**Word of the Day: 11/3/2014**

## **penury**

\ PEN-yuh-ree \ , noun;

1.  Extreme poverty; destitution.

2.  Absence of resources; insufficiency.

  
He was a cooper by trade, a native of Rio de Janeiro, where he would have died in penury and obscurity had he limited himself to the work of barrel-making.   
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**WOW Word Wednesday: 11/5/2014**

## **flummery**

\ FLUHM-uh-ree \, noun;

1. A name given to various sweet dishes made with milk, eggs, flour, etc.

2. Empty compliment; unsubstantial talk or writing; mumbo jumbo; nonsense.

He had become disturbed by the number of listeners phoning in with such flummery as tales of self-styled clairvoyants' uncannily correct forecasts.

-- Suzanne Seixas, "One Man's Finances", Money ,September 1, 1986

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**Word of the Day: 11/6/2014**

## **wan**

\ WAHN \ , adjective;

1.Having a pale or sickly hue; pale; pallid.

2.Lacking vitality, as from weariness, illness, or unhappiness; feeble.

3.Lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble.

Her pale, pinched lips, sunken eyes and wan, haggard cheeks presented a mournful contrast to her former self.

-- Wilkie Collins, Iolani

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**Word of the Day: 11/7/2014**

## **puckish**

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\ PUHK-ish \ , adjective;

1.Whimsical; mischievous; impish.

Superficially obnoxious, his friendly, puckish manner endeared him to those who relished the intensity of turn-of-the-century bohemian New York.

-- William B. Scott and Peter M. Rutkoff, New Yor kModern*Word selected using* Dictionary.com: <http://dictionary.reference.com/>