some information

I believe I understand perfectly just how you feel about

I have been favorably impressed by your

I have now much pleasure in confirming

I have pleasure in acknowledging

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

I have the honor to remain

I herewith submit my application

I highly appreciate this mark of confidence

I look forward to pleasant personal relations in the future

I regret exceedingly to inform you

I remain, my dear sir, yours faithfully

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I shall be pleased to forward descriptive circulars
I shall esteem it a personal favor
I should welcome an interview at your convenience
I sincerely hope that you will give the subject your earnest consideration
I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry concerning
I trust I shall hear from you soon
I want to express the hope that our pleasant business relations will continue
I want to interest you
I want to thank you for your reply
I wish to confirm my letter
If I can be of further service, please address me
If it is not convenient for you
If there is any valid reason why you are unable
If we can be of service to you
If we can help you in any way
If we have not made everything perfectly clear, please let us know
If you accommodate us, the favor will be greatly appreciated
If you are interested, please let us hear from you
If you are thinking about ordering
If you desire, our representative will call
If you have any cause for dissatisfaction
If you give this matter your prompt attention
In accordance with the terms of our offer
In accordance with your request
In answering your inquiry regarding
In any event, a reply to this will be very much appreciated
In closing we can only assure you
In compliance with your favor

In compliance with your request, we are pleased to send to you

In conclusion, we can assure you

In order to facilitate our future transactions

In reference to your application

In regard to your proposition

In reply thereto, we wish to inform you

In reply to your valued favor

In response to your recent request

In spite of our best efforts it is not probable

In thanking you for the patronage with which you have favored us

In view of all these facts, we feel justified in claiming

Information has just reached me

It gives us pleasure to recommend

It has consistently been our aim to help our customers

It is a matter of great regret to us

It is a pleasure for me to answer your inquiry

It is a well known fact

It is interesting to note

It is our very great pleasure to advise you

It is the policy of our house

It seems clear that our letter must have miscarried

It was purely an oversight on our part

It will be entirely satisfactory to us

It will be our aim to interest you

It will be readily appreciated

It will be to your advantage

It will doubtless be more convenient for you

It will interest you to know

It will receive the same careful attention

J

Just mail the enclosed card

K

Kindly endorse your reply on the enclosed sheet
Kindly let us have your confirmation at your earliest convenience
Kindly let us know your pleasure concerning
Kindly read the enclosed list

L

Let me thank you for the opportunity to give this matter my personal attention
Let us assure you of our desire to cooperate with you
Let us assure you that we are very much pleased
Let us know if there is any further attention
Let us thank you again for opening an account with us
Looking forward to the early receipt of some of your orders

M

May I ask you to do us a great favor by
May we be favored with a reply
Meantime soliciting your forbearance
Meanwhile permit me to thank you for your kind attention

O

On referring to your account we notice
Our letter must have gone astray
Our relations with your house must have hitherto been very pleasant
Our services are at your command
Our stock has been temporarily exhausted
Owing to our inability to collect out-standing debts

P

Permit me to add
Permit us to express our sincere appreciation

Please accept the thanks of the writer
Please consider this letter an acknowledgment
Please favor us with a personal communication
Please feel assured that we shall use every endeavor
Possibly the enclosure may suggest to you
Promptly on receipt of your telegram
Pursuant to your letter

R

Recently we had occasion
Referring to your esteemed favor
Regretting our inability to serve you in the present instance
Reluctant as we are to believe
Requesting your kind attention to this matter

S

Should you decide to act upon this latter suggestion
So many requests of a similar nature come to us
Soliciting a continuance of your patronage

T

Thank you for your expression of confidence
Thanking you for your inquiry
Thanking you for your past patronage
Thanking you for your promptness
Thanking you in advance for an early reply
Thanking you in anticipation
The causes for the delay were beyond our control
The margin of profit which we allow ourselves
The proof is in this fact
The proposition appeals to us as a good one
Therefore we are able to make you this offer
Therefore we trust you will write to us promptly
These points should be most carefully considered

This arrangement will help us over the present difficulty
This is according to our discussion
This matter has been considered very seriously
This personal guarantee I look upon as a service to you
This privileged communication is for the exclusive use
This will amply repay you
Trusting that we may have the pleasure of serving you
Trusting to receive your best consideration

U

Under no circumstances can we entertain such an arrangement
Under separate cover we are mailing to you
Under these circumstances we are willing to extend the terms
Unfortunately we are compelled at certain times
Unless you can give us reasonable assurance
Upon being advised that these terms are satisfactory
Upon receiving your letter of

W

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your order
We admit that you are justified in your complaint
We again solicit an opportunity
We again thank you for your inquiry
We always endeavor to please
We appreciate the order you were kind enough to send to us
We appreciate your patronage very much
We are always glad to furnish information
We are anxious to make satisfactory adjustment
We are at a loss to understand why
We are at your service at all times
We are confident that you will have no further trouble
We are extremely desirous of pleasing our patrons

- We are in a position to give you considerable help
We are in receipt of your communication regarding
We are indeed sorry to learn
We are perfectly willing to make concessions
We are pleased to receive your request for information
We are pleased to send you descriptive circulars
We are reluctant to adopt such severe measures
We are satisfied regarding your statement
We are sending to you by mail
We are sorry to learn from your letter
We are thoroughly convinced of the need
We are totally at a loss to understand
We are very anxious to have you try
We are very glad to testify to the merit of
We ask for a continuance of your confidence
We ask that you kindly let us hear from you
We assume that you are considering
We assure you of our confidence in the reliability
We assure you of our desire to be of service
We await an early, and we trust, a favorable reply
We await the courtesy of an early answer
We beg a moment of your attention and serious consideration
We believe that if you will carefully consider the matter
We believe you will readily understand our position
We can assure you that any order with which you favor us
We desire information pertaining to your financial condition
We desire to effect a settlement
We desire to express our appreciation of your patronage
We desire to impress upon you
We expect to be in the market soon
We feel assured that you will appreciate

We feel sure that you will approve of our action in this matter

We frankly apologize to you

We hasten to acknowledge the receipt

We have anticipated a heavy demand

We have, as yet, no definite understanding

We have come to the conclusion

We have endeavored to serve the needs of your organization

We have found it impossible

We have much pleasure in answering your inquiry

We have no desire to adopt harsh measures

We have not had the pleasure of placing your name on our ledgers

We have not, however, had the pleasure of hearing from you

We have not yet had time to sift the matter thoroughly

We have the honor to be, gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you

We have thought it best to forward

We have your request for information regarding

We hesitated for a while to pursue the matter

We hope that an understanding can be reached

We hope that we shall have many opportunities to demonstrate our ability

We hope that you will find the enclosed booklet very interesting

We hope to hear favorably from you

We hope you will appreciate

We hope you will excuse the unavoidable delay

We invite your attention to

We must insist upon a prompt settlement

We must, therefore, insist on the terms of the agreement

We note that the time is at hand
We offer you the services of an expert
We particularly want to interest you
We realize that this matter has escaped your attention
We realize that this is simply an oversight on your part
We regret exceedingly that you have been inconvenienced
We regret our inability to meet your wishes
We regret that owing to the press of business
We regret that this misunderstanding has occurred
We regret that we are not in a position
We regret that we are unable to grant your request
We regret the necessity of calling your attention
We regret to be compelled for this reason to withdraw the
privilege
We regret to learn that you are disappointed
We remain, dear sir, yours faithfully
We remain, gentlemen, with thanks
We shall await your early commands with interest
We shall await your reply with interest
We shall be glad to fill your order
We shall be glad to have you tell us frankly
We shall be glad to render you any assistance in our power
We shall be happy to meet your requirements
We shall be indebted to you for your courtesy
We shall be pleased to receive the remittance
We shall be pleased to take the matter up further
We shall do everything in our power
We shall do our best to correct the mistake
We shall feel compelled
We shall heartily appreciate any information
We shall use every endeavor
We suggest that this is an opportune time
We suggest that you consider

- We take pleasure in enclosing herewith
- We take pleasure in explaining the matter you asked about
- We take the liberty of deviating from your instructions
- We take the liberty of writing to you.
- We thank you for calling our attention
- We thank you for your courteous letter
- We thank you for your kind inquiry of recent date
- We thank you very gratefully for your polite and friendly letter
- We thank you very much for the frank statement of your affairs
- We thank you very sincerely for your assistance
- We think you will agree
- We trust our explanation will meet with your approval
- We trust that we may hear favorably from you
- We trust that you will give this matter your immediate attention
- We trust you may secure some of the exceptional values
- We trust you will find it correct
- We trust you will not consider us unduly strict
- We trust you will promptly comply with our previous suggestions
- We understand your position
- We urge that you write to us by early mail
- We venture to enclose herewith
- We very much wish you to examine
- We want every opportunity to demonstrate our willingness
- We want particularly to impress upon you this fact
- We want to please you in every respect
- We want to remind you again
- We want you to read the booklet carefully
- We will at once enter your order
- We will be compelled to take the necessary steps

We will be glad to lay before you the fullest details
We will be pleased to give it careful consideration
We will gladly accommodate you
We will gladly extend to you similar courtesies whenever
we can do so
We will make it a point to give your correspondence close
attention
We would appreciate a remittance
We would consider it a great favor
We would draw your attention to the fact
We would request, as a special favor
We write to suggest to you
We write to urge upon you the necessity
We wrote to you at length
While we appreciate the peculiar circumstances
While we feel that we are in no way responsible
Why not allow us this opportunity to satisfy you
Will you give us, in confidence, your opinion
Will you give us the benefit of your experience
Will you kindly advise us in order that we may adjust our
records
Will you please give us your immediate attention
With our best respects and hoping to hear from you
With reference to your favor of yesterday
With regard to your inquiry
With the fullest assurance that we are considering
With the greatest esteem and respect

Y

You are certainly justified in complaining
You are evidently aware that there is a growing demand
You are quite right in your statement
You cannot regret more than I the necessity

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You undoubtedly are aware

You will find interest, we believe, in this advance announcement

You will get the benefit of this liberal offer

You will have particular interest in the new and attractive policy

Your early attention to this matter will oblige

Your further orders will be esteemed

Your inquiry has just been received, and we are glad to send to you

Your orders and commands will always have our prompt and best attention

Your satisfaction will dictate our course

Your trial order is respectfully solicited

Your usual attention will oblige

SECTION VII
LITERARY EXPRESSIONS

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LITERARY EXPRESSIONS

A

- A bitterness crept into her face
- A blazing blue sky poured down torrents of light
- A book to beguile the tedious hours
- A brave but turbulent aristocracy
- A broad, complacent, admiring imbecility breathed from his nose and lips
- A burlesque feint of evading a blow
- A callous and conscienceless brute
- A calm and premeditated prudence
- A calmness settled on his spirit
- A campaign of unbridled ferocity
- A carefully appraising eye
- A ceaselessly fleeting sky
- A certain implication of admiring confidence
- A charming air of vigor and vitality
- A childish belief in his own impeccability
- A cold, hard, frosty penuriousness was his prevalent characteristic
- A compassion perfectly angelic
- A constant stream of rhythmic memories
- A covertly triumphant voice
- A creature of the most delicate and rapid responses
- A crop of disappointments
- A cunning intellect patiently diverting every circumstance to its design
- A curious and inexplicable uneasiness

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- A hot uprush of hatred and loathing
- A kind of ineffable splendor crowns the day
- A lapse from the well-ordered decencies of civilization
- A large, rich, copious human endowment
- A late star lingered, remotely burning
- A laugh of jovial significance
- A light of unwonted pleasure in her eyes
- A little jaded by gastronomical exertions
- A lukewarm and selfish love
- A man of imperious will
- A man of matchless modesty and refinement
- A manner bright with interest and interrogation
- A manner nervously anxious to please
- A melancholy monotone beat on one's heart
- A mere exhibition of fussy diffuseness
- A mere figment of a poet's fancy
- A mien and aspect singularly majestic
- A mild and deprecating air
- A mind singularly practical and sagacious
- A mouth of inflexible decision
- A murmur of complacency
- A mystery everlastingly impenetrable
- A nameless sadness which is always born of moonlight
- A new and overmastering impulse
- A new doubt assailed her
- A new marvel of the sky
- A new trouble was dawning on his thickening mental horizon
- A nimble-witted opponent
- A painful thought was flooding his mind
- A pang of jealousy not unmingled with scorn
- A patience worthy of admiration
- A perfect carnival of fun

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- A perfect crime of clumsiness
 - A piteous aspect of woe
 - A portent full of possible danger
 - A potion to be delicately sipped at leisure
 - A powerful agitation oppressed him
 - A prevailing sentiment of uneasy discontent
 - A prey to listless uneasiness
 - A profound and absorbing interest
 - A profound and eager hopefulness
 - A profound and rather irritating egotist by nature
 - A prop for my faint heart
 - A propitious sky, marbled with pearly white
 - A protest wavered on her lip
 - A puissant and brilliant family
 - A queer, uncomfortable perplexity began to invade her
 - A quick flame leaped in his eyes
 - A quick shiver ruffled the brooding stillness of the water
 - A quiver of resistance ran through her
 - A remarkable fusion of morality and art
 - A random gleam of light
 - A rare and dazzling order of beauty
 - A rhythmical torrent of eloquent prophecy
 - A river of shame swept over him
 - A sad inquiry seemed to dwell in her gaze
 - A satisfied sense of completeness
 - A secret sweeter than the sea or sky can whisper
 - A sensation of golden sweetness and delight
 - A sense of desolation and disillusionment overwhelmed me
 - A sense of infinite peace brooded over the place
 - A sense of meditative content
 - A sense of repression was upon her

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- A sentiment of distrust in its worth had crept into her thoughts
- A sheaf of letters
- A shimmer of golden sun shaking through the trees
- A shiver of apprehension crisped her skin
- A shuffling compromise between defiance and prostration
- A sigh of large contentment
- A sight for the angels to weep over
- A skepticism which prompted rebellion
- A slight movement of incredulous dissent
- A smile full of subtle charm
- A smile of exquisite urbanity
- A soft insidious plea
- A soft intonation of profound sorrow
- A soft suspicion of ulterior motives
- A solemn glee possessed my mind
- A solemn gray expanse that lost itself far away in the gray of the sea
- A solemn utterance of destiny
- A somber and breathless calm hung over the deepening eve
- A somewhat melancholy indolence
- A somewhat sharp and incisive voice
- A sonorous voice bade me enter
- A soothing and quieting touch was gently laid upon her soul
- A sort of eager, almost appealing amiability
- A sort of stolid despairing acquiescence
- A sort of stunned incredulity
- A soundless breeze that was little more than a whisper
- A spacious sense of the amplitude of life's possibilities
- A staccato cough interrupted the flow of speech
- A state of sullen self-absorption
- A steady babble of talk and laughter

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- A step was at her heels
 - A stifling sensation of pain and suspense
 - A stinging wind swept the woods
 - A strange compound of contradictory elements
 - A stream of easy talk
 - A strong convulsion shook the vague indefinite form
 - A strong susceptibility to the ridiculous
 - A subtle emphasis of scorn
 - A sudden and stinging delight
 - A sudden gleam of insight
 - A sudden uncontrollable outburst of feeling
 - A super-abundance of boisterous animal spirits
 - A supercilious scorn and pity
 - A super-refinement of taste
 - A swaggering air of braggadocio
 - A sweet bewilderment of tremulous apprehension
 - A sweet, quiet, sacred, stately seclusion
 - A swift knowledge came to her
 - A swift unformulated fear
 - A swiftly unrolling panorama of dreams
 - A tangle of ugly words
 - A thousand evanescent memories of happy days
 - A thousand unutterable fears bore irresistible despotism
over her thoughts
 - A time of disillusion followed
 - A tiny stream meandering amiably
 - A tone of arduous admiration
 - A torn and tumultuous sky
 - A total impression ineffable and indescribable
 - A tragic futility
 - A treacherous throb of her voice
 - A true similitude of what befalls many men and women
 - A tumult of vehement feeling

A tumultuous rush of sensations
A twinge of embarrassment
A vague and wistful melancholy
A vast sweet silence crept through the trees
A veritable spring-cleaning of the soul
A very practised and somewhat fastidious critic
A violent and mendacious tongue
A vivid and arresting presentation
A waking dream overshadowed her
A weird world of morbid horrors
A well-bred mixture of boldness and courtesy
A wild vivacity was in her face and manner
A wile of the devil's
A wind strayed through the gardens
A withering sensation of ineffable boredom
A wordless farewell
Absolutely vulgarized by too perpetual a parroting
Absorbed in a stream of thoughts and reminiscences
Absorbed in the scent and murmur of the night
Accidents which perpetually deflect our vagrant attention
Across the gulf of years
Administering a little deft though veiled castigation
Affected an ironic incredulity
Affecting a tone of gayety
After a first moment of reluctance
After an eternity of resolutions, doubts, and indecisions
Aghast at his own helplessness
Agitated and enthralled by day-dreams
Agitated with violent and contending emotions
Alien paths and irrelevant junketings
All embrowned and mossed with age
All her gift of serene immobility brought into play
All hope of discreet reticence was ripped to shreds

An optimistic after-dinner mood
An overburdening sense of the inexpressible
An uncomfortable premonition of fear
An unfailing sweetness and unerring perception
An unpleasant and heavy sensation sat at his heart
An unredeemed dreariness of thought
An unsuspected moral obtuseness
An utter depression of soul
And day peers forth with her blank eyes
And what is all this pother about?
Animated by noble pride
Anticipation painted the world in rose
Appalled in speechless disgust
Appealing to the urgent temper of youth
Apprehensive solicitude about the future
Ardent words of admiration
Armed all over with subtle antagonisms
Artless and unquestioning devotion
As if smitten by a sudden spasm
As the long train sweeps away into the golden distance
August and imperial names in the kingdom of thought,
Awaiting his summons to the eternal silence

B

Banded about from mouth to mouth
Barricade the road to truth
Bartering the higher aspirations of life
Beaming with pleasurable anticipation
Before was the open malignant sea
Beguiled the weary soul of man
Beneath the cold glare of the desolate night
Bent on the lofty ends of her destiny
Beset by agreeable hallucinations

Beset with smiling hills
Beside himself in an ecstasy of pleasure
Betokening an impulsive character
Beyond the farthest edge of night
Birds were fluting in the tulip-trees
Biting sentences flew about
Black inky night
Blithe with the bliss of the morning
Blown about by every wind of doctrine
Bookish precision and professional peculiarity
Borne from lip to lip
Borne onward by slow-footed time
Borne with a faculty of willing compromise
Bowed with a certain frigid and deferential surprise
Broke in a stupendous roar upon the shuddering air
Browsing at will on all the uplands of knowledge and
thought
Buffeted by all the winds of passion
Buried hopes rose from their sepulchers
Buried in the quicksands of ignorance
But none the less peremptorily
By a curious irony of fate
By a happy turn of thinking
By virtue of his impassioned curiosity

C

Carried the holiday in his eye
Chafed at the restraints imposed on him
Cheeks furrowed by strong purpose and feeling
Childlike contour of the body
Cleansed of prejudice and self-interest
Cloaked in prim pretense
Clothed with the witchery of fiction

Clutch at the very heart of the usurping mediocrity
Cold gaze of curiosity
Collapse into a dreary and hysterical depression
Comment of rare and delightful flavor
Conjuring up scenes of incredible beauty and terror
Conscious of unchallenged supremacy
Constant indulgence of wily stratagem and ambitious craft
Contemptuously indifferent to the tyranny of public opinion
Covered with vegetation in wild luxuriance
Crisp sparkle of the sea
Crystallize about a common nucleus
Cultivated with a commensurate zeal
Current play of light gossip
Curtains of opaque rain

D

Dallying in maudlin regret over the past
Dark with unutterable sorrows
Darkness oozed out from between the trees
Dawn had broken
Day stood distinct in the sky
Days of vague and fantastic melancholy
Days that are brief and shadowed
Deep shame and rankling remorse
Deficient in affectionate or tender impulses
Delicately emerging stars
Delicious throng of sensations
Despite her pretty insolence
Dignity and sweet patience were in her look
Dim opalescence of the moon
Dimly foreshadowed on the horizon
Dimmed by the cold touch of unjust suspicion
Disfigured by passages of solemn and pompous monotony

Disguised itself as chill critical impartiality
Dismal march of death
Distinguished by hereditary rank or social position
Distract and beguile the soul
Distressing in their fatuous ugliness
Diverted into alien channels
Diverting her eyes, she pondered
Dogs the footsteps
Doled out in miserly measure
Doubt tortured him
Doubts beset her lonely and daring soul
Down the steep of disenchantment
Dreams and visions were surpassed
Dreams that fade and die in the dim west
Drear twilight of realities
Drift along the stream of fancy
Drowned in the deep reticence of the sea
Drowsiness coiled insidiously about him
Dull black eyes under their precipice of brows

E

Earth danced under a heat haze
Easily moved to gaiety and pleasure
Either way her fate was cruel
Embrace with ardor the prospect of serene leisure
Endearing sweetness and manner
Endeavoring to smile away his chagrin
Endlessly shifting moods
Endowed with all those faculties that can make the world
a garden of enchantment
Endowed with life and emphasis
Enduring with smiling composure the near presence of people who are distasteful

Enjoyed with astonishing unscrupulousness
Enticed irresistibly by the freedom of an open horizon
Essay a flight of folly
Evanescent shades of feeling
Events took an unexpected sinister turn
Every curve of her features seemed to express a fine arrogant acrimony and harsh truculence
Everywhere the fragrance of a bountiful earth
Exasperated by what seemed a wilful pretense of ignorance
Exhibits itself in fastidious crotchets
Expectation darkened into anxiety
Experience and instinct warred within her
Exquisite graciousness of manner
Exquisitely stung by the thought

F

Familiar and endearing intimacy
Fatally and indissolubly united
Fathomless depths of suffering
Fear held him in a vice
Feeding his scholarly curiosity
Feeling humiliated by the avowal
Felicitousness in the choice and exquisiteness in the collocation of words
Fettered by poverty and toil
Feverish tide of life
Fine precision of intent
Fitful tumults of noble passion
Fleeting touches of something alien and intrusive
Floating in the clouds of reverie
Fluctuations of prosperity and adversity
Flushed with a suffusion that crimsoned her whole countenance

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Forebodings possessed her
Foreshadowing summer's end
Forever echo in the heart
Forever sings itself in memory
Formless verbosity and a passionate rhetoric
Fragments of most touching melody
Free from rigid or traditional fetters
Freedom and integrity of soul
Freighted with strange, vague longings
Frosty thralldom of winter
Fugitive felicities of thought and sensation
Full of dreams and refinements and intense abstractions
Full of majestic tenderness

G

-Gathering all her scattered impulses into a passionate act
of courage
Gaze dimly through a maze of traditions
Generosity pushed to prudence
Gleams of sunlight, bewildered like ourselves, struggled,
surprised, through the mist and disappeared
Glowing with haste and happiness
Go straight, as if by magic, to the inner meaning
Goaded on by his sense of strange importance
Graceful length of limb and fall of shoulders
Great shuddering seized on her
Green hills pile themselves upon each other's shoulders
Grim and sullen after the flush of the morning
Guilty of girlish sentimentality

H

Half choked by a rising paroxysm of rage
Half-suffocated by his triumph

Hardened into convictions and resolves
Haughtiness and arrogance were largely attributed to him
Haunt the recesses of the memory
Haunted with a chill and unearthly foreboding
He accosted me with trepidation
He adroitly shifted his ground
He airily lampooned their most cherished prejudices
He bowed submission
He braced himself to the exquisite burden of life
He condescended to intimate speech with her
He conversed with a colorless fluency
He could detect the hollow ring of fundamental nothingness
He could do absolutely naught
He drank of the spirit of the universe
He drew near to a desperate resolve
He evinced his displeasure by a contemptuous sneer or a grim scowl
He felt an unaccountable loathing
He felt the ironic rebound of her words
He flung diffidence to the winds
He flushed crimson
He found the silence intolerably irksome
He frowned perplexedly
He gave her a baffled stare
He gave himself to a sudden day-dream
He gave his ear to this demon of false glory
He grew wanton with success
He had acted with chivalrous delicacy of honor
He had the eye of an eagle in his trade
He had the gift of deep, dark silences
He held his breath in admiring silence
He laughed away my protestations

He lent no countenance to the insensate prattle
He listened greedily and gazed intent
He made a loathsome object
He made the politest of monosyllabic replies
He murmured a civil rejoinder
He murmured a vague acceptance
He mused a little while in grave thought
He never wears an argument to tatters
He only smiled with fatuous superiority
He paused, stunned and comprehending
He perceived the iron hand within the velvet glove
He raised a silencing hand
He ruled autocratically
He sacrificed the vulgar prizes of life
He sat on thorns
He set his imagination adrift
He shambled away with speed
He sighed deeply, from a kind of mental depletion
He smote her quickening sensibilities
He submitted in brooding silence
He suppressed every sign of surprise
He surrendered himself to gloomy thought
He threaded a labyrinth of obscure streets
He threw a ton's weight of resolve upon his muscles
He threw out phrases of ill-humor
He threw round a measuring eye
He treads the primrose path of dalliance
He used an unguarded adjective
He was a tall, dark, saturnine youth, sparing of speech
He was aware of emotion
He was born to a lively and intelligent patriotism
He was dimly mistrustful of it
He was discreetly silent

He was empty of thought
He was entangled in a paradox
He was giving his youth away by handfuls
He was haunted and begirt by presences
He was measured and urbane
He was most profoundly skeptical
He was nothing if not grandiloquent
He was quaking on the precipice of a bad bilious attack
He was utterly detached from life
He went hot and cold
He would fall into the blackest melancholies
He writhed in the grip of a definite apprehension
He writhed with impotent humiliation
Her blank gaze chilled you
Her bright eyes were triumphant
Her eyes danced with malice
Her eyes dilated with pain and fear
Her eyes were full of wondering interest
Her eyes were limpid and her beauty was softened by an
 air of indolence and languor
Her face stiffened anew into a gray obstinacy
Her face was lit up by a glow of inspiration and resolve
Her haughty step waxed timorous and vigilant
Her head throbbed dangerously
Her heart appeared to abdicate its duties
Her heart fluttered with a vague terror
Her heart pounded in her throat
Her heart was full of speechless sorrow
Her hurrying thoughts clamored for utterance
Her imagination recoiled
Her interest flagged
Her life had dwarfed her ambitions
Her limbs ran to marble

Her lips hardened
Her lips parted in a keen expectancy
Her mind was a store-house of innocuous anecdote
Her mind was beaten to the ground by the catastrophe
Her mood was unaccountably chilled
Her musings took a sudden and arbitrary twist
Her scarlet lip curled cruelly
Her smile was faintly depreciatory
Her smile was linked with a sigh
Her solicitude thrilled him
Her stare dissolved
Her step seemed to pity the grass it prest
Her strength was scattered in fits of agitation
Her stumbling ignorance which sought the road of wisdom
Her thoughts outstripped her erring feet
Her tone was gathering remonstrance
Her tongue on the subject was sharpness itself
Her tongue stumbled and was silent
Her voice had the coaxing inflections of a child
Her voice trailed off vaguely
Her voice was full of temper, hard-held
Her voice, with a tentative question in it, rested in air
Her wariness seemed put to rout
His accents breathed profound relief
His agitation increased
His brow grew knit and gloomy
His brow was in his hand
His conscience leapt to the light
His constraint was excruciating
His curiosity is quenched
His dignity counseled him to be silent
His ears sang with the vibrating intensity of his secret existence

His eyes had a twinkle of reminiscent pleasantry
His eyes literally blazed with savage fire
His eyes shone with the pure fire of a great purpose
His eyes stared unseeingly
His face caught the full strength of the rising wind
His face dismissed its shadow
His face fell abruptly into stern lines
His face lit with a fire of decision
His face showed a pleased bewilderment
His face torn with conflict
His face was gravely authoritative
His gaze faltered and fell
His gaze searched her face
His gaze seemed full of unconquerable hopefulness
His hand supported his chin
His hands were small and prehensible
His heart asserted itself again, thunderously beating
His heart rebuked him
His heart was full of enterprise
His impatient scorn expired
His last illusions crumbled
His lips loosened in a furtively exultant smile
His lips seemed to be permanently parted in a good-humored smile
His mind echoed with words
His mind leaped gladly to meet new issues and fresh tides of thought
His mind was dazed and wandering in a mist of memories
His mood yielded
His mouth quivered with pleasure
His passions vented themselves with sneers
His pulses leaped anew
His reputation had withered

His sensibilities were offended
His shrewd gaze fixed appraisingly upon her
His soul full of fire and eagle-winged
His soul was compressed into a single agony of prayer
His soul was wrung with a sudden wild homesickness
His speech faltered
His swift and caustic satire
His temper was dark and explosive
His thoughts galloped
His thoughts were in clamoring confusion
His tone assumed a certain asperity
His torpid ideas awoke again
His troubled spirit shifted its load
His vagrant thoughts were in full career
His voice insensibly grew inquisitorial
His voice was thick with resentment and futile protest
His whole face was lighted with a fierce enthusiasm
His whole frame seemed collapsed and shrinking
His whole tone was flippant and bumptious
His words trailed off brokenly
His youthful zeal was contagious
Hope was far and dim
How sweet and reasonable the pale shadows of those who
 smile from some dim corner of our memories
Humiliating paltriness of revenge

I

I capitulated by inadvertence
I cut my reflections adrift
I felt a qualm of apprehension
I suffered agonies of shyness
I took the good day from the hands of God as a perfect
 gift

I was in a somber mood
I was overshadowed by a deep boding
I was piqued
I yielded to the ingratiating mood of the day
Ill-bred insolence was his only weapon
Ill-dissimulated fits of ambition
Imbued with a vernal freshness
Immense and careless prodigality
Immense objects which dwarf us
Immersed in secret schemes
Immured in a trivial round of duty
Impassioned and earnest language
Impatient and authoritative tones
Impervious to the lessons of experience
Implying an immense melancholy
Imprisoned within an enchanted circle
In a deprecating tone of apology
In a flash of revelation
In a gale of teasing merriment
In a misery of annoyance and mortification
In a musing ecstasy of contemplation
In a sky stained with purple, the moon slowly rose
In a spirit of indulgent irony
In a strain of exaggerated gallantry
In a tone of after-dinner perfunctoriness
In a tone of musing surprise
In a tumult of self-approval and towering exultation
In a vague and fragmentary way
In a wise, superior, slightly scornful manner
In accents of menace and wrath
In its whole unwieldy compass
In moments of swift and momentous decision
In quest of something to amuse

In requital for various acts of rudeness
In the air was the tang of spring
In the dusky path of a dream
In the face of smarting disillusion
In the flush and heyday of youth and gaiety and loveliness
In the heyday of friendship
In the mild and mellow maturity of age
In the perpetual presence of everlasting verities
In this breathless chase of pleasure
In this chastened mood I left him
Incapable of initiative or boldness
Inconceivable perversion of reasoning
Indolently handsome eyes
Indulge in pleasing discursiveness
Ineffable sensation of irritability
Infantile insensibility to the solemnity of his bereavement
Infantine simplicity and lavish waste
Innumerable starlings clove the air
Insensible to its subtle influence
Inspired by the immortal flame of youth
Intangible and indescribable essence
Intense love of excitement and adventure
Intimations of unpenetrated mysteries
Into her eyes had come a hostile challenge
Into the purple sea the orange hues of heaven sunk silently
Into the very vestibule of death
Involuntarily she sighed
Involuntary awkwardness and reserve
Involved in a labyrinth of perplexities
It came to him with a stab of enlightenment
It elicited a remarkably clear and coherent statement
It is a flight beyond the reach of human magnanimity
It is a thing infinitely subtle

It is not every wind that can blow you from your anchorage
It lends no dazzling tints to fancy
It moved me to a strange exhilaration
It parted to a liquid horizon and showed the gray rim of the sea
It proved a bitter disillusion
It seemed intolerably tragic
It seemed to exhale a silent and calm authority
It was a breathless night of suspense
It was a desolating vision
It was a night of little ease to his toiling mind
It was a night of stupefying surprises
It was all infinitely soft and refreshing to the eye
It was an evening of great silences and spaces, wholly tranquil
It was sheer, exuberant, instinctive, unreasoning, careless joy
It was the ecstasy and festival of summer
It was torture of the most exquisite kind

