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martyr- One who moves along the line of least reluctance to a desired death.
blackguard-A man whose qualities, prepared for display like a box of berries in a market - the fine ones on top have been opened on the wrong side. An inverted gentleman.
amnesty- The state’s magnanimity to those offenders whom it would be too expensive to punish.
grapeshot- An argument which the future is preparing in answer to the demands of American Socialism.
And last but not least;
nonsense- The objections that are urged against this excellent dictionary.