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troublesome ways (rockets and guided missiles are much too ~ to be tested anywhere near a thickly populated area — Time) (loudspeakers remain the most ~ of all high-fidelity components — J.M.Conly) 3 a: QUARRELSOME, CONTRARY (at the beginning the crowd was captious and ~ owing to delays and bad arrangements — Arnold Bennett) b: PEEVISH, URKITABLE (a ~ child) (like a ~ mother hen rounding up a brood of willful chicks—H.J.Higdon) syn see IRRITABLE tractious-Hoss n + es: the quality or state of being fractious fractions-less n + es: the quality or state of being fractious fracto-comb form [L fractus]: broken up and (fractocumulus): fracture (fractograph) fractographic photograph) fractographic photograph

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fractured in thickness (under the blow the highborhe fractured) fractured fractured in the fractured in the orientation of mineral grains but due to the presence of many closely spaced fractures or incipient fractures fracture plane n: a point in an arthropod appendage that is modified for the ready occurrence of autotomy (as by the presence of special muscles and mechanisms to prevent loss of body fluid) frad-lein. Viradosan\(n -s [NL fradia (specific epithet of Streptomyces fradiae) + E - cin (as in actinomycin)]: a crystalline antibiotic active against fungi that is produced by an actinomycete (Streptomyces fradiae) — compare NEO-MYCIN

these — see CHILEAN SIRAWBERRI, SIRAWBERRI, SIRAWBERRI, SIRAWBERRI, Trage Virilgo, Trage I, file I, and I, question, fr. OHG Irāga — more at PRAY]: the lowest bid in a card game (as frog or skat). Trage-lar-ia \, fraje'la (a) rēo\ n, cap [NL, fr. L Iragills frail + NL -aria]: a genus (the type of the family Fragilariaceae of the order Pennales) of rectangular diatoms forming irregular colonies.

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frag-fle '\frajal, US also & Brit usu -ajīl\ adj [MF, fr. L | lnagilis — more at Frant.] 1 a: easily broken or destroyed

Frant (the ~ stem of the tall flower) \(\) a person of ~ moral convictions\(\) b: delicate of constitution or of health: barely able or unable to endure without harm the normal day-to-day physical demands of existence: unusually susceptible to ill health or physical harm \(\) a ~ and tottering old man\(\) (too \(\) to stand the Vermont winter — Sinclair Lewis\(\) 0 \(\) c: giving the impression of or having qualities suggesting someone that is fragile of body or health \(\) (a ~ soprano\) \(\) (a ~ gesture\(\) (\ \) hands\(\) 2 a: weak, Tenvolus, UNSUBSTANTIAL \(\) a ~ connection with great men\(\) (the ground of his faith ... seemed to me so \(\) — H_JLaski\(\) b: thin and transparent \(\) (a ~ skin\(\)): extremely light and evanescent \(\) (a ~ tone\(\)): DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) c: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely subtle or fie: 1 DIMPHANOUS\(\) (a ~ affeta\(\) b: extremely family widely distributed in Europe, Assia, and No. America with 2 or 3 thin pinnatific fronds, creeping rootstocks, and slender bright stems — called also britile ferm

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Stewart)

Tragility test n: a test of the relative fragility of red blood cells made by exposing them to hypotonic solutions and determining the point at which they rupture tragili-ocytle (frojilp,5)t/n s[L/ragilis + E-o- +-cyte]: an exceptionally fragile red blood cell (as in congenital hemolytic installic).

Ta-gill-o-cy-to-sis \fra-gillo(,)sī'tōsəs\ n, pl fragillocyto-ses \-\tagsillocyte + NL -osis]; an abnormal state characterized by the presence of fragilocytes in

"trag-ment \"fragment\"n -s [Me, fr. L]ragmentum, fr.]rag"trag-ment \"fragment\"n -s [Me, fr. L]ragmentum, fr.]ragstem of |rangere to break\) + -mentum -ment — more at

BEKK] 1: a part broken off: a small detached portion: an

imperfect or incomplete part (pieces of pottery and ~s that
can be reconstructed —Amer. Guide Series: N.J.\) (enchanting

-s of Irish life —John McNulty\) (only ~s remain of the

covered-wagon ballads —Amer. Guide Series: Oregon\)