J

Jealousies and animosities which pricked their sluggish blood to tingling
Joy rioted in his large dark eyes
Judging without waiting to ponder over bulky tomes

K

Kind of unscrupulous contempt for gravity
Kiss-provoking lips

L

Laden with the poignant scent of the garden honeysuckle
Language of excessive flattery and adulation

Lapped in soft music of adulation
Lapse into pathos and absurdity
Large, dark, luminous eyes that behold everything about them
Latent vein of whimsical humor
Lead to the strangest aberrations
Leaping from lambent flame into eager and passionate fire
Leave to the imagination the endless vista of possibilities
Life flowed in its accustomed stream
Lights and shadows of reviving memory crossed her face
Lionized by fashionable society
Long intertangled lines of silver streamlets
Lost in a delirious wonder
Lost in irritable reflection
Love hovered in her gaze
Ludicrous attempts of clumsy playfulness and tawdry eloquence
Luke-warm assurance of continued love
Lulled by dreamy musings
Luminous with great thoughts

M

Magnanimous indifference to meticulous niceties
Making the ear greedy to remark offense
Marching down to posterity with divine honors
Marked out for some strange and preternatural doom
Mawkishly effeminate sentiment
Memories plucked from wood and field
Memory was busy at his heart
Merged in a sentiment of unutterable sadness and compassion
Microscopic minuteness of eye
Misgivings of grave kinds

Mockery crept into her tone
Molded by the austere hand of adversity
Moments of utter idleness and insipidity
Moods of malicious reaction and vindictive recoil
Morn, in yellow and white, came broadening out of the
mountains
Mumble only jargon of dotage
My body is too frail for its moods

N

Nature seemed to revel in unwonted contrasts
New ambitions pressed upon his fancy
New dreams began to take wing in his imagination
Night after night the skies were wine-blue and bubbling
with stars
Night passes lightly in the open world, with its stars and
dews and perfumes
Nights of fathomless blackness
No mark of trick or artifice
Noble and sublime patience
Nursed by brooding thought

O

Obsessed with the modishness of the hour
Occasional flashes of tenderness and love
Oddly disappointing and fickle
One gracious fact emerges here
One long torture of soul
One of the golden twilights which transfigure the world
Oppressed and disheartened by an all-pervading desolation
Oppressed with a confused sense of cumbrous material
Outweighing years of sorrow and bitterness
Over and over the paroxysms of grief and longing sub-
merged her

Overhung and overspread with ivy
Overshadowed by a vague depression

P

Pale and vague desolation
Pallor of reflected glories
Palpitating with rage and wounded sensibility
Panting after distinction
Peace brooded over all
Pelting with an interminable torrent of words
Penetrate beneath the surface to the core
Peopled the night with thoughts
Perpetual gloom and seclusion of life
Pertinent to the thread of the discussion
Pervasive silence which wraps us in a mantle of content
Piles of golden clouds just peering above the horizon
Platitudinous and pompously sentimental
Plaudits of the unlettered mob
Pleasant and flower-strewn vistas of airy fancy
Pledged with enthusiastic fervor
Plumbing the depth of my own fears
Poignant doubts and misgivings
Power of intellectual metamorphosis
Power to assuage the thirst of the soul
Precipitated into mysterious depths of nothingness
Preening its wings for a skyward flight
Pressing cares absorbed him
Pride working busily within her
Proclaimed with joyous defiance
Prodigal of discriminating epithets
Prodigious boldness and energy of intellect
Products of dreaming indolence
Profound and chilling solitude of the spot

Proof of his imperturbability and indifference
Provocative of bitter hostility
Pulling the strings of many enterprises
Purge the soul of nonsense

Q

Quickened and enriched by new contacts with life and truth
Quivering with restrained grief

R

Radiant with the beautiful glamor of youth
Ransack the vocabulary
Red tape of officialdom
Redolent of the night lamp
Reflecting the solemn and unfathomable stars
Regarded with an exulting pride
Rehabilitated and restored to dignity
Remorselessly swept into oblivion
Resounding generalities and conventional rhetoric
Respect forbade downright contradiction
Restless and sore and haughty feelings were busy within
Retort leaped to his lips
Rigid adherence to conventionalities
Rudely disconcerting in her behavior
Rudely reminded of life's serious issues

S

Sacrificed to a futile sort of treadmill
Sadness prevailed among her moods
Scorched with the lightning of momentary indignation
Scorning such paltry devices
Scotched but not slain
Scrupulous morality of conduct.
Seem to swim in a sort of blurred mist before the eyes

Seething with suppressed wrath
Seize on greedily
Sensuous enjoyment of the outward show of life
Serenity beamed from his look
Serenity of paralysis and death
Seriousness lurked in the depths of her eyes
Served to recruit his own jaded ideas
Set anew in some fresh and appealing form
Setting all the sane traditions at defiance
Shadowy vistas of sylvan beauty
She affected disdain
She assented in precisely the right terms
She bandies adjectives with the best
She challenged his dissent
She cherished no petty resentments
She curled her fastidious lip
She curled her lip with defiant scorn
She did her best to mask her agitation
She disarmed anger and softened asperity
She disclaimed fatigue
She fell into a dreamy silence
She fell into abstracted reverie
She felt herself carried off her feet by the rush of incoherent impressions
She flushed an agitated pink
She forced a faint quivering smile
She frowned incomprehension
She had an air of restrained fury
She had an undercurrent of acidity
She hugged the thought of her own unknown and unaplauded integrity
She lingered a few leisurely seconds
She nodded mutely

She nourished a dream of ambition
She permitted herself a delicate little smile
She poured out on him the full opulence of a proud recognition
She questioned inimically
She recaptured herself with difficulty
She regarded him stonily out of flint-blue eyes
She sat eyeing him with frosty calm
She seemed the embodiment of dauntless resolution
She seemed wrapped in a veil of lassitude
She shook hands grudgingly
She softened her frown to a quivering smile
She spoke with hurried eagerness
She spoke with sweet severity
She stilled and trampled on the inward protest
She stood her ground with the most perfect dignity
She strangled a fierce tide of feeling that welled up within her
She swept away all opposing opinion with the swift rush of her enthusiasm
She thrived on insincerity
She twitted him merrily
She was both weary and placated
She was conscious of a tumultuous rush of sensations
She was demure and dimly appealing
She was exquisitely simple
She was gripped with a sense of suffocation and panic
She was in an anguish of sharp and penetrating remorse
She was oppressed by a dead melancholy
She was stricken to the soul
She wore an air of wistful questioning
Sheer superfluity of happiness
Sickening contrasts and diabolic ironies of life

Silence fell

Singing lustily as if to exorcise the demon of gloom

Skirmishes and retreats of conscience

Slender experience of the facts of life

Slope towards extinction

Slow the movement was and tortuous

Slowly disengaging its significance from the thicket of words

So innocent in her exuberant happiness

Soar into a rosy zone of contemplation

Softened by the solicitude of untiring and anxious love

Solitary and sorely smitten souls

Some dim-remembered and dream-like images

Some exquisite refinement in the architecture of the brain

Some flash of witty irrelevance

Something curiously suggestive and engaging

Something eminently human beacons from his eyes

Something full of urgent haste

Something indescribably reckless and desperate in such a picture

Something that seizes tyrannously upon the soul

Sore beset by the pressure of temptation

Specious show of impeccability

Spectacular display of wrath

Spur and whip the tired mind into action

Stale and facile platitudes

Stamped with unutterable and solemn woe

Startled into perilous activity

Startling leaps over vast gulfs of time

Stem the tide of opinion

Stern emptying of the soul

Stimulated to an ever deepening subtlety

Stirred into a true access of enthusiasm

Stony insensibility to the small pricks and frictions of daily life
Strange capacities and suggestions both of vehemence and pride
Strange laughings and glitterings of silver streamlets
Stripped to its bare skeleton
Strode forth imperiously
Struck by a sudden curiosity
Struck dumb with strange surprise
Stung by his thoughts, and impatient of rest
Stung by the splendor of the prospect
Subdued passages of unobtrusive majesty
Sublime indifference to contemporary usage and taste
Submission to an implied rebuke
Subtle indications of great mental agitation
Subtle suggestions of remoteness
Such things as the eye of history sees
Such was the petty chronicle
Suddenly a thought shook him
Suddenly overawed by a strange, delicious shyness
Suddenly smitten with unreality
Suddenly snuffed out in the middle of ambitious schemes
Suffered to languish in obscurity
Sugared remonstrances and cajoleries
Suggestions of veiled and vibrant feeling
Summer clouds floating feathery overhead
Sunk in a phraseological quagmire
Sunk into a gloomy reverie
Sunny silence broods over the realm of little cottages
Supreme arbiter of conduct
Susceptibility to fleeting impressions
Sweet smoke of burning twigs hovered in the autumn day
Swift summer into the autumn flowed

T

Taking the larger sweeps in the march of mind
Tears of outraged vanity blurred her vision
Teased with impertinent questions
Tenderness breathed from her
Tense with the anguish of spiritual struggle
Terror filled the more remote chambers of his brain with
riot
Tethered to earth
That which flutters the brain for a moment
The accelerated beat of his thoughts
The affluent splendor of the summer day
The afternoon was filled with sound and sunshine
The afternoon was waning
The air and sky belonged to midsummer
The air darkened swiftly
The air is touched with a lazy fragrance, as of hidden
flowers
The air was caressed with song
The air was full of fugitive strains of old songs
The air was raw and pointed
The allurements of a coquette
The ambition and rivalry of men
The angry blood burned in his face
The anguish of a spiritual conflict tore his heart
The artificial smile of languor
The awful and implacable approach of doom
The babble of brooks grown audible
The babbledom that dogs the heels of fame
The bait proved incredibly successful
The balm of solitary musing
The beauty straightway vanished
The beckonings of alien appeals

The benign look of a father
The blandishments of pleasure and pomp of power
The blinding mist came down and hid the land
The blue bowl of the sky, all glorious with the blaze of a
million worlds
The bound of the pulse of spring
The buzz of idolizing admiration
The caressing peace of bright soft sunshine
The chaotic sound of the sea
The chill of forlorn old age
The chill of night crept in from the street
The chivalric sentiment of honor
The chivalrous homage of respect
The clamorous agitation of rebellious passions
The clouded, restless, jaded mood
The constant iteration of the sea's wail
The contagion of extravagant luxury
The conversation became desultory
The crowning touch of pathos
The current of his ideas flowed full and strong
The dance whizzed on with cumulative fury
The dawn is singing at the door
The day sang itself into evening
The day was at once redolent and vociferous
The day was blind with fog
The day was gracious
The days passed in a stately procession
The days when you dared to dream
The debilitating fears of alluring fate
The deep and solemn purple of the summer night
The deep flush ebbed out of his face
The deep tranquillity of the shaded solitude
The deepening twilight filled with shadowy visions

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The deepest wants and aspirations of his soul
The delicatest reproof of imagined distrust
The demerit of an unworthy alliance
The desire of the moth for the star
The dimness of the sealed eye and soul
The dreamy solicitations of indescribable afterthoughts
The dying day lies beautiful in the tender glow of the evening
The early morning of the Indian summer day was tinged with blue mistiness
The earth looked despoiled
The east alone frowned with clouds
The easy grace of an unpremeditated agreeable talker
The easy-going indolence of a sedentary life
The echo of its wrathful roar surged and boomed among the hills
The empurpled hills standing up, solemn and sharp, out of the green-gold air
The enchanting days of youth
The eternal questioning of inscrutable fate
The evening comes with slow steps
The evening star silvery and solitary on the girdle of the early night
The exaggerations of morbid hallucinations
The excitement of rival issues
The extraordinary wistful look of innocence and simplicity
The eye of a scrutinizing observer
The eyes burnt with an amazing fire
The eyes filled with playfulness and vivacity
The father's vigil of questioning sorrow
The fine flower of culture
The first recoil from her disillusionment
The flawless triumph of art

The flight of the autumnal days
The flower of courtesy
The fluttering of untried wings
The foreground was incredibly shabby
The fragrance of a dear and honored name
The freshening breeze struck his brow with a cooling hand
The freshness of some pulse of air from an invisible sea
The fruit of vast and heroic labors
The general effect was of extraordinary lavish profusion
The give and take was delicious
The gloom of the afternoon deepened
The gloom of winter dwelt on everything
The gloomy insolence of self-conceit
The glow of the ambitious fire
The golden gloom of the past and the bright-hued hope of the future
The golden riot of the autumn leaves
The golden sunlight of a great summer day
The gray air rang and rippled with lark music
The grimaces and caperings of buffoonery
The grotesque nightmare of a haunting fear
The hand of time sweeps them into oblivion
The haunting melody of some familiar line of verse
The haunting phrase leaped to my brain
The headlong vigor of sheer improvisation
The heights of magnanimity and love
The high-bred pride of an oriental
The hills were clad in rose and amethyst
The hill-tops gleam in morning's spring
The hinted sweetness of the challenge aroused him
The hot humiliation of it overwhelmed her
The hungry curiosity of the mind
The idiosyncratic peculiarities of thought

The idle chatter of the crowd
The immediate tyranny of a present emotion
The inaccessible solitude of the sky
The incarnation of all loveliness
The incoherent loquacity of a nervous patient
The indefinable air of good-breeding
The indefinable yearning for days that were dead
The indefinite atmosphere of an opulent nature
The intercepted glances of wondering eyes
The intrusive question faded
The invidious stigma of selfishness
The iron hand of oppression
The irresistible and ceaseless onflow of time
The irrevocable past and the uncertain future
The landscape ran, laughing, downhill to the sea
The leaden sky rests heavily on the earth
The leaves of time drop stealthily
The leaves syllabled her name in cautious whispers
The lights winked
The little incident seemed to throb with significance
The lofty grace of a prince
The loud and urgent pageantry of the day
The low hills on the horizon wore a haze of living blue
The machinations of a relentless mountebank
The machinations of an unscrupulous enemy
The magical lights of the horizon
The majestic solemnity of the moment yielded to the persuasive warmth of day
The marvelous beauty of her womanhood
The maximum of attainable and communicable truth
The melancholy day weeps in monotonous despair
The melodies of birds and bees
The memory of the night grew fantastic and remote

The meticulous observation of facts
The mind freezes at the thought
The mind was filled with a formless dread
The mocking echoes of long-departed youth
The moment marked an epoch
The moon is waning below the horizon
The more's the pity
The morning beckons
The morning droned along peacefully
The most servile acquiescence
The multiplicity of odors competing for your attention
The murmur of soft winds in the tree-tops
The murmur of the surf boomed in melancholy mockery
The murmuring of summer seas.
The music and mystery of the sea
The music of her delicious voice
The music of her presence was singing a swift melody in
his blood
The music of unforgotten years sounded again in his soul
The mute melancholy landscape
The mystery obsessed him
The naked fact of death
The nameless and inexpressible fascination of midnight
music
The narrow glen was full of the brooding power of one
universal spirit
The nascent spirit of chivalry
The night was drowned in stars
The old ruddy conviction deserted me
The onrush and vividness of life
The opulent sunset
The orange pomp of the setting sun
The oscillations of human genius

The outpourings of a tenderness reawakened by remorse
The pageantry of sea and sky
The palest abstractions of thought
The palpitating silence lengthened
The panorama of life was unrolled before him
The paraphernalia of power and prosperity
The parting crimson glory of the ripening summer sun
The past slowly drifted out of his thought
The pendulous eyelids of old age
The penetrating odors assailed his memory as something
unforgettable
The pent-up intolerance of years of repression
The perfume of the mounting sea saturated the night with
wild fragrance
The piquancy of the pageant of life
The pith and sinew of mature manhood
The plenitude of her piquant ways
The presage of disaster was in the air
The pressure of accumulated misgivings
The preternatural pomposities of the pulpit
The pristine freshness of spring
The pull of soul on body
The pulse of the rebounding sea
The purging sunlight of clear poetry
The purple vaulted night
The question drummed in head and heart day and night
The question irresistibly emerged
The quick pulse of gain
The radiant serenity of the sky
The radiant stars brooded over the stainless fields, white
with freshly fallen snow
The restlessness of offended vanity
The retreating splendor of autumn

The rising storm of words
The river ran darkly, mysteriously by
The river sang with its lips to the pebbles
The roar of the traffic rose to thunder
The romantic ardor of a generous mind
The room had caught a solemn and awful quietude
The rosy-hued sky went widening off into the distance
The rosy twilight of boyhood
The royal arrogance of youth
The sadness in him deepened inexplicably
The scars of rancor and remorse
The scent of roses stole in with every breath of air
The sea heaved silvery, far into the night
The sea slept under a haze of golden winter sun
The sea-sweep enfolds you, satisfying eye and mind
The sea-wind buffeted their faces
The secret and subduing charm of the woods
The see-saw of a wavering courage
The sentimental tourist will be tempted to tarry
The shadows of the night seemed to retreat
The shadows rested quietly under the breezeless sky
The shafts of ridicule
The sheer weight of unbearable loneliness
The shiver of the dusk passed fragrantly down the valley
The silence grew stolid
The silence was uncomfortable and ominous
The silent day perfumed with the hidden flowers
The silver silence of the night
The sinking sun made mellow gold of all the air
The sky grew brighter with the imminent day
The sky grew ensaffroned with the indescribable hue that
heralds day
The sky put on the panoply of evening

The sky was a relentless, changeless blue
The sky was dull and brooding
The sky was heavily sprinkled with stars
The sky was turning to the pearly gray of dawn
The smiling incarnation of loveliness
The song of hurrying rivers
The sound of the sea waxed
The spacious leisure of the forest
The spell of a deathless dream was upon them
The star-strewn spaces of the night
The stars looked down in their silent splendor
The stars seemed attentive
The steadfast mind kept its hope
The steady thunder of the sea accented the silence
The still voice of the poet
The stillness of a forced composure
The stillness of the star-hung night
The strangest thought shimmered through her
The stream forgot to smile
The streams laughed to themselves
The strident discord seemed to mock his mood
The stunning crash of the ocean saluted her
The subtle emanation of other influences seemed to arrest
and chill him
The sudden rush of the awakened mind
The summit of human attainment
The sun blazed torridly
The sun goes down in flame on the far horizon
The sun lay golden-soft over the huddled hills
The sunlight spread at a gallop along the hillside
The sunset was rushing to its height through every possible
phase of violence and splendor
The suspicion of secret malevolence

The swelling tide of memory
The swing of the pendulum through an arch of centuries
The tempered daylight of an olive garden
The tender grace of a day that is fled
The tension of struggling tears which strove for an outlet
The thought leaped
The timely effusion of tearful sentiment
The tone betrayed a curious irritation
The torture of his love and terror crushed him
The trees rustled and whispered to the streams
The tumult in her heart subsided
The tumult in her mind found sudden speech
The tumult of pride and pleasure
The tune of moving feet in the lamplit city
The tyranny of nipping winds and early frosts
The unmasked batteries of her glorious gray eyes
The vacant fields looked blankly irresponsive
The vast and shadowy stream of time
The vast cathedral of the world
The vast unexplored land of dreams
The velvet of the cloudless sky grew darker, and the stars
more luminous
The veneer of a spurious civilization
The very pulsation and throbbing of his intellect
The very silence of the place appeared a source of peril
The vision fled him
The vivifying touch of humor
The web of lies is rent in pieces
The wheel of her thought turned in the same desolate
groove
The whispering rumble of the ocean
The white seething surf fell exhausted along the shore
The whole exquisite night was his

The whole sea of foliage is shaken and broken up with little momentary shiverings and shadows
The wide horizon forever flames with summer
The wild whirl of nameless regret and passionate sorrow
The wild winds flew round, sobbing in their dismay
The wind charged furiously through it, panting towards the downs
The wind piped drearily
The wind was in high frolic with the rain
The winnowed tastes of the ages
The woods were silent with adoration
The youth of the soul
The zenith turned shell pink
Their ephemeral but enchanting beauty had expired forever
Their eyes met glancingly
Their troth had been plighted
There was a kind of exhilaration in this subtle baiting
There was a mild triumph in her tone
There was a mournful and dim haze around the moon
There was a strange massing and curving of the clouds
There was a thrill in the air
There was a time I might have trod the sunlit heights
There was no glint of hope anywhere
There was no menace in the night's silvern calmness
There was something so kindly in its easy candor
There was spendthrift grandeur
These qualities were raised to the white heat of enthusiasm
They became increasingly turbid and phantasmagorical
They escaped the baffled eye
They sit heavy on the soul
They were vastly dissimilar
This exquisite conjunction and balance

This little independent thread of inquiry ran through the
texture of his mind and died away
This shadowy and chilling sentiment unaccountably creeps
over me
Thought shook through her in poignant pictures
Thoughts came thronging in panic haste
Thrilled by fresh and indescribable odors
Thrilled with a sense of strange adventure
Through a cycle of many ages
Through endless and labyrinthine sentences
Thrilled to the depths of her being
Time had passed unseen
Tinsel glitter of empty titles
Tired with a dull listless fatigue
To all intents and purposes
To speak with entire candor
To stay his tottering constancy
To the scourging he submitted with a good grace
Tossed disdainfully off from young and ardent lips
Touched every moment with shifting and enchanting beauty
Touched with a bewildering and elusive beauty
Transcendental contempt for money
Transformed with an overmastering passion
Trouble gathered on his brow
Turning the world topsy-turvy
Twilight creeps upon the darkening mind

U

Unapproachable grandeur and simplicity
Unaware of her bitter taunt
Under the vivifying touch of genius
Unearthly in its malignant glee
Unfathomed depths and impossibilities

Unforced and unstudied depth of feeling
Unspoiled by praise or blame
Unspoken messages from some vaster world
Unstable moral equilibrium of boyhood
Until sleep overtakes us at a stride
Untouched by the ruthless spirit of improvement
Upon the mountain-tops of meditation
Urbanely plastic and versatile
Uttering grandiose puerilities

V

Vain allurements of folly and fashion
Variously ramified and delicately minute channels of expression
Varnished over with a cold repellent cynicism
Vast sweep of mellow distances
Veiled by some equivocation
Vibrant with the surge of human passions
Vicissitudes of wind and weather
Vigor and richness of resource
Visible and palpable pains and penalties
Voices that charm the ear and echo with a subtle resonance in the soul
Volcanic upheavings of imprisoned passions

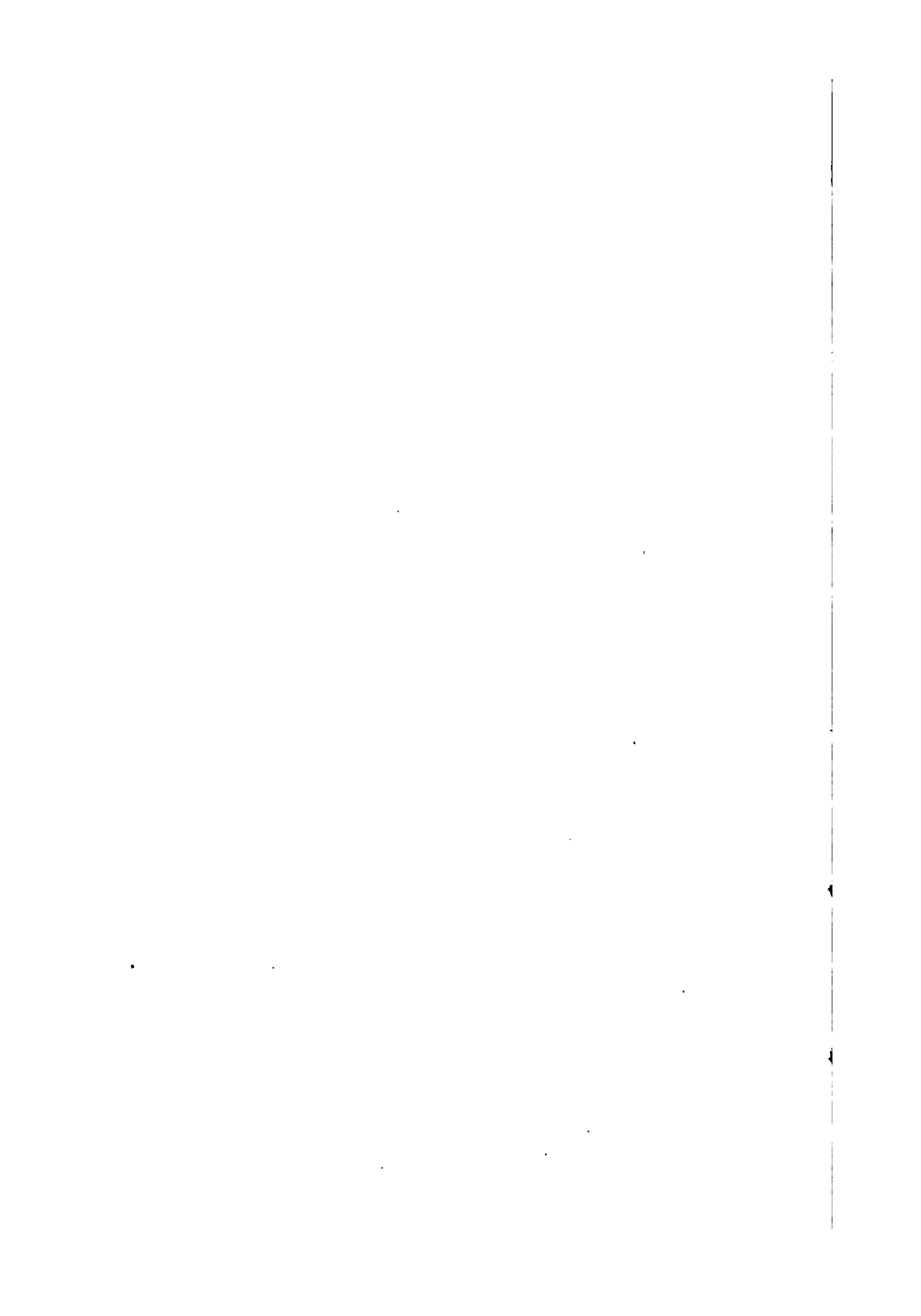
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Wantonly and detestably unkind
Waylay Destiny and bid him stand and deliver
Wayward and strangely playful responses
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life
What sorry and pitiful quibbling
When a pleasant countryside tunes the spirit to a serene harmony of mood

When music is allied to words
When the frame and the mind alike seem unstrung and list-
less
When the profane voices are hushed
When the waves show their teeth in the flying breeze
Whilst the morn kissed the sleep from her eyes
Whistled life away in perfect contentment
Wholly alien to his spirit
With a vanquished and weary sigh
Womanly fickleness and caprice
Words and acts easily wrenched from their true significance
Worn to shreds by anxiety
Wrapped in a sudden intensity of reflection
Wrapped in an inaccessible mood
Wrapped in scudding rain
Wrapt in his odorous and many-colored robe
Wrapt in inward contemplation
Wrought of an emotion infectious and splendidly dangerous
Wrought out of intense and tragic experience

Y

Yielding to a wave of pity
Your mind enthroned in the seventh circle of content



STRIKING SIMILES

A

- A blind rage like a fire swept over him
- A book that rends and tears like a broken saw
- A breath of melancholy made itself felt like a chill and sudden gust from some unknown sea
- A cloud in the west like a pall creeps upward
- A cloud like a flag from the sky
- A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree
- A confused mass of impressions, like an old rubbish-heap
- A cry as of a sea-bird in the wind
- A dead leaf might as reasonably demand to return to the tree
- A drowsy murmur floats into the air like thistledown
- A face as imperturbable as fate
- A face as pale as wax
- A face tempered like steel
- A fatigued, faded, lusterless air, as of a caged creature
- A few pens parched by long disuse
- A figure like a carving on a spire
- A fluttering as of blind bewildered moths
- A giant galleon overhead, looked like some misty monster of the deep
- A glacial pang of pain like the stab of a dagger of ice frozen from a poisoned well
- A glance that flitted like a bird
- A great moon like a red lamp in the sycamore
- A grim face like a carved mask

- A hand icily cold and clammy as death
A heart from which noble sentiments sprang like sparks
from an anvil
A jeweler that glittered like his shop
A lady that lean'd on his arm like a queen in a fable of old
fairy days
A life, a Presence, like the air
A life as common and brown and bare as the box of earth
in the window there
A light wind outside the lattice swayed a branch of roses
to and fro, shaking out their perfume as from a swung
censer
A lightning-phrase, as if shot from the quiver of infallible
wisdom
A list of our unread books torments some of us like a list
of murders
A little breeze ran through the corn like a swift serpent
A little weed-clogged ship, gray as a ghost
A long slit of daylight like a pointing finger
A memory like a well-ordered cupboard
A mighty wind, like a leviathan, plowed the brine
A mind very like a bookcase
A mystery, soft, soothing and gentle, like the whisper of a
child murmuring its happiness in its sleep
A name which sounds even now like the call of a trumpet
A note of despairing appeal which fell like a cold hand upon
one's living soul
A purpose as the steady flame
A question deep almost as the mystery of life
A quibbling mouth that snapped at verbal errors like a
lizard catching flies
A radiant look came over her face, like a sudden burst of
sunshine on a cloudy day

A reputation that swelled like a sponge
A ruby like a drop of blood
A shadow of melancholy touched her lithe fancies, as a
cloud dims the waving of golden grain
A silver moon, like a new-stamped coin, rode triumphant
in the sky
A slow thought that crept like a cold worm through all his
brain
A smile flashed over her face, like sunshine over a flower
A soft and purple mist like a vaporous amethyst
A soft haze, like a fairy dream, is floating over wood and
stream
A soul as white as heaven
A sound like the throb of a bell
A stooping girl as pale as a pearl
A sudden sense of fear ran through her nerves like the
chill of an icy wind
A sweet voice caroling like a gold-caged nightingale
A thin shrill voice like the cry of an expiring mouse
A thing of as frail enchantment as the gleam of stars upon
snow
A vague thought, as elusive as the smell of a primrose
A vanishing loveliness as tender as the flush of the rose leaf
and as ethereal as the light of a solitary star
A voice as low as the sea
A voice soft and sweet as a tune that one knows
A white bird floats there, like a drifting leaf
Against a sky as clear as sapphire
Age, like winter weather
Agile as a leopard
Agitated like a storm-tossed ship
Air like wine

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- All around them like a forest swept the deep and em-
purpled masses of her tangled hair
All like an icicle it seemed, so tapering and cold
All my life broke up, like some great river's ice at touch
of spring
All silent as the sheeted dead
All sounds were lost in the whistle of air humming by like
the flight of a million arrows
All that's beautiful drifts away like the waters
All the world lay stretched before him like the open palm
of his hand
All unconscious as a flower
Alone, like a storm-tossed wreck, on this night of the glad
New Year
An anxiety hung like a dark impenetrable cloud
An ardent face out-looking like a star
An ecstasy which suddenly overwhelms your mind like an
unexpected and exquisite thought
An envious wind crept by like an unwelcome thought
An ideal as sublime and comprehensive as the horizon
An immortal spirit dwelt in that frail body, like a bird in an
outworn cage
An impudent trick as hackneyed as conjuring rabbits out of
a hat
An indefinable resemblance to a goat
An isle of Paradise, fair as a gem
An old nodding negress whose sable head shined in the sun
like a polished cocoanut
An omnibus across the bridge crawls like a yellow butterfly
An undefined sadness seemed to have fallen about her like
a cloud
An unknown world, wild as primeval chaos

An unpleasing strain, like the vibration of a rope drawn out
too fast

And a pinnacle like a flutter'd bird came flying from afar

And a tear like silver, glistened in the corner of her eye

And all our thoughts ran into tears like sunshine into rain

And at first the road comes moving toward me, like a bride
waving palms

And Dusk, with breast as of a dove, brooded

And eyes as bright as the day

And fell as cold as a lump of clay

And her cheek was like a rose

And here were forests ancient as the hills

And many a fountain, rivulet, and pond, as clear as ele-
mental diamond, or serene morning air

And melting like the stars in June

And night, as welcome as a friend

And silence like a poultice comes to heal the blows of
sound

And spangled o'er with twinkling points, like stars

And the smile she softly uses fills the silence like a speech

As a child in play scatters the heaps of sand that he has
piled on the seashore

As a cloud that gathers her robe like drifted snow

As a flower after a drought drinks in the steady plunging
rain

As a leaf that beats on a mountain

As a lion grieves at the loss of her whelps

As a man plowing all day longs for supper and welcomes
sunset

As a sea disturbed by opposing winds

As amusing as a litter of likely young pigs

As arbitrary as a cyclone and as killing as a pestilence

As austere as a Roman matron

As beautiful as the purple flush of dawn
As blind as a mole
As brief as sunset clouds in heaven
As bright as sunlight on a stream
As busy as a bee
As cattle driven by a gadfly
As chimney sweepers come to dust
As clear as a whistle
As clear as the parts of a tree in the morning sun
As close as oak and ivy stand
As delicate and as fair as a lily
As delightful to the mind as cool well-water to thirsty lips
As diamond cuts diamond
As direct and unvarying as the course of a homing bird
As distinct as night and morning
As dry as desert dust
As dumb as a fish
As easily as the sun shines
As easy as a turn of the hand
As elastic as a steel spring
As extinct as the dodo
As faint as the memory of a sound
As familiar to him as his alphabet
As fatal as the fang of the most venomous snake
As fleeting and elusive as our dreams
As foam from a ship's swiftress
As fresh and invigorating as a sea-breeze
As full of eager vigor as a mountain stream
As full of spirit as a gray squirrel
As gay and busy as a brook
As gently as the flower gives forth its perfume
As gently as withered leaves float from a tree
As graceful as a bough

As grave as a judge
As great as the first day of creation
As high as heaven
As I dropped like a bolt from the blue
As I dwelt like a sparrow among the spires
As if a door were suddenly left ajar into some world un-
seen before
As impossible as to count the stars in illimitable space
As in the footsteps of a god
As inaccessible to his feet as the clefts and gorges of the
clouds
As inexorable as the flight of time
As innocent as a new laid egg
As iridescent as a soap bubble
As locusts gather to a stream before a fire
As mellow and deep as a psalm
As men strip for a race, so must an author strip for the
race with time
As merry as bees in clover
As nimble as water
As one who has climbed above the earth's eternal snow-
line and sees only white peaks and pinnacles
As pale as any ghost
As patient as the trees
As quick as the movement of some wild animal
As quiet as a nun breathless with adoration
As radiant as the rose
As readily and naturally as ducklings take to water
As reticent as a well-bred stockbroker
As ruthlessly as the hoof of a horse tramples on a rose
As shallow streams run dimpling all the way
As simple as the intercourse of a child with its mother

- As sleep falls upon the eyes of a child tired with a long
summer day of eager pleasure and delight
- As some vast river of unending source
- As stars that shoot along the sky
- As still as a stone
- As stupid as a sheep
- As sudden as a dislocated joint slipping back into place
- As summer winds that creep from flower to flower
- As supple as a step-ladder
- As swaggering and sentimental as a penny novellete
- As swift as thought
- As the accumulation of snowflakes makes the avalanche
- As the bubble is extinguished in the ocean
- As the dew upon the roses warms and melts the morning
light
- As the fair cedar, fallen before the breeze, lies self-em-
balmed amidst the moldering trees
- As the light straw flies in dark'ning whirlwinds
- As the lightning cleaves the night
- As the loud blast that tears the skies
- As the slow shadows of the pointed grass mark the eternal
periods
- As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance
- As though a rose should shut, and be a bud again
- As though Pharaoh should set the Israelites to make a pin
instead of a pyramid
- As unapproachable as a star
- As weird as the elfin lights
- As well try to photograph the other side of the moon
- At extreme tension, like a drawn bow
- Away he rushed like a cyclone
- Awkward as a cart-horse

B

Babbling like a child

Balmy in manner as a bland southern morning

Be like the granite of thy rock-ribbed land

Beauteous she looks as a water-lily

Beautiful as the dawn, dominant as the sun

Beauty maddens the soul like wine

Beheld great Babel, wrathful, beautiful, burn like a blood-
red cloud upon the plain

Beneath a sky as fair as summer flowers

Bent like a wand of willow

Black as a foam-swept rock

Black his hair as the wintry night

Blithe as a bird

Bounded by the narrow fences of life

Bowed like a mountain

Breaking his oath and resolution like a twist of rotten silk

Breathed like a sea at rest

Bright as a diamond in the sun

Bright as a fallen fragment of the sky

Bright as the coming forth of the morning, in the cloud of
an early shower

Bright as the sunbeams

Bright as the tear of an angel, glittered a lonely star

Brilliant and gay as a Greek

Brisk as a wasp in the sunshine

Brittle and bent like a bow

Bronze-green beetles tumbled over stones, and lay helpless
on their backs with the air of an elderly clergyman
knocked down by an omnibus

Brown as the sweet smelling loam

Brute terrors like the scurrying of rats in a deserted attic

Buried in his library like a mouse in a cheese

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Burns like a living coal in the soul
But across it, like a mob's menace, fell the thunder
But thou art fled, like some frail exhalation
Butterflies like gems

C

Calm as the night
Calm like a flowing river
Calm like a mountain brooding o'er the sea
Calmly dropping care like a mantle from her shoulders
Cast thy voice abroad like thunder
Charm upon charm in her was packed, like rose-leaves in
a costly vase
Chaste as the icicle
Cheeks as soft as July peaches
Chill breath of winter
Choked by the thorns and brambles of early adversity
Cities scattered over the world like ant-hills
Cities that rise and sink like bubbles
Clear and definite like the glance of a child or the voice of
a girl
Clear as a forest pool
Clear as crystal
Clenched little hands like ruffled roses, dimpled and dear
Cloud-like that island hung afar
Clouds like the petals of a rose
Cloudy mirror of opinion
Cold and hard as steel
Cold as the white rose waking at daybreak
Cold, glittering monotony like frosting around a cake
Collapsed like a concertina
Colored like a fairy tale
Companionless as the last cloud of an expiring storm whose
thunder is its knell

Consecration that like a golden thread runs through the
warp and woof of one's life
Constant as gliding waters
Contending like ants for little molehill realms
Continuous as the stars that shine
Cowslips, like chance-found gold
Creeds like robes are laid aside
Creeping like a snail, unwillingly to school
Cruel as death
Curious as a lynx
Cuts into the matter as with a pen of fire

D

Dainty as flowers
Dance like a wave of the sea
Dark and deep as night
Dark as pitch
Dark trees bending together as though whispering secrets
Dazzling white as snow in sunshine
Deafening and implacable as some elemental force
Dear as remembered kisses after death
Dear as the light that visits these sad eyes
Dearer than night to the thief
Debasing fancies gather like fowl birds
Deep as the fathomless sea
Deep dark well of sorrow
Delicate as nymphs
Delicate as the flush on a rose or the sculptured line on a
Grecian urn
Denominational lines like stone walls
Dependency had dropped from her like a cast-off cloak
Despondency clung to him like a garment that is wet
Destructive as the lightning flash

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Die like flies

Dip and surge lightly to and fro, like the red harbor-

Disappearing into distance like a hazy sea

Dissatisfaction had settled on his mind like a shadow

Dissolve like some unsubstantial vision faded

Do make a music like to rustling satin

Dogging them like their own shadow

Dost thou not hear the murmuring nightingale like water
bubbling from a silver jar?

Drop like a feather, softly to the ground

Drowned like rats

Dull as champagne

E

Each like a corpse within its grave

Each moment was an iridescent bubble fresh-blown from
the lips of fancy

Eager-hearted as a boy

Eager with the headlong zest of a hunter for the game

Ears that seemed as deaf as dead man's ears

Easy as a poet's dream

Emotions flashed across her face like the sweep of sun-
rent clouds over a quiet landscape

Eternal as the skies

Evanescent as bubbles

Every flake that fell from heaven was like an angel's kiss

Every lineament was clear as in the sculptor's thought

Every one on the watch, like a falcon on its nest

Every phrase is like the flash of a scimitar

Exploded like a penny squib

Eyes as deeply dark as are the desert skies

Eyes as luminous and bright and brown as waters of a
woodland river

Eyes half veiled by slumberous tears, like bluest water seen
through mists of rain
Eyes like a very dark topaz
Eyes like deep wells of compassionate gloom
Eyes like limpid pools in shadow
Eyes like mountain water that o'erflowing on a rock

F

Faces pale with bliss, like evening stars
Fade away like a cloud in the horizon
Faint and distant as the light of a sun that has long set
Faintly, like a falling dew
Fair and fleet as a fawn
Fair as a star when only one is shining in the sky
Fallen like dead leaves on the highway
Falling away like a speck in space
Fanciful and extravagant as a caliph's dream
Fawning like dumb neglected lap-dogs
Felt her breath upon his cheek like a perfumed air
Fields of young grain and verdured pastures like crushed
velvet
Fierce as a bear in defeat
Fierce as the flames
Fills life up like a cup with bubbling and sparkling liquor
Fit closely together as the close-set stones of a building
Fix'd like a beacon-tower above the waves of a tempest
Flame like a flag unfurled
Flap loose and slack like a drooping sail
Flashed with the brilliancy of a well-cut jewel
Fled like sweet dreams
Fleet as an arrow
Flitted like a sylph on wings
Flowers as soft as thoughts of budding love

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Fluent as a rill, that wanders silver-footed down a hill
Fluid as thought
Fluttered like gilded butterflies in giddy mazes
Fragile as a spider's web
Free as the air, from zone to zone I flew
Free as the winds that caress
Fresh and unworn as the sea that breaks languidly beside
them
Fresh as a jewel found but yesterday
Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail
Frightened like a child in the dark
Full-throated as the sea
Furious as eagles

G

Gazed like a star into the morning light
Glaring like noontide
Gleam like a diamond on a dancing girl
Glistening like threads of gold
Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid
Glittering like an aigrette of stars
Gone astray as a sheep that is lost
Gone like a glow on the cloud at the close of day
Gone like tenants that quit without warning
Gorgeous as the hues of heaven
Grazing through a circulating library as contentedly as cattle in a fresh meadow
Great scarlet poppies lay in drifts and heaps, like bodies fallen there in vain assault

H

Hair as harsh as tropical grass and gray as ashes
Hangs like a blue thread loosen'd from the sky
Hard, sharp, and glittering as a sword

Harnessed men, like beasts of burden, drew it to the river-
side

Haunts you like the memory of some former happiness

He began to laugh with that sibilant laugh which resembles
the hiss of a serpent

He bent upon the lightning page like some rapt poet o'er
his rhyme

He bolted down the stairs like a hare

He clatters like a windmill

He danced like a man in a swarm of hornets

He fell as falls some forest lion, fighting well

He fell down on my threshold like a wounded stag

He had acted exactly like an automaton

He lay as straight as a mummy

He lay like a warrior taking his rest

He lived as modestly as a hermit

He looked fagged and sallow, like the day

He looked with the bland, expressionless stare of an over-
grown baby

He played with grave questions as a cat plays with a mouse

He radiated vigor and abundance like a happy child

He sat down quaking like a jelly

He saw disaster like a ghostly figure following her

He snatched furiously at breath like a tiger snatching at
meat

He spoke with a uniformity of emphasis that made his
words stand out like the raised type for the blind

He swayed in the sudden grip of anger

He sweeps the field of battle like a monsoon

He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with
the wind and tossed

He turned on me like a thunder-cloud

He turned white as chalk

He wandered restlessly through the house, like a prowling animal

He was as splendidly serious as a reformer

He was as steady as a clock

He was as wax in those clever hands

He was bold as the hawk

He was so weak now, like a shrunk cedar white with the hoar-frost

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee

Heavy was my heart as stone

Heeled like an avalanche to leeward

Her arms like slumber o'er my shoulders crept

Her banners like a thousand sunsets glow

Her beauty broke on him like some rare flower

Her beauty fervent as a fiery moon

Her breath is like a cloud

Her cheeks are like the blushing cloud

Her cheeks were wan and her eyes like coals

Her dusky cheek would burn like a poppy

Her expression changed with the rapidity of a kaleidoscope

Her eyes as bright as a blazing star

Her eyes as stars of twilight fair

Her eyes, glimmering star-like in her pale face

Her eyes were as a dove that sickeneth

Her face changed with each turn of their talk, like a wheat-field under a summer breeze

Her face collapsed as if it were a pricked balloon

Her face was as solemn as a mask

Her face was dull as lead

Her face was like a light

Her face was passionless, like those by sculptor graved for niches in a temple

Her hair dropped on her pallid cheeks, like sea-weed on
a clam

Her hair hung down like summer twilight

Her hair shone like a nimbus

Her hair was like a coronet

Her hands are white as the virgin rose that she wore on
her wedding day

Her hands like moonlight brush the keys

Her head dropped into her hands like a storm-broken
flower

Her heart has grown icy as a fountain in the fall

Her holy love that like a vestal flame had burned

Her impulse came and went like fireflies in the dusk

Her lashes like fans upon her cheek

Her laugh is like a rainbow-tinted spray

Her lips are like two budded roses

Her lips like a lovely song that ripples as it flows

Her lips like twilight water

Her little lips are tremulous as brook-water is

Her long black hair danced round her like a snake

Her mouth as sweet as a ripe fig

Her neck is like a stately tower

Her pale robe clinging to the grass seemed like a snake

Her pulses flutter'd like a dove

Her skin was as the bark of birches

Her sweetness halting like a tardy May

Her two white hands like swans on a frozen lake

Her voice cut like a knife

Her voice like mournful bells crying on the wind

Her voice was like the voice the stars had when they sang
together

Her voice was rich and vibrant, like the middle notes of a
'cello

Her words sounding like wavelets on a summer shore
Herding his thoughts as a collie dog herds sheep
Here and there a solitary volume greeted him like a friend
in a crowd of strange faces
Here in statue-like repose, an old wrinkled mountain rose
Hers was the loveliness of some tall white lily cut in mar-
ble, splendid but chill
His bashfulness melted like a spring frost
His brow bent like a cliff o'er his thoughts
His cheeks were furrowed and writhen like rain-washed
crag
His eyes blazed like deep forests
His eyes glowed like blue coals
His eyes were hollows of madness, his hair like moldy hay
His face burnt like a brand
His face was glad as dawn to me
His face was often lit up by a smile like pale wintry sun-
shine
His fingers were knotted like a cord
His formal kiss fell chill as a flake of snow on the cheek
His fortune melted away like snow in a thaw
His glorious moments were strung like pearls upon a string
His indifference fell from him like a garment
His invectives and vituperations bite and flay like steel whips
His mind murmurs like a harp among the trees
His mind was like a lonely wild
His mind was like a summer sky
His nerves thrilled like throbbing violins
His retort was like a knife-cut across the sinews
His revenge descends perfect, sudden, like a curse from
heaven
His spirits sank like a stone
His talk is like an incessant play of fireworks

His voice is as the thin faint song when the wind wearily
sighs in the grass

His voice rose like a stream of rich distilled perfumes

His voice was like the clap of thunder which interrupts the
warbling birds among the leaves

His whole soul wavered and shook like a wind-swept leaf

His words gave a curious satisfaction, as when a coin,
tested, rings true gold

Hopeful as the break of day

How like a saint she sleeps

How like a winter hath my absence been

How like the sky she bends over her child

Howling in the wilderness like beasts

Huge as a hippopotamus

Humming-birds like lake of purple fire

Hushed as the grave

Hushed like a breathless lyre

I

I had grown pure as the dawn and the dew

I have heard the Hidden People like the hum of swarming
bees

I have seen the ravens flying, like banners of old wars

I saw a face bloom like a flower

I saw a river of men marching like a tide

I saw his senses swim dizzy as clouds

I wander'd lonely as a cloud

I was as sensitive as a barometer

I was no more than a straw on the torrent of his will

I will face thy wrath though it bite as a sword

Ideas which spread with the speed of light

Idle hopes, like empty shadows

Impassive as a statue

Impatient as the wind

Impregnable as Gibraltar

Impressive as a warrant of arrest for high treason

Incredible little white teeth, like snow shut in a rose

Infrequent carriages sped like mechanical toys guided by
manikins

In honor spotless as unfallen snow

In that head of his a flame burnt that was like an altar-
fire

Yonder cottage shines a light, far-gleaming like a gem

Instantly she revived like flowers in water

Intangible as a dream

It came and faded like a wreath of mist at eve

It cuts like knives, this air so chill

It drops away like water from a smooth statue

It pealed through her brain like a muffled bell

It poured upon her like a trembling flood

It racked his ears like an explosion of steam-whistles

It ran as clear as a trout-brook

It seems as motionless and still as the zenith in the skies

It set his memories humming like a hive of bees

It staggered the eye, like the sight of water running up hill

It stung like a frozen lash

It was as futile as to oppose an earthquake with argu-
ment

It was as if a door had been opened into a furnace, so the
eyes blazed

It would collapse as if by enchantment

Its temples and its palaces did seem like fabrics of enchant-
ment piled to Heaven

J

Jealousy, fierce as the fires

K

Kindle like an angel's wings the western skies in flame
Kindly mornings when autumn and winter seemed to go
 hand in hand like a happy aged couple
Kingdoms melt away like snow

L

Laboring like a giant
Languid streams that cross softly, slowly, with a sound like
 smothered weeping
Laughter like a beautiful bubble from the rosebud of baby-
 hood
Laughter like the sudden outburst of the glad bird in the
 tree-top
Lazy merchantmen that crawled like flies over the blue
 enamel of the sea
Leapt like a hunted stag
Let his frolic fancy play, like a happy child
Let in confusion like a whirling flood
Let thy mouth murmur like the doves
Life had been arrested, as the horologist, with interjected
 finger, arrests the beating of the clock
Life stretched before him alluring and various as the open
 road
Life sweet as perfume and pure as prayer
Light as a snowflake
Lights gleamed there like stars in a still sky
Like a ball of ice it glittered in a frozen sea of sky
Like a blade sent home to its scabbard
Like a blast from a horn
Like a blast from the suddenly opened door of a furnace
Like a blossom blown before a breeze, a white moon drifts
 before a shimmering sky

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- Like a bright window in a distant view
- Like a caged lion shaking the bars of his prison
- Like a calm flock of silver-fleeced sheep
- Like a cloud of fire
- Like a cold wind his words went through their flesh
- Like a crowd of frightened porpoises a shoal of sharks pursue
- Like a damp-handed auctioneer
- Like a deaf and dumb man wondering what it was all about
- Like a dew-drop, ill-fitted to sustain unkindly shocks
- Like a dipping swallow the stout ship dashed through the storm
- Like a distant star glimmering steadily in the darkness
- Like a dream she vanished
- Like a festooned girdle encircling the waist of a bride
- Like a flower her red lips parted
- Like a game in which the important part is to keep from laughing
- Like a glow-worm golden
- Like a golden-shielded army
- Like a great express train, roaring, flashing, dashing headlong
- Like a great fragment of the dawn it lay
- Like a great ring of pure and endless light
- Like a great tune to which the planets roll
- Like a high and radiant ocean
- Like a high-born maiden
- Like a jewel every cottage casement showed
- Like a joyless eye that finds no object worth its constancy
- Like a knight worn out by conflict
- Like a knot of daisies lay the hamlets on the hill
- Like a lily in bloom
- Like a living meteor

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- Like a locomotive-engine with unsound lungs
Like a long arrow through the dark the train is darting
Like a mirage, vague, dimly seen at first
Like a miser who spoils his coat with scanting a little cloth
Like a mist the music drifted from the silvery strings
Like a moral lighthouse in the midst of a dark and troubled
 sea
Like a murmur of the wind came a gentle sound of stillness
Like a noisy argument in a drawing-room
Like a pageant of the Golden Year, in rich memorial pomp
 the hours go by
Like a pale flower by some sad maiden cherished
Like a poet hidden
Like a river of molten amethyst
Like a rocket discharging a shower of golden stars
Like a rose embower'd in its own green leaves
Like a sea of upturned faces
Like a shadow never to be overtaken
Like a shadow on a fair sunlit landscape
Like a sheeted ghost
Like a ship tossed to and fro on the waves of life's sea
Like a slim bronze statue of Despair
Like a snow-flake lost in the ocean
Like a soul that wavers in the Valley of the Shadow
Like a stalled horse that breaks loose and goes at a gallop
 through the plain
Like a star, his love's pure face looked down
Like a star that dwelt apart
Like a star, unhasting, unresting
Like a stone thrown at random
Like a summer cloud, youth indeed has crept away
Like a summer-dried fountain

Like a swift eagle in the morning glare breasting the whirlwind with impetuous flight

Like a thing at rest

Like a thing read in a book or remembered out of the far-away past

Like a tide of triumph through their veins, the red, rejoicing blood began to race

Like a triumphing fire the news was borne

Like a troop of boys let loose from school, the adventurers went by

Like a vaporous amethyst

Like a vision of the morning air

Like a voice from the unknown regions

Like a wandering star I fell through the deeps of desire

Like a watch-worn and weary sentinel

Like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed

Like a whirlwind they went past

Like a withered leaf the moon is blown across the bay

Like a world of sunshine

Like a yellow silken scarf the thick fog hangs

Like an alien ghost I stole away

Like an eagle clutching his prey, his arm swooped down

Like an eagle dallying with the wind

Like an engine of dread war, he set his shoulder to the mountain-side

Like an enraged tiger

Like an enthusiast leading about with him an indifferent tourist

Like an icy wave, a swift and tragic impression swept through him

Like an unbidden guest

Like an unbodied joy whose race is just begun

Like an unseen star of birth

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- Like an unwelcome thought
Like apparitions seen and gone
Like attempting to number the waves on the shore of a
 limitless sea
Like bells that waste the moments with their loudness
Like blasts of trumpets blown in wars
Like bright Apollo
Like bright lamps, the fabled apples glow
Like building castles in the air
Like bursting waves from the ocean
Like cliffs which have been rent asunder
Like clouds of gnats with perfect lineaments
Like cobwebs woven round the limbs of an infant giant
Like crystals of snow
Like dead lovers who died true
Like Death, who rides upon a thought, and makes his way
 through temple, tower, and palace
Like dew upon a sleeping flower
Like dining with a ghost
Like drawing nectar in a sieve
Like earth's decaying leaves
Like echoes from a hidden lyre
Like echoes from an antenatal dream
Like fixed eyes, whence the dear light of sense and thought
 has fled
Like footsteps upon wool
Like fragrance from dead flowers
Like ghosts, from an enchanter fleeing
Like ghosts the sentries come and go
Like golden boats on a sunny sea
Like great black birds, the demons haunt the woods
Like green waves on the sea

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Like having to taste a hundred exquisite dishes in a single meal

Like Heaven's free breath, which he who grasps can hold not

Like helpless birds in the warm nest

Like iridescent bubbles floating on a foul stream

Like kindred drops mingled into one

Like laying a burden on the back of a moth

Like lead his feet were

Like leaves in wintry weather

Like leviathans afloat

Like lighting a candle to the sun

Like making a mountain out of a mole-hill

Like mariners pulling the life-boat

Like mice that steal in and out as if they feared the light

Like mountain over mountain huddled

Like mountain streams we meet and part

Like music on the water

Like notes which die when born, but still haunt the echoes of the hill

Like oceans of liquid silver

Like one pale star against the dusk, a single diamond on her brow gleamed with imprisoned fire

Like one who halts with tired wings

Like one who talks of what he loves in dream

Like organ music came the deep reply

Like pageantry of mist on an autumnal stream

Like phantoms gathered by the sick imagination

Like planets in the sky

Like pouring oil on troubled waters

Like roses that in deserts bloom and die

Like rowing upstream against a strong downward current

Like scents from a twilight garden

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- Like separated souls
Like serpents struggling in a vulture's grasp
Like sheep from out the fold of the sky, stars leapt
Like ships that have gone down at sea
Like shy elves hiding from the traveler's eye
Like skeletons, the sycamores uplift their wasted hands
Like some grave night thought threading a dream
Like some new-gathered snowy hyacinth, so white and
cold and delicate it was
Like some poor nigh-related guest, that may not rudely be
dismist
Like some suppressed and hideous thought which flits
athwart our musings, but can find no rest within a pure
and gentle mind
Like some unshriven churchyard thing, the friar crawled
Like something fashioned in a dream
Like sounds of wind and flood
Like splendor-winged moths about a taper
Like stepping out on summer evenings from the glaring
ball-room upon the cool and still piazza
Like straws in a gust of wind
Like summer's beam and summer's stream
Like sunlight, in and out the leaves, the robins went
Like sweet thoughts in a dream
Like the awful shadow of some unseen power
Like the bellowing of bulls
Like the boar encircled by hunters and hounds
Like the bubbles on a river sparkling, bursting, borne away
Like the cold breath of the grave
Like the creaking of doors held stealthily ajar
Like the cry of an itinerant vendor in a quiet and pic-
turesque town
Like the dance of some gay sunbeam

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- Like the dawn of the morn
Like the detestable and spidery araucaria
Like the dew on the mountain
Like the dim scent in violets
Like the drifting foam of a restless sea when the waves
show their teeth in the flying breeze
Like the embodiment of a perfect rose, complete in form
and fragrance
Like the faint cry of unassisted woe
Like the faint exquisite music of a dream
Like the fair flower dishevel'd in the wind
Like the fair sun, when in his fresh array he cheers the
morn, and all the earth revealeth
Like the falling thud of the blade of a murderous ax
Like the fierce fiend of a distempered dream
Like the fitting of an old glove to a hand
Like the foam on the river
Like the great thunder sounding
Like the jangling of all the strings of some musical instru-
ment
Like the jewels that gleam in baby eyes
Like the kiss of maiden love the breeze is sweet and bland
Like the long wandering love, the weary heart may faint
for rest
Like the moon in water seen by night
Like the music in the patter of small feet
Like the prodigal whom wealth softens into imbecility
Like the quivering image of a landscape in a flowing stream
Like the rainbow, thou didst fade
Like the rustling of grain moved by the west-wind
Like the sap that turns to nectar, in the velvet of the peach
Like the sea whose waves are set in motion by the winds

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- Like the sea-worm, that perforates the shell of the mussel,
which straightway closes the wound with a pearl
Like the setting of a tropical sun
Like the shadow of a great hill that reaches far out over
the plain
Like the shadows of the stars in the upheaved sea
Like the shudder of a doomed soul
Like the silver gleam when the poplar trees rustle their
pale leaves listlessly
Like the soft light of an autumnal day
Like the Spring-time, fresh and green
Like the stern-lights of a ship at sea, illuminating only the
path which has been passed over
Like the sudden impulse of a madman
Like the swell of Summer's ocean
Like the tattered effigy in a cornfield
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd
Like the visits of angels, short and far between
Like the whole sky when to the east the morning doth return
Like thistles of the wilderness, fit neither for food nor fuel
Like those great rivers, whose course every one beholds,
but their springs have been seen by but few
Like thoughts whose very sweetness yielded proof that they
were born for immortality
Like to diamonds her white teeth shone between the parted
lips
Like torrents from a mountain source, we rushed into each
other's arms
Like troops of ghosts on the dry wind past
Like two doves with silvery wings, let our souls fly
Like two flaming stars were his eyes
Like vaporous shapes half seen
Like village curs that bark when their fellows do

Like wasted hours of youth
Like winds that bear sweet music, when they breathe
 through some dim latticed chamber
Like wine-stain to a flask the old distrust still clings
Like winged stars the fire-flies flash and glance
Like young lovers whom youth and love make dear
Lingering like an unloved guest
Lithe as a panther
Little white hands like pearls
Lofty as a queen
Loneliness struck him like a blow
Looked back with faithful eyes like a great mastiff to his
 master's face
Looking as sulky as the weather itself
Looking like a snarling beast baulked of its prey
Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed
Lost like the lightning in the sullen clod
Love as clean as starlight
Love brilliant as the morning
Love had like the canker-worm consumed her early prime
Love is a changing lord as the light on a turning sword
Love like a child around the world doth run
Love like a miser in the dark his joys would hide
Love shakes like a windy reed your heart
Love smiled like an unclouded sun
Love that sings and has wings as a bird
Lovely as starry water
Lovely the land unknown and like a river flowing

M

March on my soul nor like the laggard stay
Me on whose heart as a worm she trod
Meaningless as the syllables of an unknown tongue
Men moved hither and thither like insects in their crevices

Mentality as hard as bronze
Mentally round-shouldered and decrepit
Merge imperceptibly into one another like the hues of the
prism
Meteors that dart like screaming birds
Milk-white pavements, clear and richly pale, like alabaster
More variegated than the skin of a serpent
Motion like the spirit of that wind whose soft step deepens
slumber
Motionless as a plumb line
Mountains like frozen wrinkles on a sea
Moving in the same dull round, like blind horses in a mill
Mute as an iceberg
My age is as a lusty Winter
My body broken as a turning wheel
My breath to Heaven like vapor goes
My head was like a great bronze bell with one thought for
the clapper
My heart is as some famine-murdered land
My heart is like a full sponge and must weep a little
My heart like a bird doth hover
My heart will be as wind fainting in hot grass
My life floweth away like a river
My life was white as driven snow
My love for thee is like the sovereign moon that rules the
sea
My love's like the steadfast sun
My lungs began to crow like chanticleer
My mind swayed idly like a water-lily in a lake
My muscles are as steel
My skin is as sallow as gold
My soul was as a lampless sea

My spirit seemed to beat the void, like the bird from out
the ark

My thoughts came yapping and growling round me like a
pack of curs

My thoughts ran leaping through the green ways of my
mind like fawns at play

N

Night falls like fire

No longer shall slander's venom'd spite crawl like a snake
across his perfect name

Now every nerve in my body seemed like a strained harp-
string ready to snap at a touch

Now like a wild nymph she veils her shadowy form

Now like a wild rose in the fields of heaven slipt forth the
slender figure of the Dawn

Now memory and emotion surged in my soul like a tempest

Now thou seemest like a bankrupt beau, stripped of his
gaudy hues

O

Obscured with wrath as is the sun with cloud

Odorous as all Arabia

Often enough life tosses like a fretful stream among rocky
boulders

Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud

Old as the evening star

Old happy hours that have long folded their wings

Once again, like madness, the black shapes of doubt swing
through his brain

One bleared star, faint glimmering like a bee

One bright drop is like the gem that decks a monarch's
crown

One by one fitting like a mournful bird

One deep roar as of a cloven world
 One winged cloud above like a spread dragon overhangs
 the west
 Oppressed by the indefiniteness which hung in her mind,
 like a thick summer haze
 Or shedding radiance like the smiles of God
 Our enemies were broken like a dam of river reeds
 Our hearts bowed down like violets after rain
 Our sail like a dew-lit blossom shone
 Overhead the intense blue of the noonday sky burst like a
 jewel in the sun

P

Pale and grave as a sculptured nun
 Pale as a drifting blossom
 Passed like a phantom into the shadows
 Passive and tractable as a child
 Peaceful as a village cricket-green on Sunday
 Peevish and impatient, like some ill-trained man who is sick
 Perished utterly, like a blown-out flame
 Philosophy evolved itself, like a vast spider's loom
 Pillowed upon its alabaster arms like to a child o'erwearied
 with sweet toil
 Polished as the bosom of a star
 Poured his heart out like the rending sea in passionate
 wave on wave
 Pouting like the snowy buds o' roses in July
 Presently she hovered like a fluttering leaf or flake of snow
 Pride and self-disgust served her like first-aid surgeons on
 the battlefield
 Proud as the proudest of church dignitaries
 Pure as a wild-flower
 Pure as the azure above them

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Pure as the naked heavens

Pure as the snowy leaves that fold over the flower's heart

Purple, crimson, and scarlet, like the curtains of God's tabernacle

Put on gravity like a robe

Q

Quaking and quivering like a short-haired puppy after a ducking

Questions and answers sounding like a continuous popping of corks

Quiet as a nun's face

Quietly as a cloud he stole

Quietude which seemed to him beautiful as clear depths of water

Quivering like an eager race-horse to start

R

Rage, rage ye tears, that never more should creep like hounds about God's footstool