2: something that is small and usu, insignificant (a ~ of silence

-Guy Fowler) Syn see PART

Trag-ment\"/fragment\", *s\" y b -ED/-ING/-s vi\"; to break into

fragments: FRAGMENTIZE (the vase fell and ~ed into small

pieces) (this pluralized and ~ing society —Walter Lippmann) ~ vt: to break or divide into disorganized or not unified pieces (a foreign policy that is ~ed rather than organized to a local purpose) (an old woman's ~ed memory —Meridel Le Sueur); esp: to destroy by such breaking or dividing up (the remaining hopes of control of weapons have been ~ed by the new bomb —M.W.Straight) frag.men.tal. (')frag!ment'al\ adj: FRAGMENTARY: consisting of fragmentary or detrial material (as conglomerate, sandstone, shale, or tuff) — compare CLASTIC 2 — frag-men-tal-ly \(\cdot \) ''E\ adv

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frag-men-tal-ize \frag-ment^2\, \bar{z}\vt-eD/-ING/-s: FRAGMENTIZE \frag-men tal-ize \frag-ment^2\, \bar{z}\vt-eD/-ING/-s: FRAGMENTIZE \frac{ment}{z}\vt-end-independent \frac{1}{z}\vt-end-independent \frac{1}{z}\vt-end-independe

of the usual pattern of thought or action fragmentation bomb or fragmentation shell n: a bomb or shell whose relatively thick casing is splintered upon explosion and thrown in fragments in all directions at high speed and temperature fragment: in fragments in all directions at high speed and temperature fragment: in the speed and temperature fragment: fragment:

fra-gran-cy \-nse, -si\ n -ES [L fragrantia] archaic : FRA-

fragrant-oy \-nse, -si\ n -es \ L fragranta \ archae : rea-Grant \-nt\ adj \ [ME fragraunt, fr. L fragrant, fragrant, pres, part. of fragrare to give off an odor, be fragrant; akin to MHG brahen to smell]: having a fragrance: marked by fragrance (an air \sim with sweetest flowers \text{—H.O.Taylor}\) (fresh and \sim as meadow hay \text{—Herman Melville}\) (my sojourn in the garden of Africa has left so many \sim memories \text{—R.S.B.}\). Baker\ \(\text{ (people talk of matters which ... communicate a rich color, a \sim sentiment to them \text{—A.C.Benson}\) \text{—fra-grant-iness } n \text{-ts}\) (adv \text{—fra-grant-ness } n \text{-ts}\) (affine the matter \text{—fra-grant}\) is oswego \text{—fra-grant}\) bedstraw \(n : \text{ a bedstraw } (\text{ (Gallum trillorum)}\) that has small white flowers and is fragrant when drying fragrant goldenrod \(n : \text{ BU MOUNTAIN TEA}\)
Tragrant shield fern \(o \text{ fragrant}\) thield fern \(o \text{ fragrant}\)

small white flowers and is fragrant when drying fragrant goldenrod n. BLUE MOUNTAIN TEA fragrant shield fern or fragrant cliff ern or fragrant wood fern; a stout pinnate-leaved fern (Dryopteris fragrans) of northern regions fragrant summan; a sweet-scented summa (Rhus aromatica) fragrant summan; a sweet-scented summa (Rhus aromatica)

with ternate leaves, yellowish green flowers in spikes resembling catkins, and red hairy fruits frags plof PRAG fraid \(\frac{1}{16} \) the adj [by shortening] dial: AFRAID fraid\(\frac{1}{16} \) the adj [by shortening] dial: AFRAID fraid\(\frac{1}{16} \) the adj \(\frac{1}{16} \) the a

wool frailing visit and the steem and teaves of randool resembling wool frailing visit scenes of Venice drained of its water, with the unitings point scenes of Venice drained of its water, with the unitings point scenes of Venice drained of its water, with the unitings point of the oaken pilings that are their principal foundations—R.M.Coates) frailiness n = 15 [ME Felenesse, freelnesse, frailinesse, fr. frele, freel, frail + nesse -ness]: the quality or state of being frail (the ~ of the child from birth made her susceptible to every prevailing illness) (a ~ of character, a tendency to give up easily)

prevailing illness) (a ~ of character, a tendency to give up easily)

frail-ly \(\text{frai}(s) \) \(\text{it} \) \(n - \text{it} \) \(\text{Im} \) \(\text{Im} \) \(\text{Im}(s) \) \(\text{it} \) \(n - \text{it} \) \(\text{Im} \)

weakness (as war of FREMD fraischeur, fraischeur, fraischeur n - s [MF fraischeur, fraisch