Ran like a young fawn

Rattle in the ear like a flourish of trumpets

Rays springing from the east like golden arrows

Red as the print of a kiss might be

Redolent with the homely scent of old-fashioned herbs and flowers

Reflected each in the other like stars in a lake

Refreshed like dusty grass after a shower

Refreshing as descending rains to sunburnt climes

Remote as the hidden star

Restless as a blue-bottle fly on a warm summer's day

Revealed his doings like those of bees in a glass hive

Rich as the dawn

Ride like the wind through the night
Rivers that like silver threads ran through the green and
gold of pasture lands
Roared like mountain torrents
Rolling it under the tongue as a sweet morsel
Round my chair the children run like little things of dancing
gold
Ruddy as sunrise
Ruddy his face as the morning light
Ruffling out his cravat with a crackle of starch, like a
turkey when it spreads its feathers
Running to and fro like frightened sheep
Rushing and hurrying about like a June-bug

S

Sanctuaries where the passions may, like wild falcons, cover
their faces with their wings
Sayings that stir the blood like the sound of a trumpet
Scattered love as stars do light
Sea-gulls flying like flakes of the sea
Sentences level and straight like a hurled lance
Shadowy faces, known in dream, pass as petals upon a
stream
Shake like an aspen leaf
Shaken off like a nightmare
Shapeless as a sack of wool
Shattered like so much glass
She brightened like a child whose broken toy is glued to-
gether
She could summon tears as one summons servants
She danced like a flower in the wind
She disclaimed the weariness that dragged upon her spirits
like leaden weights

She exuded a faint and intoxicating perfume of womanliness, like a crushed herb
She felt like an unrepentant criminal
She fled like a spirit from the room
She flounders like a huge conger-eel in an ocean of dingy morality
She gave him a surprised look, like a child catching an older person in a foolish statement
She gave off antipathies as a liquid gives off vapor
She has great eyes like the doe
She heard him like one in a dream
She let the soft waves of her deep hair fall like flowers from Paradise
She looked like a tall golden candle
She looked like the picture of a young rapt saint, lost in heavenly musing
She moved like mirth incarnate
She nestles like a dove
She played with a hundred possibilities fitfully and discursively as a musician runs his fingers over a key-board
She played with grave cabinets as a cat plays with a mouse
She saw this planet like a star hung in the glistening depths of even
She seemed as happy as a wave that dances on the sea
She shall be sportive as the fawn
She stood silent a moment, dropping before him like a broken branch
She that passed had lips like pinks
She walked like a galley-slave
She walks in beauty like the night
She was as brilliant, and as hard too, as electric light
She was silent, standing before him like a little statuesque figure

Shining like the dewy star of dawn
Shivering pine-trees, like phantoms
Showy as damask-rose and shy as musk
Shrill as the loon's call
Shrivel like paper thrust into a flame
Shy as the squirrel
Sights seen as a traveling swallow might see them on the
wing
Silence deep as death
Silence now is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er the still and
pulseless world
Silence that seemed heavy and dark, like a passing cloud
Sinks clamorous like mill-waters at wild play
Sits like the maniac on his fancied throne
Skies as clear as babies' eyes
Sleek and thick and yellow as gold
Slender and thin as a slender wire
Slowly as a tortoise
Slowly as the finger of a clock, her shadow came
Slowly moved off and disappeared like shapes breathed on
a mirror and melting away
Slowly, unnoted, like the creeping rust that spreads insidi-
ous, had estrangement come
Small as a grain of mustard seed
Smooth as a pond
Smooth as the pillar flashing in the sun
Snug as a bug in a rug
Soaring as swift as smoke from a volcano springs
So elusive that the memory of it afterwards was wont to
come and go like a flash of light
So my spirit beat itself like a caged bird against its prison
bars in vain
Soft as a zephyr

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Soft as sleep the snow fell

Soft as Spring

Soft as the down of the turtle dove

Soft as the landscape of a dream

Soft as the south-wind

Soft in their color as gray pearls

Soft vibrations of verbal melody, like the sound of a golden bell rung far down under the humming waters

Some gleams of feeling pure and warm as sunshine on a sky of storm

Some like veiled ghosts hurrying past as though driven to their land of shadows by shuddering fear

Some minds are like an open fire—how direct and instant our communication with them

Something divine seemed to cling around her like some subtle vapor

Something resistant and inert, like the obstinate rolling over of a heavy sleeper after he has been called to get up

Something sharp and brilliant, like the glitter of a sword or a forked flash of lightning

Sorrowful eyes like those of wearied kine spent from the plowing

Spread like wildfire

Squirrel-in-the-cage kind of movement

Stamping like a plowman to shuffle off the snow

Stared about like calves in a pen

Steadfast as the soul of truth

Steals lingering like a river smooth

Still as death

Stood like a wave-beaten rock

Straight as a ray of light

Straight as an arrow

Streamed like a meteor through the troubled air

Streamed o'er his memory like a forest flame
Streaming tears, like pearl drops from a flint
Striking with the force of an engine of destruction
Strong as a bison
Style comes, if at all, like the bloom upon fruit, or the glow
of health upon the cheek
Subtle as jealousy
Sudden a thought came like a full-blown rose, flushing his
brow
Sudden sprays of rain, like volleys of sharp arrows, rattled
gustily against the windows
Suddenly, like death, the truth flashed on them
Sunbeams flashing on the face of things like sudden smiles
of divine delight
Sunday mornings which seem to put on, like a Sabbath garment,
an atmosphere of divine quietude
Supple and sweet as a rose in bloom
Sway like blown moths against the rosewhite flame
Sweet as a summer night without a breath
Sweet as music she spoke
Sweet as the rain at noon
Sweet as the smile of a fairy
Swift as a swallow heading south
Swift as lightning
Swift as the panther in triumph
Swifter than the twinkling of an eye

T

Talking and thinking became to him like the open page of
a monthly magazine
Tall lance-like reeds wave sadly o'er his head
That like a wounded snake drags its slow length along

The anemone that weeps at day-break, like a silly girl before
her lover
The army blazed and glowed in the golden sunlight like
a mosaic of a hundred thousand jewels
The army like a witch's caldron seethed
The beating of her heart was like a drum
The beauty of her quiet life was like a rose in blowing
The billows burst like cannon down the coast
The birds swam the flood of air like tiny ships
The boat cuts its swift way through little waves like molten
gold and opal
The boom of the surf grew ever less sonorous, like the
thunder of a retreating storm
The breast-plate of righteousness
The breathless hours like phantoms stole away
The breeze is as a pleasant tune
The calm white brow as calm as earliest morn
The camp fire reddens like angry skies
The chambers of the house were haunted by an incessant
echoing, like some dripping cavern
The church swarmed like a hive
The city is all in a turmoil; it boils like a pot of lentils
The clouds that move like spirits o'er the welkin clear
The clustered apples burnt like flame
The colored bulbs swung noon-like from tree and shrub
The crimson close of day
The curl'd moon was like a little feather
The curling wreaths like turbans seem
The dark hours are swept away like crumbling ashes
The dark mass of her hair shook round her like a sea
The dawn is rising from the sea, like a white lady from her
The dawn had whitened in the mist like a dead face
bed

The dawn with silver-sandaled feet crept like a frightened girl.

The day stunned me like light upon some wizard way

The day was sweeter than honey and the honey-comb

The days have trampled me like armed men

The dead past flew away over the fens like a flight of wild swans

The deep like one black maelstrom round her whirls

The deepening east like a scarlet poppy burnt

The desolate rocky hills rolled like a solid wave along the horizon

The dome of heaven is like one drop of dew

The dreams of poets come like music heard at evening from the depth of some enchanted forest

The eagerness faded from his eyes, leaving them cold as a winter sky after sunset

The earth was like a frying-pan, or some such hissing matter

The eternal sea, which like a childless mother, still must croon her ancient sorrows to the cold white moon

The evening sky was as green as jade

The excitement had spread through the whole house, like a piquant and agreeable odor

The excitement of the thought buoyed his high-strung temperament like a tonic

The feathery meadows like a lilac sea

The firm body like a slope of snow

The first whiff of reality dissipated them like smoke

The floor, newly waxed, gleamed in the candle-light like beaten moonbeams

The fragrant clouds of hair, they flowed round him like a snare

The gathering glory of life shone like the dawn

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The gesture was all strength and will, like the stretching
of a sea-bird's wings

The girl's voice rang like a bird-call through his rustling
fancies

The glimmer of tall flowers standing like pensive moon-
worshippers in an ecstasy of prayerless bloom

The guides sniffed, like chamois, the air

The heavens are like a scroll unfurled

The hills across the valley were purple as thunder-clouds

The hoofs of the horses rang like the dumb cadence of an
old saga

The hours crawled by like years

The hum of the camp sounds like the sea

The hurrying crowds of men gather like clouds

The ideas succeeded each other like a dynasty of kings

The impalpable presence of the new century rose like a vast
empty house through which no human feet had walked

The inexorable facts closed in on him like prison-warders
hand-cuffing a convict

The lake glimmered as still as a mirror

The land of gold seemed to hold him like a spell

The land was like a dream

The level boughs, like bars of iron across the setting sun

The light of London flaring like a dreary dawn

The lights blazed up like day

The lilies were drooping, white, and wan, like the head and
skin of a dying man

The mellowing hand of time

The melody rose tenderly and lingeringly like a haunting
perfume of pressed flowers

The Milky Way lay like diamond-dust upon the robe of
some great king

The monk's face whitened like sea-foam

The moon drowsed between the trees like a great yellow moth

The moon on the tower slept soft as snow

The moonbeams rest like a pale spotless shroud

The moonlight lay like snow

The moonlight, like a fairy mist, upon the mesa spreads

The mortal coldness of the soul, like death itself comes down

The mountain shadows mingling, lay like pools above the earth

The mountains loomed up dimly, like phantoms through the mist

The music almost died away, then it burst like a pent-up flood

The name that cuts into my soul like a knife

The nervous little train winding its way like a jointed reptile

The new ferns were spread upon the earth like some lacy coverlet

The night like a battle-broken host is driven before

The night yawned like a foul wind

The ocean swelled like an undulating mirror of the bowl of heaven

The old books look somewhat pathetically from the shelves,
like aged dogs wondering why no one takes them for a walk

The old infamy will pop into daylight like a toad out of a fissure in the rock

The penalty falls like a thunderbolt from heaven

The phrase was like a spear-thrust

The pine trees waved as waves a woman's hair

The place was like some enchanted town of palaces

The plains to northward change their color like the shimmering necks of doves

The poppy burned like a crimson ember

The prime of man has waxed like cedars

The public press would chatter and make odd ambiguous sounds like a shipload of monkeys in a storm

The purple heather rolls like dumb thunder

The rainbows flashed like fire

The river shouted as ever its cry of joy over the vitality of life, like a spirited boy before the face of inscrutable nature

The roofs with their gables like hoods

The roses lie upon the grass like little shreds of crimson silk

The satire of the word cut like a knife

The scullion with face shining like his pans

The sea reeled round like a wine-vat splashing

The sea-song of the trampling waves is as muffled bells

The sea spread out like a wrinkled marble floor

The sea, that gleamed still, like a myriad-petaled rose

The sea was as untroubled as the turquoise vault which it reflected

The setting of the sun is like a word of peace

The sharp hail rattles against the panes and melts on my cheeks like tears

The ships, like sheeted phantoms coming and going

The silence seemed to crush to earth like a great looking-glass and shiver into a million pieces

The silvery morning like a tranquil vision fills the world

The sky burned like a heated opal

The sky gleamed with the hardness and brilliancy of blue enamel

The sky was as a shield that caught the stain of blood and
battle from the dying sun

The sky was clear and blue, and the air as soft as milk

The sky was like a peach

The sky where stars like lilies white and fair shine through
the mists

The solid air around me there heaved like a roaring ocean

The solid mountains gleamed like the unsteady sea

The soul is like a well of water springing up into everlast-
ing life

The sound is like a noon-day gale

The sound is like a silver-fountain that springeth in a gold-
en basin

The sound of a thousand tears, like softly pattering wings

The sound of your running feet that like the sea-hoofs beat

The spear-tongued lightning slipped like a snake

The Spring breaks like a bird

The stacks of corn in brown array, like tattered wigwams
on the plain

The stars come down and trembling glow like blossoms on
the waves below

The stars lay on the lapis-lazuli sky like white flower-
petals on still deep water

The stars pale and silent as a seer

The strange cold sense of aloofness that had numbed her
senses suddenly gave way like snow melting in the spring

The sudden thought of your face is like a wound when it
comes unsought

The sun, like a great dragon, writhes in gold

The sun on the sea-wave lies white as the moon

The surf was like the advancing lines of an unknown enemy
flinging itself upon the shore

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The terrible past lay afar, like a dream left behind in the night

The tide was in the salt-weed, and like a knife it tore

The time, gliding like a dream

The torrent from the hills leaped down their rocky stairways like wild steeds

The tree whose plumed boughs are soft as wings of birds

The uproar and contention pierced him like arrows

The veiled future bowed before me like a vision of promise

The velvet grass that is like padding to earth's meager ribs

The villa dips its foot in the lake, smiling at its reflection like a bather lingering on the brink

The voice of Fate, crying like some old Bellman through the world

The voice that rang in the night like a bugle call

The warm kindling blood burned her cheeks like the breath of a hot wind

The waves were rolling in, long and lazy, like sea-worn travelers

The whole truth, naked, cold, and fatal as a patriot's blade

The wind all round their ears hissed like a flight of white-winged geese

The wind comes and it draws its length along like the genii from the earthen pot

The wine flows like blood

The woman seemed like a thing of stone

The words kept ringing in my ears like the tolling of a bell

The words of the wise fall like the tolling of sweet, grave bells upon the soul

The world had vanished like a phantasmagoria

The world is bitter as a tear

The world is in a simmer, like a sea

The world wavers within its circle like a dream
The years stretched before her like some vast blank page out
to receive the record of her toil
The years vanished like a May snowdrift
The yellow apples glowed like fire
Their glances met like crossed swords
Their joy like sunshine deep and broad falls on my heart
Their minds rested upon the thought, as chasing butterflies
might rest together on a flower
Their music frightful as the serpent's hiss
Their touch affrights me as a serpent's sting
Then fall unheeded like the faded flower
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
Then it swelled out to rich and glorious harmonies like a
full orchestra playing under the sea
Then the lover sighing like furnace
Theories sprouted in his mind like mushrooms
There is an air about you like the air that folds a star
There, like a bird, it sits and sings
There seemed to brood in the air a quiet benevolence of a
Father watching His myriad children at play
There she soars like a seraph
There she stood straight as a lily on its stem
There slowly rose to sight, a country like a dragon fast
asleep
There streamed into the air the sweet smell of crushed
grass, as though many fields had been pressed between
giant's fingers and so had been left
These eyes like stars have led me
These final words snapped like a whip-lash
These thoughts pierced me like thorns
They are as cruel as creeping tigers
They are as white foam on the swept sands

They are as white swans in the dusk, thy white hands
They are painted sharp as death
They broke into pieces and fell on the ground, like a silvery,
shimmering shower of hail
They dropped like panthers
They fly like spray
They had hands like claws
They had slipped away like visions
They have as many principles as a fish has bones
They have faces like flowers
They hurried down like plovers that have heard the call
They look like rose-buds filled with snow
They seem like swarming flies, the crowd of little men
They seemed like floating flowers
They shine as sweet as simple doves
They stand like solitary mountain forms on some hard,
perfectly transparent day
They vanished like the shapes that float upon a summer's
dream /
Thick as wind-blown leaves innumerable
Thickly the flakes drive past, each like a childish ghost
Thine eyes like two twin stars shining
This life is like a bubble blown up in the air
This love that dwells like moonlight in your face
This thought is as death
This tower rose in the sunset like a prayer
Those ancestral themes past which so many generations
have slept like sea-going winds over pastures
Those death-like eyes, unconscious of the sun
Those eyelids folded like a white rose-leaf
Those eyes like bridal beacons shine
Thou art to me but as a wave of the wild sea
Thou as heaven art fair and young

Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea
 Thou must wither like a rose
 Thou shalt be as free as mountain winds
 Thou wouldst weep tears bitter as blood
 Though bright as silver the meridian beams shine
 Though thou be black as night
 Thoughts vague as the fitful breeze
 Three-cornered notes fly about like butterflies
 Through the forest, like a fairy dream through some dark
 mind, the ferns in branching beauty stream
 Through the moonlit trees, like ghosts of sounds haunting
 the moonlight, stole the faint tinkle of a guitar
 Through the riot of his senses, like a silver blaze, ran the
 legend
 Thy beauty like a beast it bites
 Thy brown benignant eyes have sudden gleams of gladness
 and surprise, like woodland brooks that cross a sunlit
 spot
 Thy carven columns must have grown by magic, like a
 dream in stone
 Thy favors are but like the wind that kisses everything it
 meets
 Thy heart is light as a leaf of a tree
 Thy name burns like a gray and flickering candle flame
 Thy name will be as honey on men's lips
 Till death like sleep might steal on me
 Till he melted like a cloud in the silent summer heaven
 Time drops in decay, like a candle burnt out
 Time like a pulse shakes fierce
 To drag life on, which like a heavy chain lengthens behind
 with many a link of pain
 To forsake as the trees drop their leaves in autumn
 Toys with smooth trifles like a child at play

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Transitory as clouds without substance
Transparent like a shining sun
Tree and shrub altered their values and became transmuted to silver sentinels
Trees that spread their forked boughs like a stag's antlers
Trembling like an aspen-leaf
Truths which forever shine as fixed stars
Turning easily and securely as on a perfect axle

U

Unbends like a loosened bow
Unbreakable as iron
Unconscious as an oak-tree of its growth
Under the willow-tree glimmered her face like a foam-flake drifting over the sea
Unheralded, like some tornado loosed out of the brooding hills, it came to pass
Unknown, like a seed in fallow ground, was the germ of a plan
Unmoving as a tombstone
Untameable as flies
Unutterable things pressing on my soul like a pent-up storm craving for outlet
Upcast like foam of the effacing tide
Uplifting the soul as on dovelike wings
Uplifting their stony peaks around us like the walls and turrets of a gigantic fortress
Urgent as the seas
Uttering wild cries like a creature in pain

V

Vague as a dream
Vague thoughts that stream shapelessly through her mind like long sad vapors through the twilight sky

MAKING SIMILES

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like ghosts at the cockcrow
when comes a thaw
before the sun
ring like harp strings struck by the hand

following like a noisy wave

W

at unsteadily like a blind man feeling his
and danced on all sides like millions of

and retraced our steps like faithless hounds
like the vapor of a vale

who wanderest like the world's rejected guest
ft might puff them out like a guttering candle
in arm they both came swiftly running, like a
turtle-doves that could not live asunder day or

ards, invitations, and three-corn'd notes fly about
white butterflies
e died, her breath whistled like the wind in a key-

the fever pierced me like a knife
a lamp of deathless beauty shines like a beacon
e heroes die as leaves fall
e the intricate wheels of trade are grinding on, like
mill

ere the source of the waters is fine as a thread
ilst the lagging hours of the day went by like windless
clouds o'er a tender sky
hlistled sharply in the air like a handful of vipers

White as a ghost from darkness

White as chalk

White as dove or lily, or spirit of the light

White as the driven snow

White as the moon's white flame

White as the sea-bird's wing

White clouds like daisies

White hands she moves like swimming swans

White hands through her hair, like white doves going into
the shadow of a wood

White like flame

White sails of sloops like specters

Whose bodies are as strong as alabaster

Whose hair was as gold raiment on a king

Whose laugh moves like a bat through silent haunted woods

Whose little eyes glow like the sparks of fire

Whose music like a robe of living light re clothed each new-
born age

Windy speech which hits all around the mark like a drunk-
en carpenter

Winged like an arrow to its mark

With a sting like a scorpion

With all the complacency of a homeless cat

With an angry broken roar, like billows on an unseen
shore, their fury burst

With hate darkling as the swift winter hail

With music sweet as love

With sounds like breakers

With strength like steel

With the whisper of leaves in one's ear

With words like honey melting from the comb

Wits as sharp as gimlets

Women with tongues like polar needles

STRIKING SIMILES

as spring verdure
 as rain
 as gossamer film of the summer
 as honey from his lips distill'd
 as washing like brilliant birds through the boughs
 as thy music like a river rolls
 as the conjurer's gold
 as r details like a grasping pawnbroker
 as d scored like a dried apple
 as th an intensity that burnt like a steady flame

Y

as ke melted snow
 as nsy crescent, bent like an archer's bow above the
 as summit
 as gloomy to-night as an undertaker out of em-
 as nt
 as hard as stone
 as e me such chill embraces as the snow-covered
 as s receive from clouds
 as ood is red like wine
 as harms lay like metals in a mine
 as eyes are like fantastic moons that shiver in some
 as tant lake
 as eyes as blue as violets
 as eyes they were green and gray like an April day
 as frail fancies are swallowed up, like chance flowers
 as ng upon the river's current
 as r hair was golden as tints of sunrise
 as r heart is as dry as a reed
 as r locks are like the raven
 as r love shall fall about me like sweet rain

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Your step's like the rain to summer vexed farmer

Your thoughts are buzzing like a swarm of bees

Your tongue is like a scarlet snake

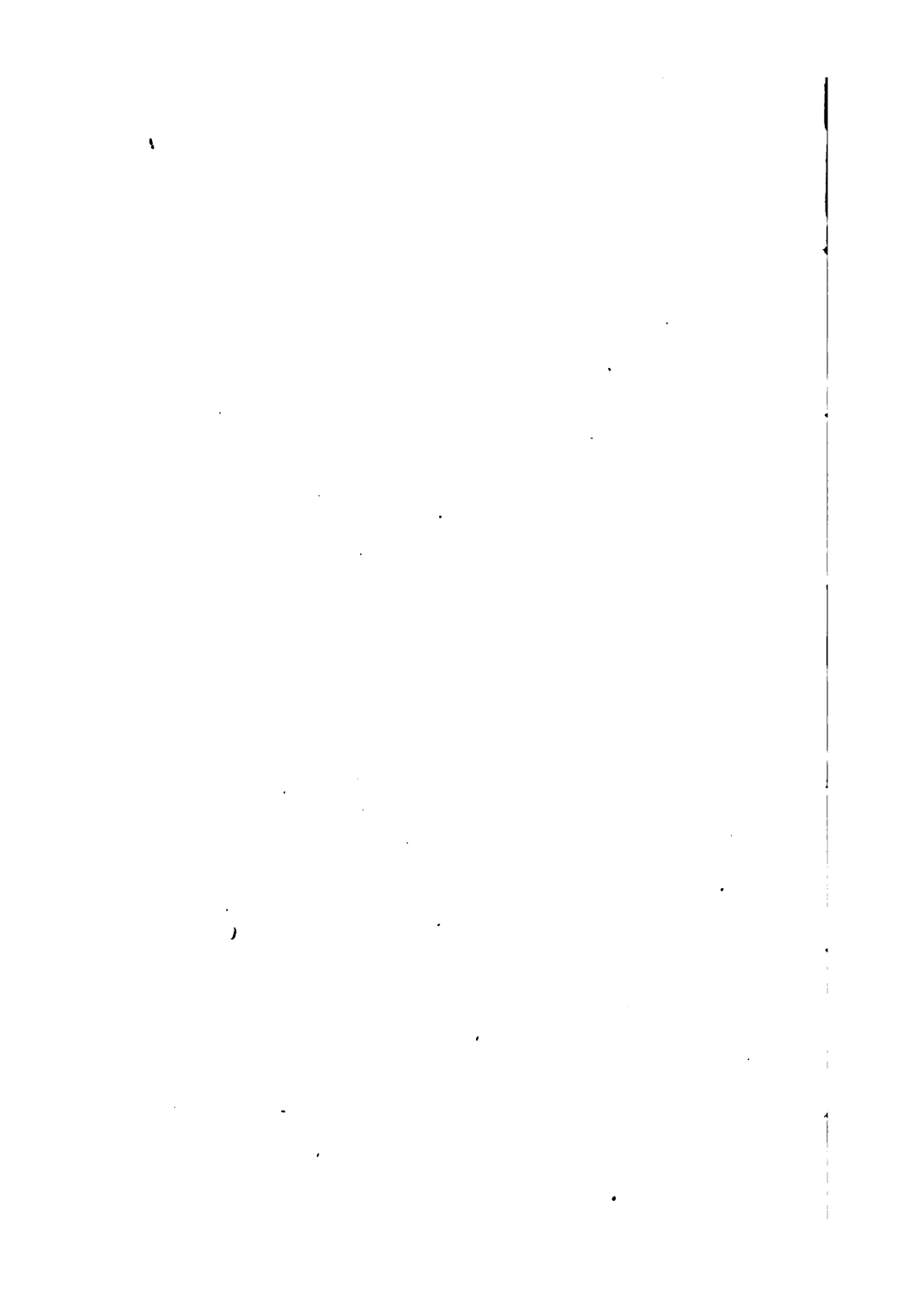
Your voice had a quaver in it just like the linnnet

Youth like a summer morn

SECTION IX

CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES





CONVERSATIONAL PHRASES

A

ordinary idea!
hopes for your success
st wishes
njecture
congratulate you
te comparison, don't you think?
t were so?
I to thank you?
d, what are you going to make of it?
xplanation does not wholly satisfy me
was wrong
ring from the point?
le—bored?
reconciled?
complicating the question?
red to go to that length?
obdurate?
your conjecture is right
o
it may seem fantastic

B

thoughts
not taking a slightly one-sided point of view?
for a moment
the practical side
from my point

Have I incurred your displeasure?

Have you any rooted objection to it?

Have you anything definite in your mind?

Have you reflected what the consequences might be to yourself?

He does me too much honor

He feels it acutely

He has a queer conception of the proprieties

He is a poor dissembler

He is anything but obtuse

He is so ludicrously wrong

He is the most guileless of men

He was so extremely susceptible

He writes uncommonly clever letters

Heaven forbid that I should wound your sensibility

His sense of humor is unquenchable

How amiable you are to say so

How can I tell you how much I have enjoyed it all?

How can I thank you?

How can you be so unjust?

How delightful to meet you

How does the idea appeal to you?

How droll you are!

How extraordinary!

How intensely interesting!

How perfectly delightful!

How utterly abominable

How very agreeable this is!

How very interesting

How very surprising

How well you do it!

However, I should like to hear your views

Human nature interests me very much indeed

I

e your foresight
 it most gratefully
 —at least, I suppose I do
 that something ought to be done
 welcome criticism so long as it is sincere
 solutely bewildered
 raid I am not familiar enough with the subject
 raid I cannot suggest an alternative
 raid I've allowed you to tire yourself
 raid I must confess my ignorance
 raid you will call me a sentimentalist
 ways glad to do anything to please you
 xious to discharge the very onerous debt I owe you
 ealing to you* sense of humor
 your service
 ound to secrecy
 mpelled to, unluckily
 rious to learn what his motive was
 eply flattered and grateful
 lighted to hear you say so
 umb with admiration
 tirely at your disposal
 xtremely glad you approve of it
 r from believing the maxim
 rtunate in being able to do you a service
 ad to be able to think that
 ad to have had this talk with you
 ad to say that I have entirely lost that faculty
 ad you can see it in that way
 ad you feel so deeply about it
 ving you well-deserved praise
 ing to make a confession



I assure you it is most painful to me
I assure you my knowledge of it is limited
I bear no malice about that
I beg your indulgence
I beg your pardon, but you take it too seriously
I brazenly confess it
I can easily understand your astonishment
I can explain the apparent contradiction
I can find no satisfaction in it
I can hardly agree with you there
I can never be sufficiently grateful
I can only tell you the bare facts
I can scarcely accept the offer
I can scarcely boast that honor
I can scarcely imagine anything more disagreeable
I can sympathize with you
I cannot altogether acquit myself of interested motives
I cannot explain it even to myself
I cannot find much real satisfaction in it
I cannot forbear to press my advantage
I cannot imagine what you mean
I cannot precisely determine
I can't pretend to make a jest of what I'm going to say
I cannot say definitely at the moment
I cannot say that in fact it is always so
I cannot see how you draw that conclusion
I cannot thank you enough for all your consideration
I compliment you on your good sense
I confess, I find it difficult
I could ask for nothing better
I could never forgive myself for that
I dare say your intuition is quite right
I decline to commit myself beforehand

aggragation
an that—exactly
mprehend your meaning
y that it is interesting
bt it for a moment
bt the sincerity of your arguments
actly understand you
l sure that I entirely share your views
that it is my business
nd it an unpleasant subject
st on your believing me
ify my presumption
w quite why you should say that
w that I can do that
w when I have heard anything so lamentable
w why you should be displeased
ke myself clear, I see
end to explain
anything particularly wonderful in it
errate his kindness
nt to disguise that from you
nt to exaggerate
nt to seem critical
truth of that saying
t, every word
approve of your plan
just that
annot help you
s too technical for me
tain apprehension
wonted sense of gaiety
duty to be frank with you
lf scarcely competent to judge



I feel very grateful to you for your kind offer
I find it absorbing
I find it rather monotonous
I find this agreeable mental exhilaration
I frankly confess that
I generally trust my first impressions
I give my word gladly
I give you my most sacred word of honor
I had better begin at the beginning
I had no intention of being offensive
I hadn't thought of it in that light
I hardly think that could be so
I have a hundred reasons for thinking so
I have a peculiar affection for it
I have an immense faith in him
I have been constrained by circumstances
I have been decidedly impressed
I have been longing to see more of you
I have been puzzling over a dilemma
I have every reason to think so
I have given you the best proof of it
I have gone back to my first impressions
I have known striking instances of the kind
I have never heard it put so well
I have no delusions on that score
I have not succeeded in convincing myself of that
I have not the influence you think
I have not the least doubt of it
I haven't the remotest idea
I have often a difficulty in deciding
I have often marveled at your courage
I have quite changed my opinion about that
I have something of great importance to say to you

anguely felt it
possible prejudice against it
ate you
seem unreasonable to you
et again
give an intruder
t think me irreverent
ardon my seeming carelessness
lest hope
y presumptuous
st will appear singular
ly
kness
ction whatever
lly
n all that
e wild impulses
ly agree with you
y ask pardon
y congratulations on your taste
gize for intruding upon you
ou one more question, if I may
ess I have never thought of that
ain from any comment
ectfully decline to tell you
e this opportunity to tell you
remind you that you have a grave responsibility
ard anything so absurd
y humblest apologies
e idea wholly to you
gree with you
lly owe you a great debt of thankfulness
yself entirely at your service

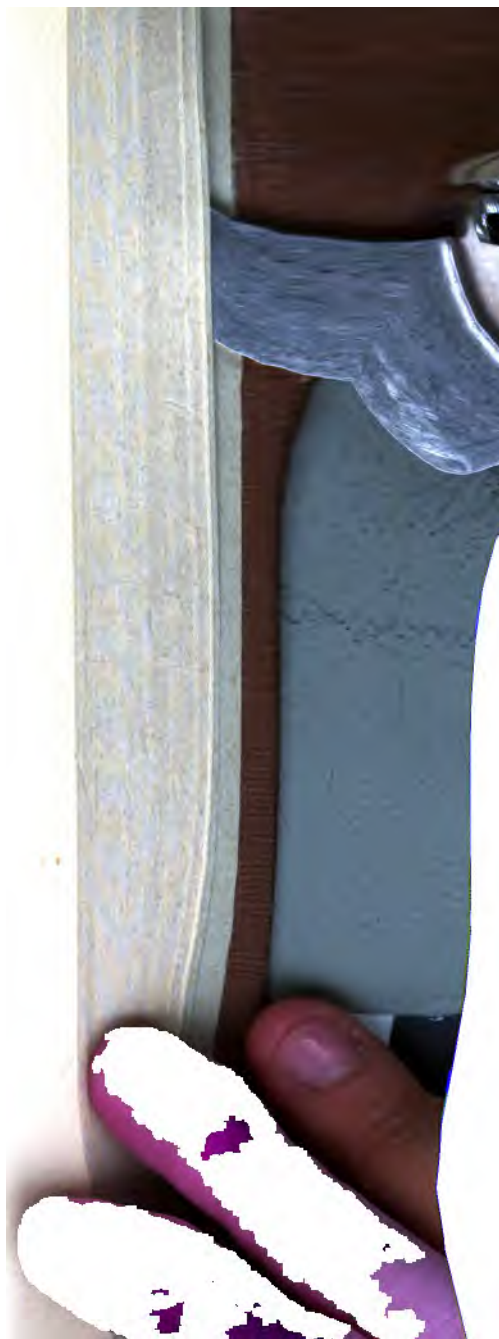
I place the most implicit reliance on your good sense
I prefer to reserve my judgment
I purposely evaded the question
I quite appreciate the very clever way you put it
I quite see what the advantages are
I really am curious to know how you guessed that
I realize how painful it must be to you
I recollect it clearly
I rely on your good sense
I remember the occasion perfectly
I resent that kind of thing
I respect you for that
I respect your critical faculty
I say it in all modesty
I see disapproval in your face
I see it from a different angle
I see you are an enthusiast
I see your point of view
I seem to have heard that sentiment before
I shall at once proceed to forget it
I shall await your pleasure
I shall be glad if you will join me
I shall be interested to watch it develop
I shall be most proud and pleased
I shall certainly take you at your word
I shall feel highly honored
I shall make a point of thinking so
I shall never forget your kindness
I shall respect your confidence
I should appreciate your confidence greatly
I should be very ungrateful were I not satisfied with it
I should feel unhappy if I did otherwise
I should like your opinion of it

dream of asking you to do so
it very unlikely
not endure it
in jest
ted
ought to feel flattered
much
deeply with you
granted
ely well of it
very noble ideals
answer that for you
w what you are going to say
its charm
perb!
e admirable
e is remarkably temperate
rather a brilliant idea
ou say is reasonable
e quibbling
e rather severe in your opinions
ve great appreciation of values
ve summed it up perfectly
andor is charming
agree with you
ost amusing
were seriously indisposed
ill not consider it an impertinence
exactly how you feel about it
your delicacy of feeling
propose another plan
allow myself that pleasure
e a frank understanding with you



I was at a loss to understand the reason for it
I was hoping that I could persuade you
I was on the point of asking you
I was speaking generally
I watched you with admiration
I will answer you frankly
I will listen to no protestations
I will take it only under compulsion
I will tell you what puzzles me
I will think of it, since you wish it
I will, with great pleasure
I wish I could explain my point more fully
I wish I knew what you meant by that
I wish to be perfectly fair
I wish to put things as plainly as possible
I wonder how much truth there is in it?
I wonder if you have the smallest recollection of me?
I would agree if I understood
I wouldn't put it just that way
If ever I can repay it, command me
If I mistake not you were there once?
If I speak strongly, it is because I feel strongly
If I were disposed to offer counsel
If I were sure you would not misunderstand my meaning
If you don't mind my saying so
If you insist upon it
If you will pardon me the frankness
In a manner that sometimes terrifies me
In one respect you are quite right
In that case let me rob you of a few minutes
In what case, for example?
Incredible as it sounds, I had for a moment forgotten
Indeed, but it is quite possible

is wholly wrong
I am afraid
a thousand leagues from my intention
reasonable?
?
invariably funny?
erous?
e unreasonable?
a hasty conclusion?
question?
ed to me impossible
doesn't it?
possibilities
conceivably be anything but popular
ow you look at it
a circumstances
l plausible to me
ituation as I remember it
ne hugely
rief to talk to you
mmense privilege to see you
urred to me
act
asure to meet you
dertaking
ortunate affair
plain proposition
elancholy thought
versally acknowledged
xcusable
ll for you to be philosophical
probable



It is an admirable way of putting it
It is an error of taste
It is an extreme case, but the principle is sound
It is an ingenious theory
It is an uncommonly fine description
It is extremely interesting, I can assure you
It is for you to decide
It is historically true
It is I who should ask forgiveness
It is incredible!
It is indeed generous of you to suggest it
It is inexplicable
It is interesting, as a theory
It is literally impossible
It is merely a mood
It is most unfortunate
It is my deliberately formed opinion
It is my opinion you are too conscientious
It is nevertheless true
It is not a matter of the slightest consequence
It is not always fair to judge by appearances
It is not so unreasonable as you think
It is often very misleading
It is one of the grave problems of the day
It is only a fancy of mine
It is perfectly defensible
It is perfectly trite
It is permissible to gratify such an impulse
It is possible, but I rather doubt it
It is quite an easy matter
It is quite conceivable
It is quite too absurd
It is rather startling

...sive
 ...allous of you to laugh
 ...ss
 ...d so insufferably arrogant
 ...ncidence
 ...omprehensible thing in the world
 I am indebted for all this
 ...grieved to say
 ...he less
 ...ing
 ...rom being a fiction
 ...of you to do this for my pleasure
 ...rious
 ...ddid of you
 ...apriciousness
 ...vilege to think so
 ...and delicate matter to discuss
 ...of immediate urgency
 ...folly
 ...it's impossible
 ...nse
 ...l as it can be under the circumstances
 ...range experience for you
 ...ly honest
 ...o be rather troublesome
 ...ivable that it should ever be necessary
 ...ride of opinion
 ...ef form of recreation
 ...matter of vast importance
 ...y comprehension
 ...wonderful how logical and simple you make it
 ...very perplexing
 ...arming of you to say that

It's so kind of you to come
It's such a bore having to talk about it
It's the natural sequence
It's too melancholy
It's very wonderful
It makes it all quite interesting
It may sound strange to you
It must be a trifle dull at times
It must be fascinating
It must be very gratifying to you
It must have been rather embarrassing
It seems an age since we've last seen you
It seems entirely wonderful to me
It seems incredible
It seems like a distracting dream
It seems preposterous
It seems the height of absurdity
It seems to me that you have a perfect right to do so
It seems unspeakably funny to me
It seems very ridiculous
It shall be as you wish
It should not be objectionable
It sounds plausible
It sounds profoundly interesting
It sounds rather appalling
It sounds very alluring
It strikes me as rather pathetic
It was an unpardonable liberty
It was inevitable that you should say that
It was most stupid of me to have forgotten it
It was not unkindly meant
It was peculiarly unfortunate
It was really an extraordinary experience

so incredible
the most amazing thing I ever heard
very good of you to come out and join us
create a considerable sensation
divert your thoughts from a mournful subject
give me pleasure to do it
not alter my determination
d be ill-advised
d interest me very much
d seem to be a wise decision
d take too long to formulate my thought

J

, please, when you have time
ist to the inspiration of the moment
it if you can

L

persuade you
say how deeply indebted I feel for your kindness
speak frankly
grant that for the sake of the argument
take a concrete instance

M

hanks—how kind and good you are!
ask to whom you allude?
be privileged to hear it?
speak freely?
venture to ask what inference you would draw from

I suggest an alternative?
dangerous!
itude would be one of disapproval



300 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

My confidence in you is absolute
My idea of it is quite the reverse
My information is rather scanty
My meaning is quite the contrary
My point of view is different, but I shall not insist upon it
My views are altered in many respects

N

No, I am speaking seriously
No, I don't understand it
Not at all
Not to my knowledge
Nothing could be more delightful
Now is it very plain to you?
Now you are flippant

O

Obviously the matter is settled
Of course, but that again isn't the point
Of course I am delighted
Of course I don't want to press you against your will
Of course you will do what you think best
Oh, certainly, if you wish it
Oh, do not form an erroneous impression
Oh, I appreciate that in you!
Oh, that's mere quibbling
Oh, that's splendid of you!
Oh, that was a manner of speaking
Oh, yes, I quite admit that
Oh, yes, you may take that for granted
Oh, you are very bitter
Oh, you may be as scornful as you like
On the contrary, I agree with you thoroughly
On the face of it, it sounds reasonable

When you make I should like to contest
 your choice to endure it
 indulgent under the circumstances
 on the part of you

P

But I don't think so
 I meant something different
 indiscreet
 in the strictest sense
 I do not feel at liberty to do so
 Don't think me ungrateful
 I confess to an objection
 I want to be frank
 I think I am asking out of mere curiosity
 about my thoughtlessness
 I'm out of myself at home
 I apologize
 I'm sorry for intruding on you so unceremoniously

That is just what I meant
 Your reply certainly sounds very well

Q

If you wish
 I'll do it
 The best thing you can do

R

Excuse me, I think
 I've crossed the lines
 I should have thought otherwise
 I must go?



Reassure me, if you can
Reflect upon the possible consequences
Relatively speaking
Reluctantly I admit it
Reverting to another matter

S

Shall we have a compact?
She has an extraordinary gift of conversation
She is easily prejudiced
She seems uncommonly appreciative
She will be immensely surprised
Show me that the two cases are analogous
So far so good
So I inferred
So much the better for me
So you observe the transformation?
Something amuses you
Sometimes the absurdity of it occurs to me
Speaking with all due respect
Still, you might make an exception
Strangely it's true
Such conduct seems to me unjustifiable
Surely there can be no question about that
Surely we can speak frankly
Surely you sound too harsh a note
Surely you would not countenance that

T

Tell me in what way you want me to help you
Thank you for telling me that
Thank you for your good intentions
That, at least, you will agree to
That depends on one's point of view

sound very logical
 sense of perfection
 question, perhaps
 suggestion I have often proposed to myself
 stroke of good fortune
 superb piece of work
 practical explanation
 clearly
 ideally
 perfectly proper
 consistently
 conceivable
 Excuse me, if you will forgive me for saying so
 unfortunate
 kind of you
 unexpected and distressing
 fair—to me
 be lightly spoken of
 exactly what I mean
 true, theoretically
 a difficult question to answer
 a strange request to make
 awkward
 good of you
 prevailing idea

 and I think you are right
 amiable in you
 curious
 solicitous
 gracious
 call intelligent criticism
 I meant to tell you



That is a humiliating thought
That is a most interesting idea
That is such a hideous idea
That is the most incredible part of it
That might involve you in life-long self-reproach
That must be exceedingly tiresome
That ought to make you a little lenient
That reassures me
That shows the infirmity of his judgment
That theory isn't tenable
That was exceedingly generous
That was intended ironically
That was very thoughtful of you
That was very well reasoned
That will blast your chances, I am afraid
That will suit me excellently
That would be somewhat serious
That would be very discreditable
The agreement seems to be ideal
The idea is monstrous
The inference is obvious
The notion is rather new to me
The pleasure is certainly not all on your side
The reason is not so far to seek
The same problem has perplexed me
The sentiment is worthy of you
The simplest thing in the world
The situation is uncommonly delicate
The story seems to me incredible
The subject is extremely interesting
The tone of it was certainly hostile
The very obvious moral is this
The whole thing is an idle fancy

your permission?
 really not disinclined?
 I really want to ask my advice?
 less difficulties
 reasons which make such a course impossible
 and deal of sense in that
 in of truth in that, I admit
 for reflection in that
 and on it
 assisting you
 I think I should like so much
 inevitable condition
 something almost terrifying about it
 extenuating circumstances
 I am immensely
 an unexpected pleasure
 something new to me
 good fortune
 appalling
 not a laughing matter
 my own private feelings
 are not forgotten at once
 simply outrageous
 frankly, I do not like it

U

I must decline the proposal
 so
 my superior
 influence, I would say

V

do so



Very well, I will consent
Vivacity is her greatest charm
Virtually accomplished, I believe
Vouch for its truth

W

We are all more or less susceptible
We are drifting away from our point
We are impervious to certain rules
We are merely wasting energy in this duel
We can safely take it for granted
We couldn't have a better topic
We had better agree to differ
We have had some conclusions in common
We must judge it leniently
We must not expose ourselves to misinterpretation
We owe you a debt of gratitude
We shall be glad to see you, if you care to come
We will devoutly hope not
Well, as a matter of fact, I have forgotten
Well done! I congratulate you
Well, I'm not going to argue that
Well, I call it scandalous
Well, I confess they don't appeal to me
Well, more's the pity
Well, perhaps it is none of my affair
Well, that is certainly ideal!
Well, this is good fortune
Well, yes—in a way
Well, you are a dreamer!
What a beautiful idea
What a charming place you have here
What a curious coincidence!

compliment!
 promising prospect!
 extraordinary idea!
 no misgivings?
 possibly mean?
 a plausible reason is there for it?
 imagine my course should be?
 propose?
 next step in your argument?
 so strange about that?
 ask, is your immediate object?
 any levity on his part
 and things you say to me
 do you expect me to do?
 what you just said is even truer than you realize
 whose proposal is utterly impossible
 a gracious adviser?
 embarrassing questions?
 do you desert us so entirely?
 do you take it so seriously?
 allow me to ask you a question?
 more explicit?
 with the kindness to explain?
 on my curiosity?
 permit me a brief explanation?
 apply that to every one?
 and telling me your opinion?

it is just what I fail to comprehend
 why
 it will be so good



Yes, it was extraordinarily fine

Yes, that is my earnest wish

Yes, that's undeniable

Yes? You were saying?

You agree with me, I know

You are a profound philosopher

You are a severe critic

You are delightfully frank

You are greatly to be envied

You are heartily welcome

You are incomprehensible

You are incorrigible

You are kind and comforting

You are most kind

You are not consistent

You are not serious, I hope

You are not seriously displeased with me?

You are quite delightful

You are rather puzzling to-day

You are right to remind me of that

You are unduly distressing yourself

You are very complimentary

You are very gracious

You're so tremendously kind about it

You're succeeding admirably

You're taking it all much too seriously

You're talking nonsense!

You're very good, I'm sure

**You ask me—but I shouldn't wonder if you knew better
than I do**

You astonish me greatly

You behaved with great forbearance

You can hardly be serious

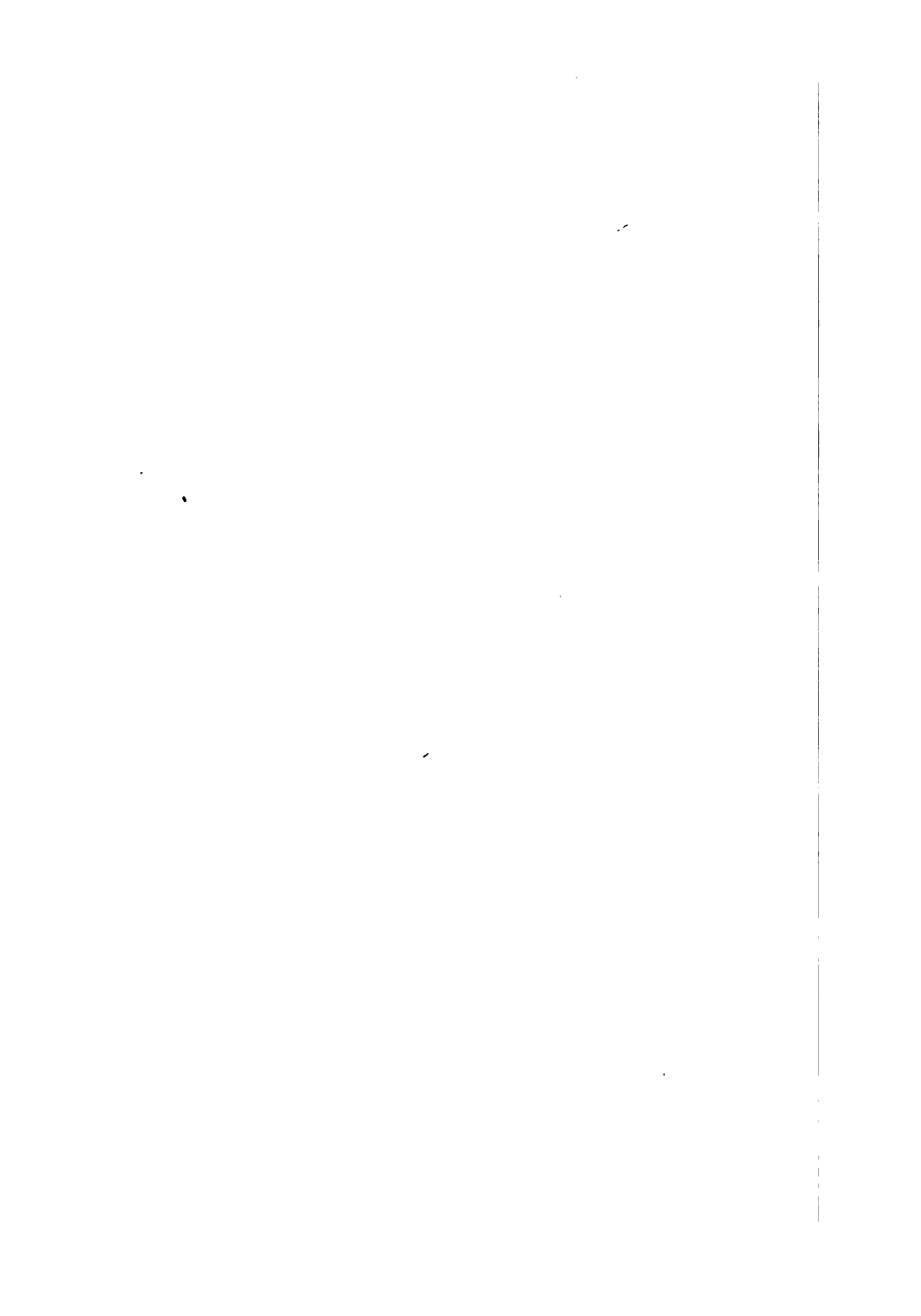
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I not pay me a higher compliment
t excellently
ot clearly understand what I meant
seem very enthusiastic
my curiosity
my judgment
genius for saying the right thing
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sked the impossible
een wrongly informed
one me a great service
ad a pleasant time, I hope
y deepest sympathy
r unbounded confidence
eived a false impression
ch an interesting way of putting things
ne deeply
rself too severely
i in an agony of curiosity
not given to sentimentality
familiar axiom
lternative
dulous
re of my confidence
n me absolutely
e an exception
misunderstood me
ail to command me
me with your kindness
upon it?
very fairly
though you were surprised

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You see how widely we differ
You see, it's all very vague
You see things rose-colored
You seem to be in a happy mood
You seem to take a very mild interest in what I propose
You shock me more than I can say
You speak in enigmas
You speak with authority
You surely understand my position
You take a great deal for granted
You take a pessimistic view of things
You take me quite by surprise
You will admit I have some provocation
You will become morbid if you are not careful
You will have ample opportunity
You will, of course, remember the incident
You will please not be flippant
You will understand my anxiety
Your argument is facile and superficial
Your consideration is entirely misplaced
Your judgments are very sound
Your logic is as clever as possible
Your opinion will be invaluable to me
Your request is granted before it is made
Your statement is somewhat startling

SECTION X
PUBLIC SPEAKING PHRASES





BLIC SPEAKING PHRASES

A

moment
will suffice to answer
tion is
people have said
nce may be due to those
us believe
situation has
le objection is found
s is
can never know
nce
er can be given
rred to me
reasoned out
ys, let us not forget
it is
on is there
reason of this circumstance
nce to
study of all the evidence
eration
g the hearer
mains only to say
doubt
e gentleman
view



Again, it is quite clear that
Again, it is urged
Again, let us compare
Again, very numerous are the cases
Again, we have abundant instances
Against all this concurring testimony
All confess this to be true
All I ask is
All of us know
All that I will say now
All the facts which support this
All the signs of the time indicate
All these things you know
All this being considered
All this is historical fact
All this is very well
All this suggests
All this we take for granted
Allow me for a moment to turn to
Allow me to tell a story
Altho I say it to myself
Amazing as it may seem
Am I mistaken in this
Among many examples
Among the distinguished guests who honor
Among the problems that confront us
An answer to this is now ready
An argument has often been put forward
An example or two will illustrate
An indescribably touching incident
An opinion has now become established
And again, it is said
And again, it is to be presumed

arer to our own day
try to persuade me
ally think
here knows
f, as I said
l that I have said
well-known doctrine
, when I speak
me to call your attention
led to observe
ne to the closing evidence
re an opportunity
roach
h you to observe
e define my position
e give my explanation
s recall to mind .
ossible to imagine
d to say
ou
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y this
issent
o know
ere better for you
n like manner repudiate
th reverence
o you
t you will consider
e a practical suggestion
you why
moreover, submit
ould anywhere be found



And if any of you should question
And if I know anything of my countrymen
And if I may presume to speak
And if I take another instance
And if this be true
And if you come to a decision
And if you think it your duty
And in conclusion
And in like manner
And in order to see this
And in thus speaking, I am not denying
And is not this lamentable
And is there not a presumption
And it happens
And it is certainly true
And it is doubtful if
And it is not difficult to see
And it is not plain
And it is one of the evidences
And it is precisely in this
And it is strikingly suggested to us
And it is undeniable, I say
And it is well that this should be so
And last of all
And lest any one should marvel
And let it be observed
And lo! and behold
And more than this
And next I would ask
And now allow me to call attention
And now behold a mystery
And now consider
And now having discussed

g that I may be permitted
back to the statement
ve completed my review
ve said enough to explain
st touch upon one point
may take for granted
ould be very pleasant for me
rve how
what I had first to say
osing this point to be settled
I have mentioned
hief points of it
question is asked me
lose, let me give you
what purpose do I mention
e, you are aware
am perfectly certain
ifficult is it to create
e lies the cause
ord
as regard
eminded of a story
e these words with you
point out
t recount to you
other cases, I have named
present case

h all phases
every hand
s it will be difficult
another distorted view
n is very obvious



3.8 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

And the same holds good
And then again
And then hastily to conclude
And then I may be reminded
And then there is another thought
And then when it is said
And there are reasons why
And there is also this view
And therefore am I truly glad
And therefore it is not unfrequently quoted
And therefore it is not without regret
And this brings me to the last thing
And this is really the sense
And this leads me to say a word
And thus consistently
And thus it is conceivable
And thus it seems to me
And thus we are led on then to further question
And to all this must be added
And to return to the topic
And to this conclusion you must come
And unquestionably
And we are brought to the same conclusion
And what do you suppose will be
And when I have shown to you
And when I recall that event
And when we pass beyond the bounds of
And where, let me ask
And why should I insist
And will you still insist
And with these thoughts come others
And yet I can not but reflect
And yet I feel justified in believing

think we all feel
we say to you
more quotation
notion is, I conceive
though this be true
ought, if we are wise
also remember this
circumstance that adds to the difficulty
consideration which I shall adduce
evidence of signal success
these presumptions
is made as clear as crystal
of a kindred nature
action which occurs to me
of our times
to my advantage
in this instance
withoutless may be given
to many of us
ought to believe
oughter to deprive ourselves
startled into astonishment
ought to assume
the rule I hold
illustration
of fact
of this
evidence of this truth
it may
within limits allow
is true
objection relates
to know



320 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

As for the rest
As I have now replied to
As I look around on this assembly
As I rise to respond to the sentiment
As I understand this matter
As memory scans the past
As society is now constituted
As some one has well said
As the foregoing instances have shown
As to the particular instance before us
As well might we compare
As we shall see in a few moments
Assuredly it is this
At the outset of this inquiry
At the risk of digression
At the same time, I candidly state
At the utmost we can say
At this juncture
At this solemn moment
Away then with the notion

B

Be assured, then
Be confident, therefore
Be it so
Be not deceived
Be sure that in spite of
Be these things as they may
Be your interests what they may be
Bear with me for a few moments
Bearing on this point
Before attempting to answer this question
Before going further
Before I close I will particularly remark

me to the special matter
proceed to compare
of the opinion
read then
as I do
question we
your invitation to a discussion
making
all things, let us
I, I think no one can say
when we carefully consider
strong in saying
from the fact
these special facts
question
upon it
all this
let us depend
imagine
there arise
admitting these possibilities
one who deserves
all, remark, I beg you
I, I shall now demonstrate
men, I must be done
problems confront us
in discussing
let me say
as we pass over
all I describe my emotions
or that may be
I intend to say
certain from my own experience



But I am very sorry to say
But I am willing enough to admit
But I can at least say
But I can not conceive
But I can promise
But I cherish the hope
But I confess that I should be glad
But I digress
But I do not propose all these things
But I do say this
But I have been insisting simply
But I have heard it argued
But I have no fear of the future
But I leave this train of thought
But I may be permitted to speak
But I may say in conclusion
But I need hardly assert
But I pass that over
But I propose to speak to you
But I repeat
But I resist the temptation
But I return to the question
But I shall go still further
But I simply ask
But I submit the whole subject
But I trust that you will all admit
But I venture to assure you
But I will allude
But I will not further impress any idea
But I would earnestly impress upon you
But if I may even flatter myself
But if I seek for illustrations
But if you want more evidence

h to know
this assertion
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possible to hold
reason why
t follow from this
very fortunately
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ossible to believe
ally so
wise with
imes said
doubted whether
pen that I forgot
misfortune
rally be asked
aps be argued
e vain to attempt
k you to glance
ore closing refer
f you think
keep ever in mind
a little further
a sudden



But more than all things else
But my allotted time is running away
But my answer to this objection
But, my friends, pause for a moment
But never was a grosser wrong
But not for one moment
But notwithstanding all this
But now look at the effect
But now take notice of
But on the other hand
But on what ground are we
But passing these by
But perhaps I ought to speak distinctly
But perhaps you are not yet weary
But putting these questions aside
But quite contrary to this, you will find
But recollect, I pray you, how
But, sir, it is manifest
But some other things are to be noted
But some will ask me
But sooner or later
But still, I repeat
But suppose the fact
But surely, you can not say
But that I may not divert you from
But that is not all
But that must be always the impression
But the fact is
But the final value
But the greatest proof of all
But the most formidable problem
But the necessity of the case
But the question may arise

us ask ourselves
another duty imposed
much more than this
not hesitate to say
rlessly affirm
w
circuitous argument
place for controversy
all
at I mean
I affirm as true
me
y put aside
further
truth
t with the assertion
recollect
perhaps
epend upon it
t is not wise
something more for explanation
nder would be yours
e fact
must needs guard against
declared
look a little deeper
ay be admitted
ot seen
numerate these details
exceptions
g can be more splendid
d know



By the way, I have not mentioned
By this time it will be suspected

C

Can it be supposed
Can the long records of humanity teach us
Can there be a better illustration
Can we pretend
Can you lightly contemplate
Can you yield yourselves
Cautious and practical thinkers ask
Certain it is
Certainly I am not blind to the faults
Certainly, one can conceive
Clearly enough
Coming back to the main subject
Coming down to modern times
Coming to present circumstances
Common sense indicates
Consequently, I am not discussing this matter
Consider, I beg you, what
Contemplating these marvelous changes

D

Delude not yourselves with the belief
Depend upon it
Did it ever occur to you
Difficult then as the question may be
Do I need to describe
Do me the honor of believing
Do not imagine
Do not let us conceal from ourselves
Do not suppose for a moment
Do not talk to me of

be guilty of
w
will
w that can be
this can be truthfully said
ow I am speaking of
ber a concrete instance
then
say
cur to you
m something like idiocy to
ck you to think
vent show
ature of every man revolt
end is sought

E

d then you will find
asked himself
efore ought to look to
f history can recall

F

ere are
re more fruitful
press the imagination more
y most fervent prayer
oughts are
ask
d of this
l you
thinks that there is



For, in truth, if you please to recollect
For instance, I can fancy
For is it not true
For it is not right to
For let it be observed first
For mark you
For my own part, I believe
For myself, certainly I think
For observe what the real fact is
For one I deny
For, perhaps, after all
For, perhaps, some one may say
For so it generally happens
For the sake of my argument
For this is what I say
For this reason, indeed, it is
For we all know
Fortunately for us
Fortunately I am not obliged
From one point of view we are
From the circumstances already explained
From the standpoint of
From this statement you will perceive

G

Generally speaking
God be praised
Grant this true
Granting all this

H

Had I time for all that might be said
Had my limits allowed it
Happily for us

marvelous
by one venture to say
generated
noticed
a view of
described what appears to me
prophet who
comes to confuse
inherent instance of
insensible to
grave mischief
I've said
shows
the testimony corroborates
the eternal question
the practical matter
argument I seem
, it may be objected
considering
by illustrations
excuse for a moment
insist upon
do stop
or strange thing
hope for us
question
meet one other question
them brought to the consideration
take up the subject
the key
is natural at last
are brought to the question
are involved



330 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

Here undoubtedly it is
Here we can not but pause to contemplate
Here we come into direct antagonism with
Here we come to the very crux of
Here we have it on high authority
History is replete with predictions
Hitherto I have spoken only of
Holding this view, I am concerned
How can we help believing
How do you account for
How does it happen
How human language staggers when
How infinitely difficult it is
How infinitely superior must it appear
How is this to be explained
How many a time
How momentous, then
How much better, I say, if
How much more rational it would be
How shall I attempt to enumerate
How shall I describe to you
However, I am viewing the matter
However, I will not in any way admit
However, it is to me a very refreshing thing

I

I abide by my statement
I add a few suggestions
I adduce these facts
I admire the main drift of
I admit, of course, at once
I admit the extreme complexity
I again ask

right to think
assert the right to
admirer
at a loss to know
supplement
by conflicting emotions
indeed, when I see
and to say
satisfied
invasive
-night to propose
and fully believe
for adequate terms
say
ing
ans certain
that you will give me credit
in earnest sympathy
ed by the hope
s of the fact
d by what I have seen
nbued with the conviction
nsensible of the compliment
ed
l enough to hazard
g my necessary limits
gly glad of this opportunity
y obliged to you

with
asserting
h admiration
onvinced



I am free to admit
I am fully convinced
I am giving voice to what you all feel
I am glad of this public opportunity
I am glad to answer to the toast
I am glad to express the belief
I am glad to notice
I am going to spare you and myself
I am grateful to you for this honor
I am greatly alarmed
I am greatly indebted to you
I am happy to be with you
I am here by the favor of your invitation
I am here the advocate of
I am here to introduce
I am in favor of
I am in sympathy with
I am inclined sometimes to believe
I am inclined to suspect
I am indebted for the honor
I am, indeed, most solicitous
I am informed
I am led on by these reflections
I am led to believe
I am mainly concerned
I am most deeply sensible of the welcome
I am most grateful for the opportunity
I am myself greatly indebted
I am nevertheless too sensible
I am not a stranger to
I am not at liberty to discuss
I am not at present concerned
I am not about to defend

ating
ether clear
of a single instance
to the faults of
enough to
ng at sharp arguments
rned to argue
nding myself
ning of denying
into vexed questions
to reproach
to defend
sible
ose who pretend
red to dispute the word
mptuous to assert
osing to set forth
o pass sentence
reasonable as to tell you
sed
y into account
are
-taking to deliver
g to attempt
add
go still further
inded
gh to remember
ose who believe
sensible of the fact
willing to admit
d
to back that opinion by



334 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

I am privileged to speak to
I am quite conscious that
I am rather disposed to think
I am ready to do battle
I am reassured by the presence here
I am reluctantly but forcibly reminded
I am resolved not to permit
I am sensible, sir
I am simply endeavoring to show
I am so surrounded on every hand
I am sometimes inclined to think
I am somewhat relieved to know
I am sorry to say
I am suggesting the reason why
I am sure, at any rate
I am sure every impartial man will agree
I am sure I feel no hostility
I am sure that I echo the sentiment
I am sure this generous audience will pardon me
I am sure you all hope
I am sure you feel the truth
I am sure you will acquit me
I am sure you will be kind enough
I am sure you will do me the justice
I am sure you will not be surprised
I am surely not here to assert
I am tempted further to offer to you
I am thankful for the privilege
I am thoroughly convinced
I am to speak to you this evening
I am to urge the interest of
I am told occasionally
I am told on authority

aware of the difficulties
at a loss to conceive
sitting too long on your time
to understand
conscious of intentional error
a very great obligation
the deepest feeling of gratitude
the impression
am greatly bound to add
no paradox when I say
far from thinking
desire to have the honor
happy to be here
such in the condition of
aware that if you ponder
what you will believe
I am
desire to know
with pleasing expectation
in the first place
the best man to say
the better judgment
the significance
the cause

a great blessing
desire to speak to you
attention
audience
audience to return with me
to you
firmly and dispassionately
gentlemen, do you think