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ranch house n 1 : the main dwelling house on a ranch | 2: a one-story dwelling typically having an open plan and a lowspitched roof ranchland \'s,s\ n : land suitable for ranching.



ranching
ranch man \',
man\ n, pl ranch
men : RANCHER
ranch mink n : mink scientifically bred and raised for fur

basement —Ben Hecht? 2: showing an obnoxious quality:
coding Rotter (a ~ little psychopath who murdered a
number of people —Bernard De Voto) — ran-cid-ly adv —
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ran-cid-lift (a-lion) \ ran, sidofa'k\xishan\ n-s: the chemical
change that produces rancidity
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to make rancid ~ vt to become rancid
ran-cio \ 'tin(t)se, o\ adj [Sp, rancid, stale, old, rancio, fr. L
rancida rancid — more at Ranciol: of, relating to, or constituting the nutry flavor peculiar to some fortified wines (as
sherry and Madeira)
ran-cor \ 'tranks(r), 'rain-\ n -s see - or in Explan Notes [ME
rancor, fr. Mr rancere, fr. L. L rancor rancidity, grudge,
rancor, fr. Mr rancere, fr. L. L rancor rancidity, grudge,
rancor, dil will: intense malignity or spite: deep-seated
emmity: inveterate malevolence (hopelessly involved . . . in
the political ~ so of the times — EM. Coulter's Syn see EMMITY
ran-cor-outs \ 'kolyas\ adj : infected by rancor: made rancorous
(voice, ~ by a deep-seated . . malignity —Beatrice Levin)
ran-cor-outs \ 'kolyas\ adj : infected by rancor: wincing or caused
by rancor: deeply malevolent: MALIGNANT (preserve . . .
from ~ envy of the rich —Aldous Huxley\ (a ~ man, as
petty and crucl as he was dictatorial — C.H. Grandgent) —
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ITAM. Ann. YEAN A-S. [Origin unknown] dial: boisterous noisy conduct: RAMPAGE, SPREE

2 Tandan \ "A n - S. [Origin unknown] 1: a boat propelled by three rowers of whom the middle rower pulls two short oars while bow and stroke pull one oar each 2: the style used to row a randan

1 Tan. dan. nite \ Tan. dan. nit. \ n - S. [modif. of F randanite, fr. Randan. Dept. Puy-de-Dôme, France + F - tite] 1: a variety of diatomaceous earth 2: an earthy form of opal

R and C abbr rail and canal

R and CG abbr riot and civil commotion

1 Tan. dem \ "Yan. dan. dav. [prob. blend of 2 random and tandem]: with three borses harnessed to a vehicle one behind another 2 randem \ "Y n - S: a team or vehicle driven randem

1 Tan. dav. "Y n - S: a team or vehicle driven randem

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from his pocket, he ran it across the hall floor —G.K. Chesterton.) In reference to things and situations CHANCY suggests uncertainty of outcome through dependence on chance and hence implies risk or hazard (despite recent advances in geophysics, oil drilling is still a chancy business —H.T.Kane.) CASUAL suggests lack of intentness or purpose (his jottings are by no means casual —Listener) HAPPY-GO-LUCKY suggests carefree, insouciant lack of forethought or plan or cheerful, indifferent acceptance of what ensues (a funny little happy-go-lucky, mative-managed railway —Rudyard Kipling) (the loaphy-go-lucky methods of production —Bernard Pares) random bomd n: a bond in stonemasonry in which the stones are laid at random and not in regular courses random error n: a statistical error that is wholly due to chance and does not recur — opposed to systematic error ran-dom-liza-lion \(\transfer \), random's Zashan\(n = S 1 \); controlled distribution usu, of given tests, factors, samplings, treatments or units so as to simulate a random or chance distribution and yield unbiased data from which a generalized contains on the control of the

ran-dom-ize \(\text{trandom-ize}\) \(\text{tr

greatest values of the attribute or variable of a frequency distribution. 16; the class of admissible values of a variable frout of a bipping ports within an area for which the same rates are charged 18; aADD RANGE.

SYN GAMUT, RALCH, RADDS, COMPAGE, SWIFF, SCOPF, CHARGER, SWIFF, SWI

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