336 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

I ask you if it is possible
I ask you, if you please, to rise and give the toast
I ask you in all candor
I ask you now to follow me
I ask you to consider
I ask you to join me in drinking a toast
I ask you to pledge with me
I ask your attention
I ask your indulgence
I assert, sir, that it is
I assure myself
I assure you, of my own personal knowledge
I attribute it to
I avail myself of the opportunity
I beg again to thank you for the honor
I beg all to remember
I beg and implore of you
I beg emphatically to say
I beg leave to make some observations
I beg of you to remember
I beg to tender my most fervent wishes
I beg you not to mistake my meaning
I beg you to accept my grateful expression
I begin by observing
I begin with expressing a sentiment
I believe from my own personal experience
I believe I can speak for all
I believe I shall make it clear to you
I believe I voice the sentiment
I believe it to be the simple truth
I believe most profoundly
I believe that I am within the mark
I believe that in this instance

most cordial and hearty welcome
h you in reverent commemoration
ou to answer
ind how
o calculation justify
ly conceive
e allowance for
truthfully assure you
r sufficiently express my gratitude
llow myself to believe
void confessing
e content with
believe, I will not believe
better illustrate this argument
better sum up
boast of
ound my vision
out reflect
out see what mischief
harge myself with
lose without giving expression
onceive a greater honor
eel any doubt myself
orbear from offering
ive you a better illustration
elp expressing a wish
elp speaking urgently
ere go into details
esitate to say
ope adequately to respond
ustly be responsible because
et this opportunity pass
ersuade myself



I can not prevail on myself
I can not refrain from saying for myself
I can not resist the train of thought
I can not say how glad I am
I can not say with confidence
I can not stop to give in detail
I can not sufficiently thank you
I can not take back my word
I can not take it for granted
I can not thank you enough
I can not well avoid saying
I can only congratulate you
I can only hope for indulgence
I can readily understand
I can scarcely concede anything more important
I can scarcely find fitting words
I can strongly recommend
I can understand, moreover
I can with propriety speak here
I certainly have not so good an opinion
I challenge any man
I cheerfully own
I cheerfully submit myself
I claim a share also for
I class them altogether under the head
I close with the words
I close with this sentiment
I come at length to
I come next to the question of
I come to the other assumption
I conceive this to be
I confess I feel not the least alarmed
I confess I have had my doubts

ve little sympathy
fects me very deeply to
very difficult to
I do not entirely approve
it is a comfort to me
my notions are widely different
little embarrassment
ou that I have no fear
lf to saying
you upon the auspicious character
ave said enough in proof
mply explains

elf with pursuing
less than
mention
e upon it
understand
at this belief
know
the remark
ou
necessary and just
er here to remind
honored
nd for all
ference
rief
r my testimony
attention
ow
emphatic stress
the opinion



I distrust all general theories of
I do again and again urge upon you
I do, indeed, recollect
I do not absolutely assert
I do not advocate
I do not argue
I do not ask you to
I do not at this moment remember
I do not believe it possible
I do not belong to those who
I do not choose to consume
I do not complain of
I do not consider it necessary
I do not contend
I do not countenance for a moment
I do not deem it incumbent upon me
I do not depreciate for a moment
I do not desire to call in question
I do not desire to put too much emphasis
I do not despair of surmounting
I do not disguise the fact
I do not enter into the question
I do not fail to admire
I do not fear a contradiction
I do not feel at liberty
I do not forget the practical necessity
I do not hesitate to say
I do not imagine
I do not in the least degree
I do not indeed deny
I do not indulge in the delusion
I do not know how any one can believe
I do not know whether you are aware of it

why
 with what correctness
 anything so absurd
 now to go further than
 to impute
 y urge
 ust
 pretend to be
 o remind you
 urse, deny
 d to argue
 e to take up your time
 on for a moment
 t all
 ything about the future
 is with any affectation
 w it is possible
 ach difference between
 o palliate
 exclusively
 o discuss
 ore, wonder
 t necessary to warn you
 it possible
 it unfair reasoning
 myself obliged to dwell
 that I need further discuss
 his at all an exaggeration
 we can go far wrong
 you will often hear
 stand how it can apply
 for
 o discourage you



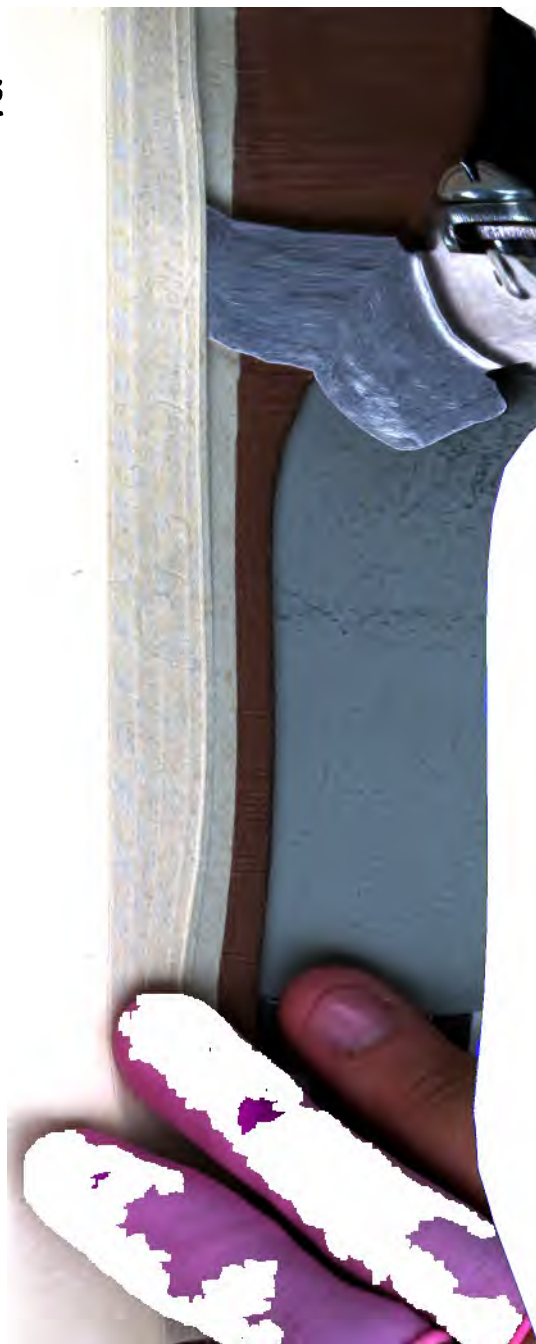
I do not wish to be considered egotistic
I do not wish to be misrepresented
I do not wonder
I doubt very much whether
I dwell with pleasure on the considerations
I earnestly maintain
I embrace with peculiar satisfaction
I end as I began
I entertain great apprehension for
I entertain no such chimerical hopes
I entertain the hope and opinion
I entirely dissent from the view
I especially hail with approval
I even add this
I even venture to deny
I fancy I hear you say
I fear I may seem trifling
I fear lest I may
I fearlessly appeal
I fearlessly challenge
I feel a great necessity to
I feel bound to add my expression
I feel constrained to declare
I feel entirely satisfied
I feel I have a right to say
I feel it a proud privilege
I feel keenly myself impelled by every duty
I feel only a great emotion of gratitude
I feel respect and admiration
I feel some explanation is due
I feel sure
I feel tempted to introduce here
I feel that I have a special right to

it is not true
greatest satisfaction
task is far beyond my power
y trust
fficult to utter in words
ore easy
reference to this
elf called upon to say something
elf in the position of
etter example than
fault with
umberless cases
yself
part, would rather
greatly doubt
to inquire
the consequence
cognize
ice just now
in conclusion, this sentence
er
this
th my warmest admiration
y accept
eplore
nd of hope
ost said
ommon with others
sion to criticize
o differ
are to dwell longer
now anything more strange
o concede



I have a dark suspicion
I have a great admiration for
I have a pleasing and personal duty
I have a profound pity for those
I have a right to consider
I have a strong belief
I have a very high respect for
I have abstained from
I have acquired some useful experience
I have all along implied
I have all but finished
I have already alluded to
I have already shown the ground of my hope
I have already stated, and now repeat
I have always been under the impression
I have always listened with the greatest satisfaction
I have always maintained
I have another objection
I have another observation to add
I have anticipated the objection
I have assumed throughout
I have attempted thus hastily
I have barely touched some of the points
I have been allowed the privilege
I have been asked several times
I have been extremely anxious
I have been given to understand
I have been glad to observe
I have been heretofore treating
I have been insisting then on this
I have been interested in hearing
I have been pointing out how
I have been profoundly moved

requested to say a word
held by an eminent authority
so long accustomed to hear
touched by the large generosity
trying to show
give me the statistics
I have more word to add
demonstrated to you
I had
I wanted to emphasize
I had said on this subject
It is almost a duty to
for a great cause for wonder
I have recently been surprised at
I was filled with admiration
I have personally observed
As far as to suggest
The reason for
I had readily in mind
I give the honor
I will take a long sweep
I have not objected
I was filled with relief and pleasure
I have not been adducing instances
I have not been engaged in showing
The pleasure anticipated
I have no possession
I have not tallied dwelt on
I have suggested it to suggest
I have tried to maintain
I have placed much stress upon
I have observed many strong indications
I have dealt with the utmost interest



I have little hope that I can add anything
I have lived to see
I have long ago insisted
I have long been of the conviction
I have never heard it suggested
I have never whispered a syllable
I have no acquaintance with
I have no doubt whatever
I have no excuse for intruding
I have no fear of myself
I have no fears for the success
I have no hesitation in asserting
I have no intention to moralize
I have no particular inclination
I have no prejudice on the subject
I have no pretention to be regarded
I have no reason to think
I have no scruple in saying
I have no such gloomy forebodings
I have no sympathy with the men
I have no thought of venturing to say
I have no wish at all to preach
I have not accustomed myself
I have not allowed myself
I have not been able to deny
I have not particularly referred to
I have not said anything yet
I have not the means of forming a judgment
I have not the right to reproach
I have not time to present
I have nothing more to say
I have noticed of late years
I have now explained to you

ow made bold to touch upon
ow rather more than kept my word
ow said all that occurs to me
ten been impressed with
ten been struck with the resemblance
ten lingered in fancy
e step farther to go
ly partially examined
rtly anticipated
easant memories of
ointed out
ide and pleasure in quoting
cked this brain of mine
ad with great regret
id and I repeat
id over and over again
id what I solemnly believe
ant patience
en for myself
en it stated in a recent journal
en some signs of encouragement
nown
me sort of fear
ometimes asked myself
ometimes fancied
ometimes wondered whether
ill two comments to make
ken pains to know
e confident hope
e greatest possible confidence
e honor to propose
en to investigate
ought it incumbent on me



I have thought it right on this day
I have thought it well to suggest
I have throughout highly appreciated
I have thus been led by my feelings
I have thus stated the reason
I have to confess with a feeling of melancholy
I have to force my imagination
I have touched very cursorily
I have tried to convey to you
I have undertaken to speak
I have very much less feeling of
I have watched with some attention
I have witnessed the extraordinary
I have yet a more cogent reason
I have yet to learn
I hazard nothing in saying
I hear it sometimes said
I hear you say to yourselves
I heartily feel the singular claims
I hesitate to take an instance
I hold it to be clearly expedient
I hold myself obliged to
I hold the maxim no less applicable
I hold this to be a truth
I hold to the principle
I hope by this time we are all convinced
I hope for our own sakes
I hope I have expressed myself explicitly
I hope I may be allowed to intimate
I hope I shall not be told
I hope it is no disparagement
I hope most sincerely and truly
I hope none who hear me

occupy more than a few minutes
shall not be so unfortunate
y may be far distant
ne may come again
excused if
forgiven if
y forget
ill not accuse me
t no one will be disposed
it
ropose
experience how
ell
treading on thin ice
been questioned
said
l be said
reasons why
ow else to express
n what direction to look
f my own knowledge
here else to find
ctly well
t is impossible for me to
his is the feeling
what I may say is true
are some who think
is a theory among us
ell
well the difference between
t is not for me
the sentiments
re all impatient to hear



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I know you will do all in your power
I know you will interpret what I say
I labor under a degree of prejudice
I lately heard it affirmed
I lay it down as a principle
I leave history to judge
I leave it to you
I leave the arduous task
I leave to others to speak
I long to speak a word or two
I look hopefully to
I look in vain
I look with encouragement
I look with inexpressible dread
I look with mingled hope and terror
I make my appeal to
I make no extravagant claim
I make this abrupt acknowledgment
I marvel that
I may add, speaking for my own part
I may be allowed to make one remark
I may be permitted to add
I may confess to you
I may safely appeal
I may say to you calmly
I may seem to have been diffuse
I may take as an instance
I may venture upon a review
I mean by this
I mean, moreover
I mean something more than that
I mention it to you to justify
I mention these facts because

...s, not by way of complaint
...you another such case
...that
...into such detail
...rther
...indefinitely
...a to illustrate
...urse point first
...nably question the justice
...explain
...re to claim
...ave desired
...hink
... abrupt question
...eful about what I say
...tentent with
...used if I say
... reverence
...ur attention for a moment
...de abruptly
...s that I became rather alarmed
...er this as
...your indulgence
...ss to you again
...tell you
...ome fault with
...ant of time omit
...dmit
...
...ny detailed development
...n with praise
...ow myself to indulge
...r an instant be supposed



I must not overlook
I must now beg to ask
I must pause a moment to
I must proceed
I must qualify the statement
I must remind my hearers of
I must reply to some observations
I must return to the subject
I must say that I am one of those
I must speak plainly
I must suppose, however
I must take occasion to say
I must thank you once more
I must try to describe to you
I myself have boundless faith
I need not assure this brilliant company
I need not dwell
I need not enter into
I need not follow out the application
I need not, I am certain, assure you
I need not say how much I thank you
I need not show how inconsistent
I need not specially recommend to you
I need not wander far in search
I need only to observe
I need say nothing in praise
I need scarcely observe
I need to guard myself right here
I neither affirm nor deny
I next come to the implicit assumption
I note with particular pleasure
I notice it as affording an instance
I noticed incidentally the fact

you on a question
ir, to the second head
e pleasure of presenting to you
the question of
l to inquire
te
gly to the use
n, in the first place
avorable construction of

ou to recognize
important question
e an illustration
ot help feeling
allude to
n that
our second division
moment to say
fess once more
o
now that it is so
may never
you will
actical view
small have to admit
t I shall not be disbelieved
another important phase

fly to glance at
efore, to consider
ver had any doubt
ave avoided
ether



354 FIFTEEN THOUSAND USEFUL PHRASES

I quite endorse what has been said
I rather look forward to a time
I readily grant
I really can not think it necessary to
I really do not know
I really thought that you would excuse me
I recall another historical fact
I recognize the high compliment conveyed
I recollect hearing a sagacious remark
I refer especially
I refuse to believe
I regard as an erroneous view
I regard it as a tribute
I regard it as a very great honor
I regret that I am not able to remember
I regret that it is not possible for me
I regret the time limits me
I regret this the less
I rejoice in an occasion like this
I rejoice that events have occurred
I rejoice to think I remark here
I remember a reference made
I remember an intimation
I remember full well
I remember the enjoyment with which
I remember to have heard
I repeat, I am not speaking
I repeat my statement in another form
I respectfully counsel
I respectfully submit
I rest my opinion on
I rise in behalf
I rise to express my disapprobation

you
with trepidation
in conclusion, to
with my most grateful thanks
way back
and be well
ought
with profound reverence
in all my heart
in a previous argument the other day
attention
extremely important
confidently
of these things
syllable against
my first point is
disparagement of
more gladly
fear of contradiction
me
as any man possibly can
of
tion
ability of
for doubting
you say
is opportunity
ire
saying
few words
myself to a single point
to look very closely



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I shall be told
I shall best attain my object
I shall bestow a little attention upon
I shall certainly admit
I shall consider myself privileged
I shall desist from
I shall endeavor to be guided
I shall give it in the words of
I shall here briefly recite the
I shall here use the word to denote
I shall hope to interest you
I shall invite you to follow me
I shall just give the summary of
I shall never believe
I shall never cease to be grateful
I shall not acknowledge
I shall not attempt a detailed narrative
I shall not end without appealing
I shall not enlarge upon
I shall not force into the discussion
I shall not go so far as to say
I shall not hesitate to say something
I shall not tax your patience
I shall not undertake to prophesy
I shall not weary your patience
I shall now give you some instances
I shall now proceed to show
I shall often have to advert to
I shall pass by all this
I shall presently show
I shall proceed without further preface
I shall recur to certain questions
I shall say all this without entering into

at I am not
rst about
ith becoming frankness
roader view of the subject
or granted here
e endeavor
on one or two questions
o time in refuting
ur sanction
se to my own manhood
rprised if
last man to deny
my duty if
hard to discover
orfeited my own self-respect
least to mention
emphasize
go a step farther
refer to two events
see that view answered
day to examine briefly
prefer
satisfied with myself
it too absurd
the contemplation
e doctrine
y finger on a fact
here to ask
et the absence
n it were in my power
lare
ar a wish expressed
all to mind



I speak forth my sentiment
I speak from no little personal observation
I speak of this to show
I speak the fact when I tell you
I speak the secret feeling of this company
I speak what I know when I say
I speak wholly without authority
I speak with feeling upon this point
I speak with some degree of encouragement
I speak with the utmost sincerity
I speak within the hearing of
I stand in awed amazement before
I stand in the midst of men
I still view with respect
I submit it to every candid mind
I submit that in such a case
I submit that it is high time
I submit this proposition
I summon you to do your share
I suppose it is right to answer
I suppose it to be entirely true
I suppose most men will recollect
I suppose that every one who listens to me
I suppose there is no one here
I suppose we are all of one opinion
I suspect that is why we so often
I sympathize most heartily
I take a broader and bolder position
I take it for granted
I take leave to say
I take one picture as an illustration
I take pleasure in saying
I take the liberty of observing

instance at random
views of
in reply
gentlemen
y thanks to you
u for having allowed me
u for the appreciative tone
u for the honor
u for your most generous greeting
u for your thoughtful courtesy
u from the bottom of my heart
u very gratefully
u very sincerely for the honor
m correct in saying
n not the first to utter
an claim a purpose
an sincerely declare
ave a right to look upon
ave rightly spoken
ight safely say
eed not say more
s not too much to say
s quite right
ay be necessary to consider
might be said with safety
ny duty to
bservable
robable
will astonish you
will be granted
wise man can be indifferent
the contrary
omething may be said in favor of



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I think that all will agree
I think that I can explain
I think that I can venture to say
I think that, in these last years
I think that none of us will deny
I think there is no better evidence
I think there is no call on me to listen
I think we are justified
I think we can hardly hope
I think we may all easily see
I think we may ask in reply
I think we may safely conclude
I think we may say, therefore
I think we may well be proud of
I think we may well congratulate each other
I think we must draw a distinction
I think we need neither doubt nor fear
I think we ought to recur a moment to
I think we shall all recognize
I think we should do well to call to mind
I think we take too narrow a view
I think when we look back upon
I think you may well rejoice in
I think you will all agree
I think you will pardon my saying
I think you will see
I thus explicitly reply
I tremble at the task
I tremble to think
I trust I may be indulged
I trust it is not presumptuous
I trust that as the years roll on
I trust that I shall have the indulgence

s will not be regarded as
men, to the case
advisedly
in the sense
in language
rd with the deepest affection
uch the honor
k permission
y
e
tly submit
spect with the greatest misgiving
eak your attention
v the character
e some simple applications
ust a few words
ne word more
o you seriously
k with you
hort you
ed to learn
ly watchful to
gly interested
with the acquaintance
dmiration
r to accept and believe
out some anxiety
lmed
y astonished
ch interested
ch thrilled
t the time
er an occasion



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- I will accept the general proposition
- I will add the memorable words
- I will ask the indulgence
- I will ask you to accompany me
- I will ask you to bear witness
- I will dwell a little longer
- I will endeavor in a brief way
- I will endeavor to illustrate
- I will endeavor to show you
- I will enlarge no further
- I will even express a hope at the outset
- I will even go further and say
- I will first call your attention to
- I will give one more illustration
- I will illustrate this point by
- I will merely mention
- I will neither affirm nor deny
- I will not allude
- I will not argue this
- I will not attempt to note
- I will not be content until
- I will not condescend to
- I will not enumerate at present
- I will not pause to maintain
- I will not positively say
- I will not pretend to inquire into
- I will not quarrel with
- I will not relinquish the confidence
- I will not repeat the arguments here
- I will not try to gauge
- I will now consider with you
- I will now leave this question
- I will now take an instance

to speak to one point
to bring up my evidence
to find an occasion to express
to find a figure to remind you
to direct to your attention
to find an instance
to say at a word or two more
to say plainly
to say with perfect distinctness
to find the objection to be
to find a more instance
to find a precaution to add
to say what I think of
to make the thing intelligible
to make a single remark
to add
to express the hope
to find the whole question
to admit
to declare positively
to be upset
to say ironically to reaffirm
to find the time and the power
to be observed
to call your attention
to find that justice might be done
to say if you honestly and candidly believe
to be allowed to enforce in detail
to find in my statement
to find the one what I have to say
to find full justice to
to draw your attention
to express my profound gratification



I wish to give these arguments their full weight
I wish to know whether
I wish to offer a few words relative to
I wish to remind you in how large a degree
I wish to say a word or two
I wish to state all this as a matter of fact
I wish you success and happiness
I wish you to observe
I would also gratefully acknowledge
I would as soon believe
I would desire to speak simply and directly
I would enter a protest
I would further point out to you
I would have you understand
I would infinitely rather
I would like to say one word just here
I would not be understood as belittling
I would not dwell upon that matter if
I would not push the suggestion so far
I would now gladly lay before you
I would rather a thousand times
I would recommend to your consideration
I would suggest first of all
I would that my voice could reach the ear
I would urge and entreat you
I would urge upon you
I would venture to point out
I yielded to the earnest solicitations
If any man be so persuaded
If any one could conceive
If any one is so dim of vision
If any other answer be made
If at first view this should seem

If, however, you determine to
If I am asked for the proof
If I am wrong
If I can carry you with me
If I can succeed in describing
If I could find words
If I have done no more than view the facts
If I have in any way deserved
If I may be allowed a little criticism
If I may be allowed modestly to suggest
If I may be allowed to refer
If I may reverently say so
If I may say so without presumption
If I may so speak
If I may take for granted
If I may venture to say anything
If I mistake not the sentiment
If I recollect aright
If I understand the matter at all
If I venture a few remarks
If I were asked
If I were to act upon my conviction
If I were to recapitulate
If I wished to prove my contention
If, in consequence, we find it necessary
If in the glow of conscious pride
If in the years of the future
If it be difficult to appreciate
If it be so
If it be true
If it is contended
If it means anything, it means this
If more were needed to illustrate

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If my opinions are true
If on the contrary, we all foresee
If, on the other hand, I say
If one seeks to measure
If only we go deep enough
If still you have further doubt
If the bare facts were studied
If the experience of the world is worth anything
If, then, I am asked
If, then, I should here rest my cause
If there be any among us
If there be one lesson more than another
If this be so
If this seems doubtful to any one
If, unhappily, the day should ever come
If we accept at all the argument
If we are not blind to
If we are rightly informed
If we are to reason on the fact
If we cast our glance back
If we embark upon a career
If we had the whole case before us
If we isolate ourselves
If we may trust to experience
If we pursue a different course
If we pursue our inquiries through
If we sincerely desire
If we survey
If we would not be beguiled
If what has been said is true
If you remain silent
If you seek the real meaning of
If you think for a moment

If you want to look
If you were asked to point out
If you will allow me to prophesy
If you will forgive me the expression
If you wish for a more interesting example
If you wish to get at the bottom of facts
If you would see the most conclusive proof
If your view is right
In a significant paragraph
In a wider sense
In a word, gentlemen
In a word, I conceive
In actual life, I suspect
In addition to these arguments
In addressing myself to the question
In addressing you I feel
In agreement with this obvious conclusion
In all ages of the world
In all or any of these views
In all times and places
In an unguarded moment
In answering the inquiry
In any view of the case
In closing my speech, I ask each of you
In conclusion, let me say
In conclusion, may I repeat
In consequence it becomes a necessity
In contemplating the causes
In days to come
In examining this part of the subject
In fine, it is no extravagance to say
In former ages and generations
In further illustration

In further proof of my assertion
In illustration of what I have said
In like manner are to be explained
In like manner I would advise
In listening to the kind words
In looking about me
In many instances
In meeting this difficulty, I will not urge
In most cases I hold
In my estimation
In my humble opinion
In my view
In offering to you these counsels
In one other respect
In one point I wish no one to mistake me
In one sense this is undoubtedly true
In order to appreciate the force of
In order to complete the proof
In order to do justice to the question
In order to prove plainly and intelligibly
In order to realize adequately
In other words
In our estimate of the past
In point of fact
In precisely the same way
In pursuance of these views
In pursuing the great objects
In regard to
In rising to return my sincere thanks
In saying all of this, I do not forget
In saying this, I am not disposed to deny
In short, I say
In solving this difficulty

In something of a parallel way
In spite of the fact
In such cases, strictly speaking
In support of this assertion
In that matchless epitome
In that mood of high hope
In the anomalies of fortune
In the course of these remarks
In the existing circumstances
In the first place, therefore, I consider
In the first place we see
In the first place, we should be all agreed
In the fullest sense
In the fulness of time
In the last suggestion
In the meantime I will commend to you
In the next place, be assured
In the presence of this vast assembly
In the present situation
In the progress of events
In the remarks I have made
In the same manner I rely
In the second place it is quite clear
In the suggestion I have made
In the very brief space at our disposal
In these extraordinary circumstances
In these sentiments I agree
In this brief survey
In this connection, I may be permitted to refer
In this connection I remind myself
In this necessarily brief and imperfect review
In this rapid and slight enumeration
In this respect

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In this sense only
In this there is no contradiction
In very many instances
In very truth
In view of these reflections
In what has now been said
In what I have now further to say
In widening our view
Indeed, can any one tell me
Indeed, I am not convinced
Indeed, I can not do better
Indeed, I have heard it whispered
Indeed, I may fairly say
Indeed, it will generally be found
Indeed we know
Instances abound
Is it logically consistent
Is it not legitimate to recognize
Is it not marvelous
Is it not obvious
Is it not quite possible
Is it not, then, preposterous
Is it not universally recognized
Is it not wise to argue
Is it possible, can it be believed
Is it, then, any wonder
Is not that the common sentiment
Is there any evidence here
Is there any language of reproach
Is there any possibility of mistaking
Is there any reason in the world
It affords me gratification
It also pleases me very much

It amounts to this
It appears from what has been said
It appears to me, on the contrary
It can rightly be said
It certainly follows, then
It comes to this
It could not be otherwise
It does not necessarily follow
It exhibits a state of mind
It follows as a matter of course
It follows inevitably
It gives us an exalted conception
It grieves me to relate
It hardly fits the character
It has at all times been a just reproach
It has been a very great pleasure for me
It has been generally assumed
It has been justly objected
It has been my privilege
It has been suggested fancifully
It has been well said
It has ever been my ambition
It has struck me very forcibly
It is a circumstance of happy augury
It is a common error
It is a curious trait
It is a fact well known
It is a falsehood to say
It is a familiar charge against
It is a good augury of success
It is a great pleasure to me
It is a living truth
It is a matter of absorbing interest

It is eminently proper
It is every man's duty to think
It is evident that the answer to this
It is evidently supposed by many people
It is exceedingly gratifying to hear
It is exceedingly unfortunate
It is fair that you should hear
It is fair to suppose
It is far from me to desire
It is fatal to suppose
It is fitting
It is for me to relate
It is for others to illustrate
It is for this reason
It is for us to ask
It is greatly assumed
It is gratifying to have the honor
It is hardly for me
It is hardly necessary to pass judgment
It is idle to think of
It is immaterial whether
It is impossible to avoid saying
It is in every way appropriate
It is in the highest degree worthy
It is in this characteristic
It is in vain
It is in your power to give
It is indeed a strange doctrine
It is indeed not a little remarkable
It is indeed true
It is indeed very clear
It is indispensable to have
It is interesting and suggestive

It is interesting to know
It is just so far true
It is likewise necessary
It is made evident
It is manifest
It is manifestly absurd to say
It is merely common sense to say
It is more than probable
It is my agreeable duty
It is my belief
It is my earnest wish
It is my grateful duty to address you
It is my hope
It is my present purpose
It is natural to ask the question
It is necessary to refer
It is necessary to take some notice
It is needful to a complete understanding
It is needless before this audience to repeat
It is no doubt true
It is no exaggeration to say
It is no part of my business
It is no significant thing
It is no small indication
It is no wonder
It is not a practical question
It is not altogether satisfactory
It is not an unknown occurrence
It is not by any means
It is not difficult to comprehend
It is not difficult to discern
It is not easy for me to find words
It is not enough to say

It is not entirely clear to me
It is not evident
It is not for me on this occasion
It is not given to many men
It is not likely that any of you
It is not logical to say
It is not my intention to enter into
It is not my purpose to discuss
It is not necessarily true
It is not necessary for me even to sketch
It is not necessary for our purpose
It is not often in these modern days
It is not ours to pronounce
It is not out of place to remind you
It is not possible to recount
It is not quite clear
It is not to me so very surprising
It is not too much to say
It is not unknown to you
It is not within the scope of this address
It is now high time for me
It is now perfectly plain
It is observable enough
It is obvious
It is of course difficult
It is of great importance to show
It is of no moment
It is of very little importance
It is often remarked
It is on these grounds
It is one of the burning questions of the day
It is one of the most natural visions
It is one of the most significant things

It is one of the queerest freaks of fate
It is only a few short years since
It is only just to say
It is our duty to examine
It is ours to bear witness
It is owing to this truth
It is peculiarly befitting at this time
It is perfectly apparent
It is pitiable to reflect
It is pleasant to meet this brilliant company
It is rather a pleasant coincidence
It is rather an arduous task
It is rather startling
It is related
It is ridiculous to say
It is said, and I think said truly
It is said to be impossible
It is satisfactory to notice
It is scarcely necessary to insist
It is scarcely questioned
It is self-evident
It is sometimes hard to determine
It is still an open question
It is still more surprising
It is substantially true
It is surely necessary for me
It is the clear duty of
It is the doctrine of
It is the fashion to extol
It is the universal testimony
It is therefore evident
It is therefore necessary
It is this which lies at the foundation

It is to be expected
It is to be remembered
It is to me a very sincere satisfaction
It is told traditionally
It is too plain to be argued
It is true
It is unnecessary for me to remind you
It is upon this line of reasoning
It is very common to confuse
It is very doubtful whether
It is very interesting and pleasant
It is well known
It is with great pleasure
It is with pity unspeakable
It is within the memory of men now living
It is worth while to notice
It may appear absurd
It may at first sight seem strange
It may be added
It may be conjectured
It may be imagined
It may be plausibly objected
It may be rightly said
It may be useful to trace
It may be worth your while to keep in view
It may indeed be unavoidable
It may not be altogether certain
It may not be uninteresting to any of you
It may or may not be true
It may, perhaps, seem wonderful
It may seem a little strange
It may still more probably be said
It must be a cause of delight

It must be borne in mind
It must be the verdict of history
It must create astonishment
It must doubtless be admitted
It must ever be recollected
It must never be forgotten
It must not be supposed
It must seem to every thoughtful man
It needs scarcely be said
It now becomes my pride and privilege
It only remains now to speak
It ought to animate us
It proves a great deal
It remains only to speak briefly
It remains that I inform you of
It remains that I should say a few words
It reminds me of an anecdote
It reminds one of the compliment
It requires no effort of imagination
It scarcely seems to be in keeping
It seems almost desperate to think of
It seems almost incredible
It seems now to be generally admitted
It seems strange to be told
It seems then that on the whole
It seems to me a striking circumstance
It seems to me idle to ask
It seems to me singularly appropriate
It seems to me the primary foundation
It seems to me unphilosophical
It should always be borne in mind
It should be remembered
It so happens

It sometimes seems to me
It still remains to be observed
It strikes me with wonder
It suggests at the outset
It summons our imagination
It surely is not too much to expect
It therefore astonishes me
It used to be a reproach
It was a brilliant answer
It was a fine and delicate rebuke
It was a fit and beautiful circumstance
It was a propitious circumstance
It was certainly a gracious act
It was in the full understanding
It was my good fortune
It was not to be expected
It was said by one who ought to know
It was, therefore, inevitable
It was under these circumstances
It will appeal to
It will appear from what has been said
It will be asked me how
It will be easy to say too much
It will be easy to trace the influence
It will be evident to you
It will be idle to imply
It will be interesting to trace
It will be just as reasonable to say
It will be rather to our advantage
It will be recollected
It will be seen at a glance
It will be well and wise
It will carry out my meaning more fully

It will, I suppose, be denied
It will not be expected from me
It will not be safe
It will not do for a man to say
It will not, I trust, be concluded
It will not surely be objected
It will not take many words to sum up
It will thus be seen
It would be a misfortune
It would be a proud distinction
It would be a very remarkable fact
It would be absurd to pretend
It would be an inexcusable omission
It would be idle for me
It would be imprudent in me
It would be invidious for me
It would be natural on such an occasion
It would be no less impracticable
It would be out of place here
It would be preposterous to say
It would be presumptuous in me
It would be the height of absurdity
It would be unfair to praise
It would be unjust to deny
It would be well for us to reflect
It would indeed be unworthy
It would seem perhaps most fitting

J

Just the reverse is true

L

Language is inadequate to voice my appreciation
Lastly, I do not understand

Lastly, it can not be denied
Less than this could not be said
Lest I should be accused of quibbling
Let all of us labor in this work
Let any one imagine to himself
Let any one who doubts
Let every one consider
Let it be clearly understood, I repeat it
Let it be remembered
Let it not be objected
Let it not be supposed that I impute
Let me add another thing
Let me add my final word
Let me add one other hint
Let me also say a word in regard
Let me answer these questions
Let me ask you to imagine
Let me ask your leave to propose
Let me be allowed to devote a few words
Let me call attention to another fact
Let me commend to you
Let me direct your attention now to
Let me entreat you to examine
Let me give one more instance
Let me give one parting word
Let me give you an illustration
Let me here make one remark
Let me here say
Let me hope that I have said enough
Let me illustrate again
Let me make myself distinctly understood
Let me make use of an illustration
Let me not be thought offensive

Let me now conclude with
Let me once more urge upon you
Let me protest against the manner
Let me quite temperately defend
Let me rather make the supposition
Let me say a practical word
Let me simply declare
Let me tell you an interesting reminiscence
Let me thank you once more
Let me urge you earnestly
Let no man congratulate himself
Let our conception be enlarged
Let our object be
Let that question be answered by
Let the facts be granted
Let these instances suffice
Let this be the record made
Let this inspire us with abhorrence of
Let us approach the subject from another side
Let us attempt a survey
Let us be perfectly just
Let us be quite practical
Let us bear perpetually in mind
Let us begin at the beginning
Let us begin by examining
Let us briefly review
Let us brush aside once for all
Let us cherish
Let us confirm our opinion
Let us consider for a moment
Let us devote ourselves
Let us discard all prejudice
Let us do all we can

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Let us draw an illustration
Let us endeavor to understand
Let us enumerate
Let us figure to ourselves
Let us for the moment put aside
Let us get a clear understanding
Let us heed the voice
Let us hope and believe
Let us hope that future generations
Let us imitate
Let us inquire also
Let us labor and pray
Let us likewise remember
Let us look briefly at a few particulars
Let us look nearer home
Let us not be fearful
Let us not be misled
Let us not be misunderstood
Let us not flatter ourselves
Let us not for a moment forget
Let us not limit our view
Let us now apply the views presented
Let us now consider the characteristics
Let us now see the results
Let us now turn our consideration
Let us observe this analogy
Let us pass on to another fact
Let us pause a moment
Let us push the inquiry yet further
Let us rather listen to
Let us reflect how vain
Let us remember this
Let us remind ourselves

Let us resolve
Let us scrutinize the facts
Let us suppose, for argument's sake
Let us suppose the case to be
Let us take, for instance
Let us, then, be assured
Let us, then, be worthy of
Let us, therefore, say once for all
Let us try to form a mental picture
Let us turn to the contemplation of
Let your imagination realize
Like all citizens of high ideals
Likely enough
Little wonder therefore
Long have I been convinced
Look at it in another way
Look at some of these questions
Look at the situation

M

Mainly, I believe
Making allowances for differences of opinion
Many of us have had the good fortune
Many of you, perhaps, recollect
May I ask you to believe
May I not speak here
May I try to show that every effort
May I venture to suggest
May it not also be advanced
May the day come quickly
Meantime it is encouraging to think
Meanwhile let us freely recognize
Men are in the habit of saying
Men are telling us nowadays

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Men everywhere testify
More and more it is felt
More than once have I had to express
More than this need not be said
Moreover, I have insisted
Moreover, I would counsel you
Moreover, when we pass judgment
Much has been said and written about
My appreciation has been quickened
My belief, therefore, is
My duty is to endeavor to show
My experience tells me
My first duty is to express to you
My friends, do you really believe
My friends, I propose
My heart tells me
My idea, therefore, is
My last criticism upon
My mind is not moved by
My mind most perfectly acquiesces
My next objection is
My own private opinion is
My present business is
My regret is intensified by the thought

N

Nay, I boldly say
Nay, it will be a relief to my mind
Nay, there is a general feeling
Need I say that I mean
Neither should you deceive
Never before have I so strongly felt
Never can I cease to feel

Never did there devolve
Never for a moment believe
Never have I felt so forcibly
Never was a weaker defense attempted
Never was there a greater mistake
Never was there an instance
Nevertheless we can admit
Next, from what has been said it is plain
Next, I consider
Next, it will be denied
No argument can overwhelm a fact
No defense is to be found
No distinct test can be named
No doubt, in the first instance
No doubt there are many questions
No doubt to most of us
No finer sentence has come down to us
No greater service could be rendered
No longer do we believe
No man regrets more than I do
No one can feel this more strongly
No one can, I think, pretend
No one can see the end
No one here, I am sure
No one, I suppose, would say
No one, I think, can fail to observe
No one, I think, will dispute the statement
No one need to exaggerate
No one will accuse me
No true man ever believes
None can have failed to observe
Nor am I disparaging or discouraging
Nor can I forget either

Nor can it justly be said
Nor can we afford to waste time
Nor can we forget how long
Nor can we now ask
Nor do I believe
Nor do I doubt
Nor do I pretend
Nor do I think there can be found
Nor does it matter much
Nor has there been wanting
Nor indeed am I supposing
Nor is it a fair objection
Nor is it probable
Nor is this all
Nor let me forget to add here
Nor must I be understood as saying
Nor must it be forgotten
Nor need we fear to speak
Nor should any attempt be made
Nor will history fail to record
Nor will I enlarge on the matter
Not at all
Not only so
Not that I quarrel with
Nothing but the deepest sense
Nothing can be further from the truth
Nothing could be clearer
Nothing could be more striking
Nothing is more common in the world
Nothing that you can do
Notwithstanding all that has been said
Notwithstanding all this, I hold
Now, bear with me when I say

Now comes the question
Now, comparing these instances together
Now, from these instances it is plain
Now, having spoken of
Now, I admit
Now, I am far from denying
Now, I am far from undervaluing
Now, I am justified in calling this
Now, I am obliged to say
Now, I do not wish you to believe
Now, I have a closing sentence or two
Now, I pass on to consider
Now, I shall not occupy your time
Now, I understand the argument
Now, I will undertake to say
Now, I wish to call your attention
Now, if you will clearly understand
Now, is there any ground or basis for
Now, it is an undoubted fact
Now, it is evident
Now, it is not at all strange
Now, it is unquestioned
Now, let me speak with the greatest care
Now, let me stop a moment
Now, let us consider
Now, observe, my drift
Now, sir, I am truly horrified
Now, the answer we should give
Now, the question here at issue
Now, the world will say
Now, there is a close alliance between
Now, this is precisely the danger
Now, this is to some extent

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Now, understand me definitely
Now, we do not maintain
Now, we will inquire
Now, what I want you to realize
Now, with regard to
Now, you will allow me to state
Now, you will understand from this

O

Observe again
Occasionally you ought to read
Of course I am aware
Of course I am putting an impossible case
Of course I can not be taken to mean
Of course I do not maintain
Of course I do not stop here
Of course I would not allow
Of course much may be said
Of course these remarks hold good
Of course we may, if we please
Of course you will sympathize
Of one thing, however, I am certain
Of this briefly
Of this statement I will only say
Of this truth I shall convince you by
On a review of the whole subject
On occasions of this kind
On such a day as this
On the contrary, I am assuming
On the occasion to which I refer
On the other hand, it is clear
On the whole, then, I observe
On this auspicious occasion

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- On this point I do not mean to dwell
 - On this subject you need not suspect
 - Once again, there are those
 - Once more I emphasize
 - Once more let me try to put into words
 - One additional remark
 - One almost wishes
 - One can not decline to note
 - One concluding remark has to be made
 - One fact is clear and indisputable
 - One further word
 - One important topic remains
 - One is fairly tempted to wish
 - One lesson history may be said to repeat
 - One might be challenged to produce
 - One of the ancients said
 - One of the most commonly known
 - One of the most extraordinary incidents
 - One of the things I recollect with most pride
 - One of these signs is the fact
 - One or two points are made clear
 - One other circumstance
 - One other remark suggests itself
 - One remark I will make
 - One thing more will complete this question
 - One thing which always impressed me
 - One very striking tendency
 - One word in courtesy I must say
 - One word more in a serious vein
 - One would naturally suppose
 - Only so much do I know
 - Opinions are divided as to whether
 - Or to come nearer home

Or to take but one other example
Ordinarily speaking, such deductions
Others may hold other opinions
Ought we not to think
Our thoughts wander back
Over and above all this

P


Pardon me if
Perhaps another reason why
Perhaps, however, in speaking to you
Perhaps, however, some among you will be
Perhaps I may be best able to illustrate
Perhaps I ought to say
Perhaps it may be doubted
Perhaps, sir, I am mistaken in
Permit me frankly to say
Permit me to add another circumstance
Permit me to bring home to you
Personally, I am far too firm a believer
Pray, sir, let me say

R

Read but your history aright
Recollect, sir
Reflections such as these
Rely upon it
Remember, I do not seek to
Remembering some past occurrences
Returning, then, to the consideration

S

Seriously, then, do I beg you
Shall I tell you
Shall we complain



Should there be objection, I answer
Since, then, it is provided
Since, then, this is the case
Sir, with all my heart, I respond
So accustomed are we
So at least it seems to me
So far as I know
So far as my observation and experience goes
So far in general
So I say to you
So it comes to pass
So long as we continue to love truth and duty
So men are asking
So much at first sight
So much on this subject
So that I may venture to say
So that if you were persuaded
So then ought we also
So, to add one other example
So, too, I may go on to speak
So when I hear people say
Some have insisted
Some of you can recall the time
Some of you may think this visionary
Some of you will remember
Some one will perhaps object
Some prejudice is attached
Some writer has said
Sometimes I venture to think
Sometimes it may happen
Speaking in this place
Startling as this may appear to you
Stating only the truth, I affirm

Still another encouraging fact
Still further
Still I can not part from my subject
Still I have generally found
Still I imagine you would consider it
Still I know what answer I can make to
Still it may with justice be said
Still one thing more
Still we ought to be grateful
Strange as it may seem
Strictly in confidence, I do not think
Strictly speaking, there is no such thing
Such a doctrine is essentially superficial
Such are the rather tolerant ideas
Such considerations as these
Such, I believe, would be the consequences
Such illustrations are not frequent
Such, in brief, is the story
Such is steadfastly my opinion
Such is the deep prejudice now existing
Such is the intellectual view we take
Such is the lesson which I am taught
Such is the progress
Such is the truth
Such, sir, I conceive to be
Such, then, is the true idea
Such, too, is the characteristic of
Suffer me to point out
Suffice it to say here
Summing up what I have said
Suppose we turn our eyes to
Surely I do not misinterpret
Surely it is a paradox

Surely it is not too much for me to say

T

Take another instance

Take one of the most recent cases

Take the simple fact

Take this example

Taking a broader view

Taking the facts by themselves

That is a further point

That is a natural boast

That is a pure assumption

That is all that it seems necessary to me

That is all very good

That is far from my thoughts

That is final and conclusive

That is the lesson of history

That is the question of questions

That you may conceive the force of

The answer is easy to find

The answer is ready

The belief is born of the wish

The broad principle which I would lay down

The circumstances under which we meet

The climax of my purpose in this address

The common consent of civilized mankind

The conclusion is irresistible

The confusing assertion is sometimes made

The day is at hand

The decided objection is raised

The doctrine I am combating

The doctrine is admirable

The effect too often is

The evolution of events has brought
The fact has made a deep impression on me
The fact has often been insisted
The fact to be particularly noted
The facts are clear and unequivocal
The facts may be strung together
The first business of every man
The first counsel I would offer
The first great fact to remember is
The first point to be ascertained
The first practical thought is
The first remarkable instance was
The first thing I wish to note
The first thing that we have to consider
The future historian will, no doubt
The generous feeling that has promoted you
The great mass of the people
The hour is at hand
The illustration is analogous
The important thing is
The instance I shall choose
The irresistible tendency of
The kindness with which I have been received
The last and distinguishing feature is
The latest inclination I have seen
The lesson which we should take most to heart
The main cause of all this
The more you examine this matter
The most concise tribute paid
The most reasonable anticipation
The most remarkable step forward
The most striking characteristic
The most sublime instance that I know

The next point is
The next question to be considered is
The next thing I consider indispensable
The occasion that calls us together
The one central difference between
The only course that remains open
The only plea to be offered
The other day I observed
The paramount consideration is
The perils that beset us here
The pleasing duty is assigned me
The point I have urged upon you is
The point I wish a little further to speak of
The point to which I shall call your attention
The popular notion is
The practical inference from all this
The presence of this brilliant assemblage
The pressing question is
The prevalent opinion, no doubt
The proof of this statement is to be found
The question is deeply involved
The question, then, recurs
The remedy I believe to be
The result, I fancy, has been
The result of the whole
The rule will always hold good
The sacred voice of inspiration
The same is true in respect of
The scene all comes back
The sentiment to which I am to respond
The sentiment which you have expressed
The simple rule and test
The simple truth is

The soundness of this doctrine depends
The strongest proof I have
The subject of the evening's address
The subject which has been assigned to me
The task has been placed in my hands
The testimony of history is
The theory seems at first sight
The thought with which I shall close
The time has manifestly now arrived
The time is not far distant
The time is now come for me
The times are full of signs and warnings
The toast I am about to propose to you
The vain wish has sometimes been indulged
The view I have been enforcing
The view is more misleading
The warmth and kindness of your reception
The welcome that has been extended to me
The whole story of civilization
Then again, in corroboration
Then again, when men say
Then take the other side of the argument
Then the question arises
Then there is another story
Then, too, it must be remembered
There are certain old truths
There are few spectacles
There are hopeful signs of
There are, I believe, many who think
There are, indeed, exceptions
There are, indeed, persons who profess
There are many educated and intelligent people
There are people in every community

There are several reasons why
There are some slight modifications
There are some who are fond of looking at
There are some who have an idea
There are those of us who can remember
There are those who wish
There are two conflicting theories
There can be but one answer
There can be no doubt
There has been a great deal of discussion lately
There has been no period of time
There have been differences of opinion
There is a characteristic saying
There is a class of person
There is a common saying
There is a conviction
There is a degree of evidence
There is a genuine grief
There is a great deal of rash talking
There is a growing disposition
There is a large class of thinkers
There is a lesson of profound interest
There is a more important question
There is a most serious lesson
There is a multitude of facts
There is a question of vital importance
There is a very common tendency
There is a vital difference of opinion
There is an analogy in this respect
There is an ancient story to the effect
There is an eternal controversy
There is another class of men
There is another factor



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There is another object equally important

There is another point of view

There is another remarkable analogy

There is another sense in which

There is, at any rate, to be said

There is but one consideration

There is certainly no reason

There is hardly any limit

There is, however, another opinion

There is, however, one caution

There is little truth in

There is no field of human activity

There is no good reason

There is no justification for

There is no mistaking the purpose

There is no more insidious peril

There is no more striking exemplification

There is no occasion to exaggerate

There is no page of history

There is no sense in saying

There is no worse perversion

There is not a shadow of evidence

There is nothing more repulsive

There is nothing overstated in this description

There is nothing to show

There is one story which it is said

There is only one sense in which

There is some difference of opinion

There is something strangely interesting

There is yet another distinction

There is yet one other remark

There ought certainly to be

There was but one alternative

There was one remarkable incident
There will always be a number of men
There will be no difficulty
There yet remains
Therefore, there is no possibility of a doubt
Therein lies your responsibility
These alone would not be sufficient
These are enough to refute the opinion
These are general counsels
These are generalizations
These are my reasons for
These are points for consideration
These considerations have great weight with me
These exceptions do not hold in the case of
These ideas naturally present themselves
These instances are far from common
These instances are indications
These last words lead me to say
These objections only go to show
These questions I shall examine
These various partial views
They mistake the intelligence
They would persuade you to
Think for a moment
Think of the cool disregard
This absurdity arises
This appeal to the common sense
This argument is especially cogent
This, at least, is sure
This being the case
This being true
This being undeniable, it is plain
This being understood. I ask

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This brings me to a single remark
This brings us to a subject
This episode goes to prove
This fact was soon made manifest
This from the nature of the case
This I conceive to be the business
This I consider to be my own case
This I have told you
This is a general statement
This is a very one-sided conception
This is a very serious situation
This is an astonishing announcement
This is conceded by
This is contrary to all argument
This is doubtless the truth
This is especially the case
This is essentially an age of
This is in the main just
This is like saying
This is not all
This is not the main point of objection
This is not the occasion or the place
This is obvious
This is on the whole reasonable
This is only another illustration of
This is owing in great measure to
This is precisely what we ought to do
This is said in no spirit of
This is suggested to us
This is the design and intention
This is the great fact
This is the main point on which the inquiry turns
This is the meaning of

This is the obvious answer
This is the point I want to impress upon you
This is the point of view
This is the position of our minds
This is the radical question
This is the sentiment of mankind
This is the starting-point
This is the sum
This is to be found in the fact
This is what I am led to say
This is what may be objected
This is why I take the liberty
This language is plain
This leads me to the question
This leads us to inquire
This may be said without prejudice
This might be illustrated at length
This much is certain
This sentiment was well-nigh universal
This, surely, is the conclusion
This, then, is the answer
This, then, is the drift of my illustration
This, then, is what I mean by saying
This will be evident at once
This you can not deny
Those who have watched the tendencies
Thus a great deal may be done
Thus analogy suggests
Thus far, I willingly admit
Thus I am led on to another remark
Thus if you look into
Thus instances occur now and then
Thus it comes to pass

Thus my imagination tells me
Thus much, however, I may say
Thus much I may be allowed to say
Thus much may be sufficient to recall
Thus we see
Time would not permit me
To a man of the highest public spirit
To avoid all possibility of being misunderstood
To be more explicit
To be sure, we sometimes hear
To bring the matter nearer home
To convince them of this
To feel the true force of this argument
To illustrate
To make my story quite complete
To me, however, it would appear
To my way of conceiving such matters
To prevent misapprehension
To some it may sound like a paradox
To sum up all that has been said
To sum up in one word
To take a very different instance
To the conclusion thus drawn
To the enormous majority of persons
To these general considerations
To this I answer
To this it will be replied
To what other cause can you ascribe
To-day, as never before
Treading close upon the heels
Tried by this standard
True it is
True, there are difficulties

Truly it is a subject for astonishment

Two things are made very clear

U

Under all the circumstances

Under these favoring conditions

Under this head

Undoubtedly we may find

Unfortunately it is a truth

Unless I could be sure

Up to this moment I have stated

V

Very strange is this indeed

W

We all agree as to

We all feel the force of the **maxim**

We all in equal sincerity profess

We almost shudder when we see

We are accustomed to lay stress upon

We are all familiar with

We are approaching an era

We are apt to forget

We are assembled here to-day

We are beginning to realize

We are bound to give heed

We are constantly being told

We are fulfilling what I believe to **be**

We are in the habit of saying

We are met to-night

We are not able to prove

We are not disinterested

We are quite unable to speculate

We are told emphatically

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We are tolerably certain
We believe with a sincere belief
We can but pause to contemplate
We can imagine the amazement of
We can not but be struck with
We can not escape the truth
We can not have this too deeply fixed
We can not too highly honor the temper of
We can not wonder
We can only applaud the sentiment
We can only bow with awe
We can presume
We can remember with pride
We can see to some extent
We continually hear nowadays
We deeply appreciate the circumstances of
We do not quarrel with those
We do not question the reality
We do well to recall
We easily persuade ourselves
We feel keenly about such things
We grope blindly along
We have a firm assurance
We have a right to claim
We have an overpowering sense
We have been accustomed to
We have been told by more than one
We have come together to-night
We have great reason to be thankful
We have heard lately
We have here plain proof
We have need to examine
We have no means of knowing

We have no other alternative
We have not yet solved the problem
We have sought on this occasion
We have the evidence of this
We have the good fortune to-night
We have to admit
We have witnessed on many occasions
We hear it is said sometimes
We hear no complaint
We heartily wish and mean
We hold fast to the principle
We laugh to scorn the idea
We may all of us agree
We may be permitted to remember
We may contemplate with satisfaction
We may have a deep consciousness
We may indeed consider
We may not know precisely how
We must also look
We must constantly direct our purpose
We must not be deceived
We must not mistake
We must realize conscientiously
We must remember
We need no proof to assure us
We need not look far for reasons
We need not trouble ourselves
We of this generation
We often hear persons say
We ought in strict propriety
We pride ourselves upon the fact
We rightly pay all honor
We see in a variety of ways



We shall all doubtless concede
We shall be blind not to perceive
We shall do well to remember
We shall have no difficulty in determining
We should be convinced
We should contemplate and compare
We should dread nothing so much
We should lend our influence
We should not question for a moment
We should not, therefore, question
We stand astonished at
We stumble and falter and fall
We take it for granted
We will not stop to inquire
Weighty as these conditions are
Well, gentlemen, it must be confessed
Well may we explain
Well, now, let us propose
Well, that being the case, I say
Were I to enter into a detailed description
Were I to speculate
What are the precise characteristics
What are we to think of
What are you going to do
What can avail
What can be more intelligible
What can be more monstrous than
What can I say better
What commonly happens is this
What could be more captivating
What could be more true
What do we gain by
What do we understand to have been

What I mean is this
What I now say is
What I object to is
What I propose to do is
What I shall actually attempt to **show here**
What I suggest is
What is more **important**
What is more remarkable
What is the pretext
What is this but to say
What more shall I say
What remains but to wish you
What strikes the mind so forcibly
What, then, are we to believe
What, then, can be the reason
What, then, I may be asked
What, then, is the use
What, then, was the nature of
What was the consequence of
What we are concerned to **know is**
What we have most to complain of
What would you say
Whatever a man thinks
Whatever difference of opinion may **exist**
Whatever opinion I may express
Whatever the truth may be
When I am told
When I hear it said
When I remember the history
When I review these circumstances
When I speak of this question
When I thus profess myself
When one remembers



When we consider the vastness
When we contemplate
When we get so far as this
When we look closely at
When will men understand
When you are assured
When you did me the honor to invite me
Whence it is, I say
Whence was the proof to come
While acknowledging the great value
While I feel most keenly the honor
While I have hinted to you
Whilst I am on this matter
Who can deny the effect
Who can say in a word
Who does not like to see
Who has not felt the contrast
Who that reads does not see
Who will accuse me
Why, again, should I take notice
Why need you seek to disprove
Will any gentleman say
Will any one answer
Will it be whispered
Will it not be well for us
Will you allow me to present to you
Will you bear with me
Will you mistake this
Will you permit me to thank you
With all my heart I share
With possibly a single exception
With respect to what has been said
With this ideal clearly before us

With whatever opinions we come here
Without going into any details
Without my saying a word more

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Yet I am convinced
Yet I am willing to admit
Yet I am willing to conclude
Yet I feel quite free to say
Yet I, for one, do not hesitate to admit
Yet I have never been thoroughly satisfied
Yet I suppose it is worth while
Yet I would have to think
Yet if you were to ask the question
Yet it is instructive and interesting
Yet it is no less true
Yet it is perfectly plain
Yet let me consider what consequences must
Yet may I not remind you
You all know the history of
You and I are always contrasting
You are at a parting of the ways
You are now invited to do honor
You can never forget
You can not assert
You do not need to be told
You have all read the story
You have been gracious enough to assign to me
You have been mindful
You have been pleased to confer upon me
You have but to observe
You have done me great honor
You have no right

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You have not forgotten
You have often pondered over
You have sometimes been astonished
You know that it is impossible to
You know the legend which has grown up
You know very well
You may also be assured
You may be acquainted with
You may be sure
You may depend upon it
You may remember
You may well be proud
You may well study the example
You might apply to yourselves
You must not forget
You must understand I do not mean to claim
You ought not to disregard what I say
You remember how
You will allow me to say with becoming brevity
You will be pleased to hear
You will bear me out when I say
You will clearly understand
You will expect me to say something about
You will forgive me
You will join with me, I trust
You will observe
You will pardon me, I am sure
You will scarcely be surprised
You would never dream of urging
You yourselves are the evidence
Your friendly and generous words
Your good sense must tell you
Your presence seems to say

SECTION XI
MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES

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A

- A bewildering labyrinth of facts
- A blank absence of interest or sympathy
- A bloodless diplomatist
- A breach of confidence
- A brilliant and paradoxical talker
- A burning sense of shame and horror
- A century of disillusionment
- A certain catholicity of taste
- A cheap and coarse cynicism
- A civilizing agency of conspicuous value
- A cleanness and probity of life
- A commendable restraint
- A condescending and patronizing spirit
- A confused and troublesome time
- A conscientious anxiety to do the right thing
- A conspicuous and crowning service
- A constant source of surprise and delight
- A contemptible species of mockery
- A convenient makeshift
- A copious torrent of pleasantry
- A course of arrogant obstinacy
- A crumb of consolation
- A crystallized embodiment of the age
- A cynical and selfish hedonist
- A dangerous varnish of refinement
- A dead theological dogma

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- A decorous and well-intentioned person
- A deep and most impressive solemnity
- A deep and strange suggestiveness
- A deep authentic impression of **disinterestedness**
- A dereliction of duty
- A disaster of the first magnitude
- A distorted and pessimistic view of life
- A dogmatic and self-righteous spirit
- A duel of brains
- A dull collocation of words
- A fastidious sense of fitness
- A fatal moral hollowness
- A feeling of lofty remoteness
- A feminine excess of **inconsequence**
- A final and irrevocable settlement
- A firmness tempered by the most **scrupulous courtesy**
- A fitting interval for penitence
- A flippant rejoinder
- A flood of external impressions
- A flourish of rhetoric
- A fund of curious information
- A furtive groping¹ after knowledge
- A gambler's desperate chance
- A ghastly mixture of defiance and **conceit**
- A glaring example of rapacity
- A graceful nonentity
- A great and many-sided personality
- A great capacity for generous indignation
- A great source of confusion
- A gross piece of stupidity
- A habit of riding a theory too hard
- A habit of rigorous definition
- A happy and compensating experience

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- A haughty self-assertion of equality
 - A hideous absurdity
 - A hideous orgy of massacre and outrage
 - A high pitch of eloquence
 - A homelike and festive aspect
 - A hopeless enigma
 - A hotbed of disturbance
 - A hushed rustle of applause testified to a widespread approbation
 - A keenly receptive and intensely sensitive temperament
 - A kind of fantastic patchwork
 - A kind of surly reluctance
 - A laudable stimulus
 - A law of retributive justice
 - A less revolutionary innovation
 - A life of studious contemplation
 - A limpidity and lucidity of style
 - A lingering tinge of admiration
 - A lively sense of what is dishonorable
 - A long accumulating store of discontent and unrest
 - A long tangle of unavoidable detail
 - A look threatening and peremptory
 - A many-sided and far-reaching enthusiasm
 - A marvelous sharpener of the faculties
 - A melancholy preponderance of mischief
 - A memory-haunting phrase
 - A mercenary marriage
 - A mere conjectural estimate
 - A microscopic care in the search of words
 - A misconception which is singularly prevalent
 - A mixture of malignancy and madness
 - A modicum of truth
 - A monstrous travesty

- A mood of hard skepticism
- A more than ordinary share of baseness and depravity
- A most laudable zeal
- A most repulsive and incomprehensible idiom
- A most unseasonable piece of impertinence
- A multitude of groundless alarms
- A murderous tenacity about trifles
- A mysterious and an intractable pestilence
- A mysterious and inscrutable power
- A narrow and superficial survey
- A nature somewhat frivolous and irresolute
- A needlessly offensive manner
- A nimble interchange of uninteresting gossip
- A noble and puissant nation
- A novel and perplexing course
- A numerous company
- A painful and disconcerting deformity
- A partial disenchantment
- A passage of extraordinary daring
- A patchwork of compromises
- A permanent and habitual state of mind
- A pernicious and growing tendency
- A perversion of judgment
- A phantom of the brain
- A piece of grotesque stupidity
- A pleasant flow of appropriate language
- A pompous failure
- A potential menace to life
- A powerful and persuasive orator
- A prevalent characteristic of her nature
- A prey to the tongue of the public
- A pristine vigor of style
- A profusion of compliments

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- A proposition inherently vicious
 - A puerile illusion
 - A quenchless thirst for expression
 - A rage akin to frenzy
 - A rare precision of insight
 - A rather desperate procedure
 - A reckless fashion
 - A recrudescence of superstition
 - A relish for the sublime
 - A reversion to the boldest paganism
 - A rigid avoidance of extravagance and excess
 - A ripple of applause
 - A restraining and conservative force
 - A robust and consistent application
 - A sacred and indissoluble union
 - A sane philosophy of life
 - A secluded dreamer of dreams
 - A secret and wistful charm
 - A sense of deepening discouragement
 - A sense of indescribable reverence
 - A series of brief and irritating hopes
 - A settled conviction of success
 - A sharp difference of opinion
 - A sharp pang of regretful surprise
 - A shrewd eye to the main chance
 - A signal deed of justice
 - A skeptical suspension of judgment
 - A slight and superficial tribute
 - A slowly subsiding frenzy
 - A snare and a delusion
 - A somewhat complicated and abstruse calculation
 - A sordid and detestable motive
 - A sort of incredulous stupefaction

- A source of unfailing delight and wonder
- A species of moral usurpation
- A spirit inimical to learning
- A spirit of complacent pessimism
- A startling and unfortunate digression
- A state of scarcely veiled insurrection
- A state of urgent necessity
- A stern decree of fate
- A stern foe of snobbishness
- A storm of public indignation
- A strange mixture of carelessness, generosity, and caprice
- A strangely perverse and poverty stricken imagination
- A strong assumption of superiority
- A subjugated and sullen population
- A sudden revulsion
- A supposed ground of affinity
- A synonym for retrogression
- A taunting accusation of falsehood
- A tedious and needless drudgery
- A temper which brooked no resistance
- A temporary expedient
- A tender tone of remonstrance
- A theme of endless meditation
- A thing of moods and moments
- A thoroughly sincere and unaffected effort
- A thousand mangled delusions
- A tissue of dull excuses
- A tone of exaggerated solicitude
- A touch of exquisite pathos
- A trace of obvious sarcasm
- A transcript of the common conscience
- A trifle prim and puritanic
- A truth begun with fire

- A unique and overwhelming charm
A vague aversion
A variety of conflicting and profound emotions
A variety of enfeebling amendments
A vast multitude of facts
A vastly extended vision of opportunity
A vehement and direct attack
A very elusive and delicate thought
A very formidable problem
A vigilant reserve
A violent and base calumniator
A voice of matchless compass and eloquence
A warmth of seemingly generous indignations
A wealth of resource that seemed inexhaustible
A welcome release from besetting difficulties
A whole catalog of disastrous blunders
A whole whirlpool of various emotions
Abounding bodily vigor
Above and beyond and before all else
Absurd and inconsequential career
Abundant and congenial employment
Accidental rather than intentional
Accustomed to ascribe to chance
Acquired sentiments of propriety
Activities of the discursive intellect
Actuated by an unduly anxious desire
Acute sensibility coupled with quickness of intellect
Adhere too tenaciously to forms and modes
Admirable mastery of technique
Admit the soft impeachment
Admitted with a childlike cheerfulness
Advance by leaps and bounds
Advancing to dignity and honor

- An incongruous spectacle
- An incredible mental agility
- An indefinable taint of priggishness
- An indescribable frankness and simplicity of character
- An indolent surrender to mere sensuous experience
- An indomitable and unselfish soul
- An ineradicable love of fun and mystification
- An inevitable factor of human conduct
- An inexhaustible copiousness and readiness of speech
- An insatiable appetite for trifles
- An insatiable voracity
- An inscrutable mystery
- An intentional breach of politeness
- An interchange of civilities
- An intolerable deal of guesswork
- An involuntary gesture of remonstrance
- An irrelevant bit of magniloquence
- An irrepressible and impassioned hopefulness
- An irritating and dangerous treatment
- An itching propensity for argument
- An object of indestructible interest
- An obnoxious member of society
- An ominous lull and silence
- An open and violent rupture
- An outburst of impassioned eloquence
- An unaccountable feeling of antipathy
- An unbecoming vehemence
- An undisciplined state of feeling
- An unerring sense of humor
- An unparalleled and almost miraculous growth
- An unparalleled atrocity
- An unpatriotic and ignoble act

An unreasoning form of coercion
An utterly vile and detestable spirit
And now I address myself to my task
And the like
Announced in a tone of pious satisfaction
Another thought importuned him
Anticipated with lively expectation
Apparent rather than real
Appeal to a tardy justice
Appreciably above the level of mediocrity
Arbitrary assumption of power
Ardently and enthusiastically convinced
Argued with immense force and feeling
Arrayed with scrupulous neatness
Arrogance and untutored haughtiness
As an impartial bystander
As belated as they are fallacious
As by a secret of freemasonry
As odious as it is absurd
As ridiculous as it was unnecessary
As we scan the vague unknown
Assailed by poignant doubts
Assume a menacing attitude
Assumed almost heroic proportions
At once epigrammatic and arresting
At once misleading and infelicitous
At the mercy of small prejudices
Attained by rigorous self-restraint
Attended by insuperable difficulties
Averted by some happy stroke of fortune
Await the sentence of impartial posterity
Awaited with feverish anxiety

Bandied to and fro
Based on a fundamental
Reguile the tedium of th
Bemoaning and bewailir
Beset with external dar
Betrayed into deplorab'
Bewildering multiplica
Beyond the dreams o
Blended with courag'
Blind leaders of the
Blunt the finer sens
Blustering desire f
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By the sheer centripetal force of sympathy
By virtue of a common understanding
By way of rejoinder

C

Calculated to create disgust
Calm strength and constancy
Capable of a severe scientific treatment
Capacity for urbanity and moderation
Carried into port by fair winds
Caught unawares by a base impulse
Ceaseless tramp of humanity
Censured for his negligence
Championing the cause of religious education
Chastened and refined by experience
Checked by the voice of authority
Cherished the amiable illusion
Cherishing a huge fallacy
Childishly inaccurate and absurd
Chivalrous loyalty and high forbearance
Clever and captivating eloquence
Coarse and glittering ostentation
Coherent and continuous trend of thought
Commended by perfect suavity
Common ground of agreement
Complicated and infinitely embittered
Conceded from a sense of justice
Conceived with imperfect knowledge
Concentrated and implacable resolve
Conditions of unspeakable humiliation
Conducive to well-being and efficiency
Confused rumblings presaging a different epoch
Constrained by the sober exercise of judgment
Consumed by a demon of activity

Encrusted with pedantry and prejudice
Endless and intricate technicalities
Endowed with undreamed-of powers
Enforced by coercive measures
Enormities of crime and anomalies of law
Entangled in theological controversy
Entirely futile and negligible
Erroneous assumptions and sophistries
Espoused with extraordinary ardor
Essentially one-sided and incomplete
Eternally fruitful and stimulating
Evidently malicious and adroit
Evinces a hardened conscience and an insensibility to shame
Exact and resolute allegiance
Examples of terrific and explosive energy
Exasperating to the last degree
Excruciating cruelty and injustice
Exposed to damaging criticism
Exposing his arrogance and folly to merited contempt
Expressions of unrestrained grief
Exquisite lucidity of statement
Extraordinarily subtle and penetrating analysis
Exuberant rush of words

F

Facile and fertile literary brains
Faithfully and religiously eschewed
Fallen into the convenient oblivion of the waste-basket
Fanatical and dangerous excesses
Far off and incredibly remote
Fastidious correctness of form
Fate had turned and twisted a thousand ways

Dictated by an overweening partiality
Differ in degree only and not in kind
Difficult and abstruse questions
Diffidence overwhelmed him
Diffusing beneficent results
Dignified by deliberation and privacy
Dimly implying some sort of jest
Discreditable and insincere support
Disdaining the guidance of reason
Disenchanting effect of time and experience
Disfigured by glaring faults
Disguised in sentimental frippery
Dispel all anxious concern
Displayed enormous power and splendor
Distinguish themselves by their eccentricities
Distracted by contending desires
Diversity of mind and temperament
Divested of all personal feelings
Dogged and shameless beyond all precedent
Dominated by no prevailing taste or fashion
Doomed by inexorable fate
Doomed to impermanence and transiency
Draw back in distrust and misgiving
Dreaded and detested rival
Driven towards disaffection and violence
Due to historical perspective
Dull and trite commonplaces
Dwindled to alarmingly small dimensions

E

Easy-going to the point of lethargy
Elementary principles of right and wrong
Embittered and fanatical agitation

Gratuitous and arbitrary meddling
Greeted with unalloyed satisfaction
Grooves of intellectual habit
Growing sense of bewilderment and dismay
Guilty and baffled antagonists

H

Habits of unintelligent routine
Habitual self-possession and self-respect
Happy and gracious willingness
Hard-souled and joyously joyous
Haunted by blank misgivings
He affected neither pomp nor grandeur
He became more blandly garrulous
He declined the proffered hospitality
He dropped into an eloquent silence
He eludes analysis and baffles description
He glanced at her indulgently
He had the habit of self-engrossed silences
He harbored his misgivings in silence
He poured bitter and biting ridicule on his discomfited opponents
He spoke with sledgehammer directness
He suffers nothing to draw him aside
He took his courage in both hands
He turned on me a glance of stored intelligence
He was disheveled and untidy
He was inexhaustibly voluble
Heavily freighted with erudition
Heights of serene contemplation
Her voice had a wooden resonance and a ghost of a lisp
Hidebound in official pedantry
High and undiscouraged hope

High-handed indifference to all restraint
His chin had too vanishing an aspect
His first zeal was flagging
His general attitude suggested an idea that he had an oration for you
His gestures and his gait were untidy
His mood was one of pure exaltation
His plea was irresistible
His tone verged on the ironical
His work was ludicrously perfunctory
Hopelessly belated in its appearance


I

I adjured him
I am not without a lurking suspicion
I bemoaned my unlucky fate
I could almost allege it as a supreme example
I have somewhat overshot the mark
I lost myself in a reverie of gratitude
I made bold to retort
I must hazard the story
I was extremely perplexed
I will permit myself the liberty of saying
I would fain believe
Illuminate with sinister effect
Immediate and effectual steps
Immense capacity for ceaseless progress
Immunity from criticism and control
Impartial and exacting judgment
Impatience of despotic influence
Impelled by strong conviction
Imperiled in a restless age
Imperious in its demands

Impotent outbreaks of unreasoning rage
Impromptu parades of noisy patriotism
In a diversity of application
In a fever of apprehension
In a frenzy of fussy excitement
In a frowning abstraction
In a great and fruitful way
In a high degree culpable
In a kind of confused astonishment
In a most commendable fashion
In a most impressive vein
In a position of undisputed supremacy
In a rapture of imagined ecstasy
In a secret and surreptitious way
In a spirit of friendliness and conciliation
In a state of mulish reluctance
In a state of nervous exacerbation
In a state of virtuous complacency
In a tone of uneasy interrogation
In a transport of ambitious vanity
In a whirlwind of feeling and memory
In accents embarrassed and hesitating
In alliance with steady clearness of intellect
In amazed ejaculation
In an eminent and unique sense
In an eminent degree
In deference to a unanimous sentiment
In extenuation of the past
In high good humor
In his customary sententious fashion
In its most odious and intolerable shape
In language terse yet familiar
In moments of the most imminent peril

In quite incredible confusion
In seasons of difficulty and trial
In spite of plausible arguments
In terms of imperishable beauty
In the dim procession of years
In the highest conceivable degree
In the local phrase
In the nature of things
In the ordinarily accepted sense
In the realm of conjecture
In the scheme of things
In the tone of one who moralizes
In the twinkling of an eye
In the world of letters
In tones of genuine admiration
Incapable of flashy make-believe
Incited by a lust for gain
Incomparable lucidity and penetrativeness
Inconceivable clumsiness of organization
Indulge a train of gentle recollection
Indulging a sickly and nauseating petulance
Ineffably dreary and unpicturesque
Infected with a feverish dissatisfaction
Infuse a wholesome terror
Inimical to true and determined principle
Inimitable grace and felicity
Injudicious and inelegant ostentation
Innumerable and incessant creations
Inordinate greed and love of wealth
Insatiably greedy of recognition
Insensibility to moral perspective and proportion
Insolent and riotous excess
Inspired by a vague malevolence

Inspired by approval and applause
Instances might be multiplied indefinitely
Instantly alive to the slightest breach of decorum
Insufferable violence to the feelings
Intense and stubborn dogmatism
Intense sensitiveness to injustice
Intercourse with polished society
Intervals of respite and repose
Inveigh against established customs
Invested with a partial authority
Inveterate forces of opposition
Invincible jealousy and hate
Involuntary thrill of gratified vanity
Involved in profound uncertainty
Involving ourselves in embarrassments
Inward appraisal and self-renouncement
Irregulated and desultory education
Irrelevant to the main issue
Irresistibly impelled by conscience
Irritable bitterness and angry suspicion
It assumes the shape of malignity
It betrays a great want of prudence and discernment
It defies description
It dissipates every doubt and scruple
It enslaves the imagination
It extorted from him expressions of irritability
It gives one a little grip at the throat
It has been stigmatized as irrelevant
It has more than passing interest
It has seldom been surpassed
It imposes no constraint
It is a capital blunder



It is a common error among ignorant people
It is a consoling reflection
It is a mark of great instability
It is a staggering thought
It is always something vicious
It is an odd jealousy
It is an intolerable idea
It is impossible to resist acknowledging this
It is little more than a platitude
It is not consistent with elevated and dignified character
It is not wholly insignificant
It is notoriously easy to exaggerate
It is the common consent of men
It is unnecessary to multiply instances
It makes life insupportable
It must be a matter of conjecture
It occasions suspicion and discontent
It runs counter to all established customs
It was a matter of notoriety
It wears a ragged and dangerous front
It would be a fruitless and unthankful task
It would be superfluous to say
It would not seem an improbable conclusion
Its dominating and inspiring influence

J

Jealous and formidable foes
Justifiable in certain exigencies

K

Keen power of calculation and unhesitating audacity
Kindle the flames of genuine oratory
Knotty and subtle disquisitions

L

Labored and far-fetched elocution
Laid down in a most unflinching and vigorous fashion
Lamentable instances of extravagance
Lash themselves into fury
Lax theories and corresponding practises
Lay hold of the affections
Leaden mood of dulness
Lend a critical ear
Lest the requirements of courtesy be disregarded
Links in the chain of reasoning
Little less than scandalous
Lofty and distinguished simplicity
Long-sighted continuity of thought and plan
Lookir.g at the matter by and large
Looming large and ugly in the public view
Loose and otiose statement
Lost in indolent content
Lovely beyond all words
Lucidity and argumentative vigor
Lulled into a sense of false satisfaction

M

Maddened by a jealous hate
Maintained with ingenuity and vigor
Manifestly harsh and barbarous
Marvelous copiousness of illustration
Marvelously suggestive and inspiring
Men of profound erudition
Mere effects of negligence
Microscopic analysis of character
Mingled distrust and fear
Ministering to mere pleasure and indulgence

Minutely and rationally exposing their imperfections
Morbid and subjective brooding
More or less severe and prolonged
Moved to unaccustomed tears
My worst suspicions were confirmed
Mysterious and invincible darkness

N

Naked vigor of resolution
Naturally prone to believe
Necessity thus imposed by prudence
Nerveless and faithless folly
No more than brief palliatives or mitigations
Noble and sublime patience
Noisy torrent of talk
Not averse to a little gossip
Not so much polished as varnished
Noted for their quixotic love of adventure
Nothing could be more captious or unfair
Nothing remained but a graceful acquiescence
Notoriously distracted by internecine jealousies

O

Objects of general censure
Obscured beneath the rubbish of the age
Obsessed with an overweening pride
Obstacles that are difficult but not insuperable
Obviously at variance with facts
Occasioned by direct moral turpitude
Oddly amenable to the proposed innovations
Often employed promiscuously
Ominous and swift days
Omitting all compliments and commonplaces
On a noble and commanding scale

On sure ground of fact
On the edge of great irritability
On the horns of a dilemma
One of life's ironical adjustments
One of the foreseen and inevitable results
One tissue of rashness, folly, ingratitude, and injustice
Openly flouted and disavowed
Oppressed by some vague dread
Organs of party rage and popular frenzy
Our opinions were diametrically opposed
Our vaunted civilization
Outward mark of obeisance and humiliation
Overcome by an access of misery
Overshadowed by a fretful anxiety
Overwhelmed with reproach and popular indignation

P

Painful and lamentable indifference
Palpably and unmistakably commonplace
Parading an exception to prove a rule
Paralyzed by infirmity of purpose
Paralyzing doubts and scruples
Paramount obligation and righteousness
Partial and fragmentary evidence
Passionately addicted to pleasure
Patently inimical to liberty
Patience under continual provocation
Peculiarly liable to misinterpretation
Peddling and pitiful compromises
Pelting one another with catchwords
Perfectly illustrated and exemplified
Perpetually excite our curiosity
Pierced to the quick

Pitiful shifts of policy
Plainly dictated by a lofty purpose
Pleading the exigencies of strategical interest
Plunged into tumultuous preoccupation
Pointed out with triumphant malice
Polished beauty of diction
Political storm and stress
Position of titular command
Preached with a fierce unction
Precipitate and arbitrary changes
Predict the gloomiest consequences
Pregnant with a lesson of the deepest import
Presented with matchless vigor and courage
Princely generosity of praise
Prodigious and portentous events
Protracted to a vexatious length
Proud schemes for aggrandizement
Provocative of bitter hostility
Pruned of their excrescences and grotesque extremes
Purged of glaringly offensive features
Pursued to a vicious extent

Q

Questioned and tested in the crucible of experience
Quickened into a stabbing suspicion
Quickness to conceive and courage to execute
Quite destitute of resources
Quixotically generous about money

R

Radiantly and transparently happy
Railed at the world
Rare candor and flexibility of mind
Rare fidelity of purpose and achievement


Rarely brought to pass
Reeling headlong in luxury and sensuality
Regarded with sincere abhorrence
Regulated by the fixed rules of good-breeding
Religious rights and ceremonies
Reluctant to appear in so equivocal a character
Render null and void
Rent by internal contentions
Repugnant alike to reason and conscience
Resigned to growing infirmities
Resist a common adversary
Resting on some collateral circumstance
Rhetorical and ambitious diction
Rich and exuberant complexities
Rigid and exact boundaries
Rooted in immeasurable error and falsity
Roused to tumultuous activity
Rude and blind criticism

S

Sadly counterbalanced by numerous faults
Said with epigrammatic point
Salutary in the extreme
Salutary tonic of a free current of public criticism
Sanity and quietness of soul
Scorned as an impracticable theory
Scornful of petty calculations
Screen themselves from punishment
Scrupulous and chivalrous loyalty
See with eagle glance through conventionalisms
Seem to savor of paradox
Seize the auspicious moment
Self-centered anxiety and preoccupation

Self-command born of varied intercourse
Self-interest of the most compelling character
Selfish and uselessly recondite
Selfishness pampered by abundance
Senses of marvelous acuteness
Sensible diminution of our comfort
Sensitive and apprehensive temperament
Sentimental wailings for the past
Serve the innocent purposes of life
Set down with meticulous care
Shames us out of our nonsense
Sharp outbursts of hatred and bitterness
Sharp restrictions of duty and opportunity
Sharply and definitely conceived
She had lost her way in a labyrinth of conjecture
She took refuge in a passionate exaggeration of her own in-
sufficiency
Sheer midsummer madness
Silly displays of cheap animosity
Simple and obvious to a plain understanding
Sinister and fatal augury
Skulking beneath a high-sounding benevolence
Slack-minded skimming of newspapers
Slavish doctrines of sectarianism
Slow and resistless forces of conviction
Smug respectability and self-content
Snatch some advantage
Socialized and exacting studies
Some very undignified disclosures
Something essentially inexpressible
Something stifling and over-perfumed
Spinning a network of falsehoods
Spiritual and moral significance

Staring in helpless bewilderment
Stealthily escaping observation
Stern determination to inflict summary justice
Stigmatized as moral cowards
Stimulated to profitable industry
Stopped as if on the verge of profundities
Strange frankness of cynical brutality
Strange streak of melancholy
Strangled by a snare of words
Strenuous and conscientious endeavor
Stretched out in dreary monotony
Strict and unalloyed veracity
Struck incessantly and remorselessly
Stupendous and awe-inspiring spectacle
Subject to the vicissitudes of fortune
Subjected to the grossest cruelties
Subordination to the common weal
Subservient to the ends of religion
Sudden and inexplicable changes of mood
Suddenly and imperatively summoned
Suddenly swelled to unprecedented magnitude
Sufficient to repel vulgar curiosity
Suggestive sagacity and penetration
Suit the means to the end
Sullen and widespread discontent
Superior in strength and prowess
Supported by a splendid fearlessness
Supremely and undeniably great
Susceptible to every impulse and stimulus
Sustained dignity and mellifluous precision
Swamping every aspiration and ambition
Swift and vehement outbursts of feeling



T

Take root in the heart
Take vengeance upon arrogant self-assertion
Taken in their totality
Tamed and wonted to a settled existence
Tempered by the emotional warmth of high moral ideals
That way madness lies
The abysmal depths of despair
The accumulated bitterness of failure
The agonies of conscious failure
The air was full of the cry and clamor
The animadversions of critics
The applause was unbounded
The best proof of its timeliness and salutariness
The bewildered and tumultuous world
The blackest abyss of despair
The blemishes of an extraordinary reputation
The bluntness of a provincial
The bogey of bad luck
The bounding pulse of youth
The brunt of life
The capacity for refined pursuits
The charming omniscience of youth
The cloak of cowardice
The collective life of humanity
The combined dictates of reason and experience
The companion of a noble and elevated spirit
The complaining gate swung open
The complex phenomena of life
The consequence of an agitated mind
The consequence of ignorance and childish assumption
The constant pressure of anxieties
The creature and tool of a party

The critical eyes of posterity
The dead and dusty past
The delimitation is sufficiently definite
The dictates of plain reason
The disjointed babble of the chronicler
The dull derision of the world
The dullest and most vacant minds
The dumb forces of brute nature
The dupe of some imposture
The eager pretentiousness of youth
The ebb and flow of events
The everlasting deluge of books
The evil was irremediable
The exchange of harmless amenities
The exertion of an inherent power
The expression was keenly intellectual.
The facile conjectures of ignorant onlookers
The facts took him by the throat
The fitful swerving of passion
The flabbiness of our culture
The flaccid moods of prose
The flame of discord raged with redoubled fury
The flattest and most obvious truisms
The flippant insolence of a decadent skepticism
The foe of excess and immoderation
The fog of prejudice and ill-feeling
The frustration of their dearest hopes
The garb of civilization
The general infusion of wit
The gift of prophecy
The golden years of youth and maturity
The gratification of ambition
The grim reality of defeat

The hall-mark of a healthy humanity
The handmaid of tyranny
The hint of tranquillity and self-poise
The hints of an imaginable alliance
The hobgoblin of little minds
The holiest and most ennobling sensations of the soul
The hollowest of hollow shams
The homely virtue of practical utility
The hubbub and turmoil of the great world
The huge and thoughtful night
The hurly-burly of events
The idea was utterly hateful and repugnant
The idle of all hobbledehoys
The ignoble exploitation of public interests
The imminent fatality awaiting him
The impulse of prejudice or caprice
The incorrigibility of perverse human nature
The incursions of a venomous rabble
The indulgence of an overweening self-conceit
The inevitable climax and culmination
The inference is inescapable
The infirmity and fallibility of human nature
The inflexible serenity of the wheeling sun
The ingenuities of legal verbiage
The inmost recesses of the human heart
The insipidity of indifference
The insolence of power
The irony of circumstances
The jaded weariness of overstrained living
The jargon of well-handled and voice-worn phrases
The jostling and ugliness of life
The lawyer's habit of circumspection and delay
The long-delayed hour of retribution

The lowest grade of precarious mendacity
The makeshifts of mediocrity
The malarious air of after-dinner gossip
The mazes of conflicting testimony
The mean and frivolous affections of the idle
The menacing shadow of want
The mere fruit of his distempered imagination
The mere reversal of the wheel of fortune
The merest smattering of knowledge
• The meticulous preciosity of the lawyer and the logician
The most absurd elementary questions
The most amazing impudence
The most exacting and exciting business
The most fallacious of all fallacies
The most implacable logic
The most preposterous pride
The multitudinous tongue of the people
The outcome of unerring observation
The outraged conscience of mankind
The overpowering force of circumstances and necessity
The overweening exercise of power
The panacea for the evils of society
The panorama of history
The pernicious doctrines of skeptics
The perpetrator of clumsy witticisms
The precarious tenure of fame
The precursor of violence
The pretty and delicate game of talk
The primitive instinct of self-preservation
The property of little minds
The prophecies of visionaries and enthusiasts
The proprieties of etiquette
The purse-proud inflation of the moneyed man

The question was disconcertingly frank
The ravening wolves of brute instinct
The remark was sternly uncompromising
The result of caprice
The rigor of the law
The sanction and authority of a great name
The severest shocks of adverse fate
The sharp and vehement assertion of authority
The sinister influence of unprincipled men
The speaker drew an indignant breath
The springs of human action
The staple of conversation
The stillness of finality
The stings of self-reproach
The straightforward path of inexorable logic
The strong hand of executive authority
The sum and fruit of experience
The sum total of her impressions was negative
The summit of excellence
The supernatural prescience of prophecy
The sweet indulgence of good-nature
The sycophants of the rich
The taint of fretful ingratitude
The talk flowed
The target for ill-informed criticism
The tears welled up and flowed abundantly
The tediousness of inactivity
The tendency to evade implicit obligations
The ties of a common cause
The tranquil aspects of society
The tribute of affectionate applause
The ultimate verdict of mankind
The unbroken habit of a lifetime

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The unimpeachable correctness of his demeanor
The unlicensed indulgence of curiosity
The unsophisticated period of youth
The utmost excitement and agitation
The vanishing thoughtlessness of youth
The vanity and conceit of insular self-satisfaction
The very texture of man's soul and life
The victim of an increasing irritability
The victorious assertion of personality
The virtue of taciturnity
The voice was sharp and peremptory
The want of serious and sustained thinking
The widest compass of human life
The wonderful pageant of consciousness
The words stabbed him
Their authenticity may be greatly questioned
Their indignation waxed fast and furious
Themes of perennial interest
There was a blank silence
There was no sense of diminution
They affected the tone of an impartial observer
They rent the air with shouts and acclamations
Thoughts which mock at human life
Through ever-widening circles of devastation
Through the distortions of prejudice
Thwarted by seeming insuperable obstacles
Time was dissolving the circle of his friends
Times of unexampled difficulty
Tinsel over with a gaudy embellishment of words
To a practised eye
To be sedulously avoided
To prosecute a scheme of personal ambition
To state the case is to prove it

Too preposterous for belief
Too puerile to notice
Too sanguine a forecast
Torn asunder by eternal strife
Totally detached from all factions
Touched with a sort of reverential gratitude
Transcend the bounds of human credulity
Transitory in its nature
Transparent and ridiculous self-importance
Treasured up with a timid and niggardly thrift
Treated the idea with lofty scorn
Tremendous exploits and thrilling escapades
True incentives to knowledge

U

Unamiable and envious attributes
Unbounded devotion and indulgence
Uncharted oceans of thought
Unconquerable fidelity to duty
Under all conceivable circumstances
Under the sway of arbitrary opinions
Undertaken under propitious circumstances
Uneasy sense of impending change
Unequaled simplicity and directness of purpose
Unexceptional in point of breeding
Unexpected obstacles and inextricable difficulties
Unfailing and miraculous foresight
Unfeigned astonishment and indignation
Unfounded and incredible calumnies
Unhampered by binding alliances
Universal in their signification
Unjust and unrighteous persecution
Unreasoning and unquestioning attachment

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Unrivalled beauty and excellence
Unrivalled gift of succinct and trenchant speech
Unsparring industry and attention
Unspeakably alluring and satisfying
Unsurpassed in force and fitness
Unswerving and unselfish fidelity
Untiring enunciation of platitudes and fallacies
Unutterably trivial and paltry
Unwavering and unquestioning approbation
Unworthy and ungenerous treatment
Upbraid ourselves with folly
Urgent warning and admonition
Utterly and essentially irreverent

V

Vast and vague aspirations
Vastly complex and far-reaching problems
Vehemently and indignantly repudiated
Venerable and dignified conservatism
Versatile and essentially original
Versed in the arts of exciting tumult and sedition
Viewed in its general tenor and substance
Vigorous and well compacted
Violating all decency
Violent and unforeseen vicissitudes
Vitiated by intolerance and shortsightedness
Vivid even to oppressiveness
Voracious and insatiable appetite
Vulgar eagerness for place

W

Warnings too pregnant to be disregarded
Warped by personal pretensions and self-consequence
We may parenthetically note

We must profoundly revere it
Weigh the merits and demerits
Welcomed at first with skeptical contempt
Well-concerted and well-timed stratagems
Whirled into rapid and ceaseless motion
Wholesale friction and discontent
Wholly devoid of public interest
Widely divergent social traits
Wield an unequaled and paramount authority
Wiser counsels prevailed
Withal decidedly handsome
Written in indelible characters upon his heart

Y

Yield to urgent representations

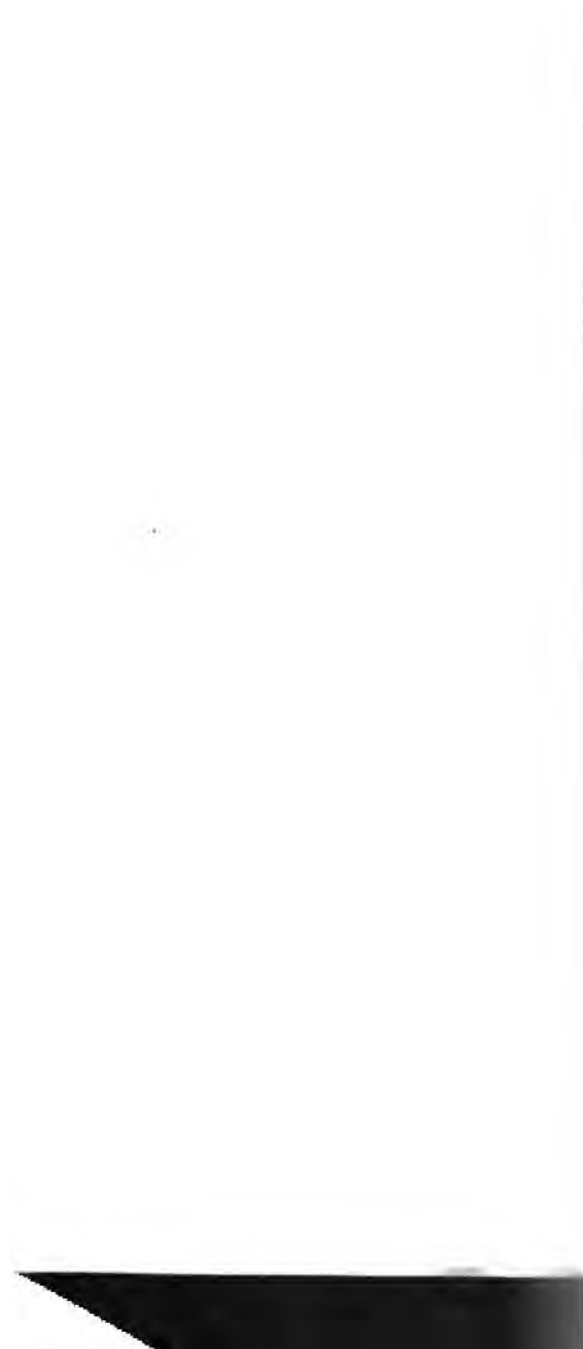
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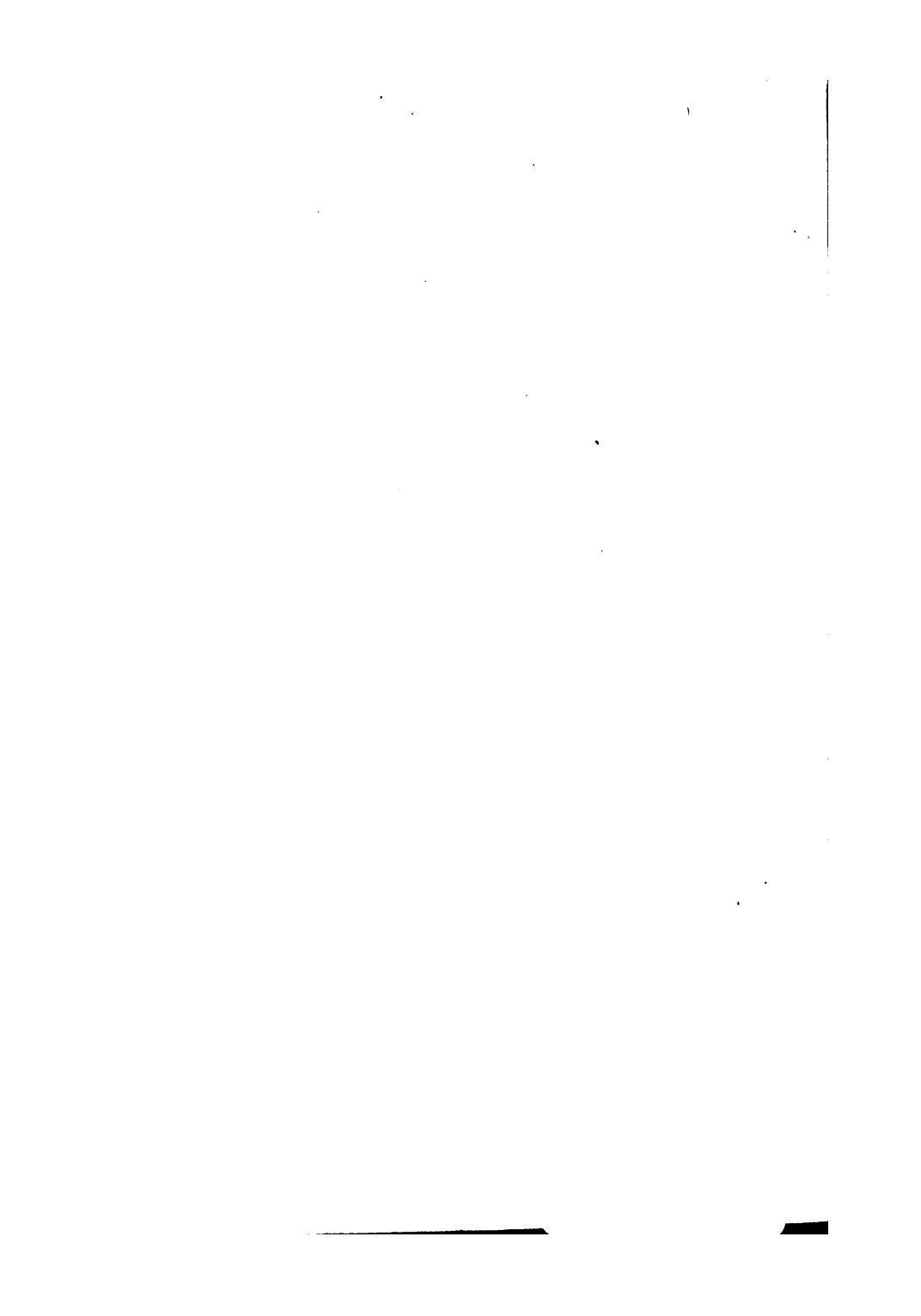
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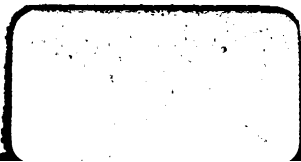
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