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Topics Persona and unimportant matter and unimportant qualitiesc2 (law) (of a crime or criminal) not very seriouspetty crime/theft a petty crime and casual theft. compare grand theft Word Originlate Middle English (in the sense 'small in size'): from a phonetic spelling of the pronunciation of French petit 'small'. See petty in the Oxford Advanced American Dictionary The adjective is derived from Middle English peti, petit, pitet ("young; little, small; minor") [and other forms],[1] from Anglo-Norman petit, petit, pitet ("young; little, small; minor") [and other forms],[1] from Anglo-Norman petit, peti origin. It is no longer thought that the word is derived from Celtic.[3] Doublet of petit and petite. The noun is derived from the adjective.[2] petty (comparative petties or most petty) (often derogatory) Having little or no importance. [from 16th c.] Synonyms: see Thesaurus:insignificant Antonyms: see Thesaurus:important a petty petty squabbles c. 1596-1598 (date written), W[illiam] Shakespeare, The Excellent History of the Merchant of Venice. [...] (First Quarto), [London]: [...] J[ames] Roberts [for Thomas Heyes], published 1600, \rightarrow OCLC, [Act I, scene i]:Your minde is toffing on the Ocean, / There vvhere your Argofies vvith portly fayle, / Like Signiors and rich Burgars on the flood, Or as it vvere the Pageants of the fea, / Doe ouer-peere the petty traffiquers / That curfie to them, do them reuerence / As they flie by them vvith their vvouen vvings. c. 1615-1620 (date written), Tho[mas] Middleton, The Mayor of Quinborough: A Comedy. [...] [Hengist, King of Kent], London: [...] Henry Herringman, [...], published 1661, \rightarrow OCLC, Act V, scene ii, page 72:I could have liv'd like Hengift, King of Kent, / London, York, Lincoln, and VVinchefter, / Under the povver of my Command, the portion / Of my most just desert, enjoyed novv / By pettier Deservers. 1667, John Dryden, Annus Mirabilis: The Year of Wonders, 1666. [...], London: [...], +OCLC, stanza 213, page 54:His birth, perhaps, some petty Village hides, / And fets his Cradle out of Fortune's way: [...] 1678, John Bunyan, The Pilgrim's Progress from This World, to That which is to Come: [...], London: [...] Nath[aniel] Ponder [...], →OCLC, page 96:Yea, he did hold me to it at that rate alfo, about a great many more things than here I relate; as, that it was a fhame to fit vvhining and mourning under a Sermon and a fhame to come fighing and groaning home. That it was a fhame to ask my Neighbour forgivenes for petty faults, or to make restitution vvhere I have taken from any: [...] 1736, [Gauthier de Costes, seigneur de la Calprenède], "Part III. Book III.", in Robert Loveday, transl., Hymen's Præludia: Or, Love's Master-piece: Being that So-much-admir'd Romance, Intitled Cleopatra. [...], volume II, London: [...], volume II, London: [...], J. Watson, [...], OCLC, page 282:[H]is VVords vvere ranged vvith more care and less confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to bespeak me an opinion, that the VVorld could not offer him an employment vvhich vvas not less important and confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to bespeak me an opinion, that the VVorld could not offer him an employment vvhich vvas not less important and confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to bespeak me an opinion, that the VVorld could not offer him an employment vvhich vvas not less important and confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to bespeak me an opinion, that the VVorld could not offer him an employment vvhich vvas not less important and confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to bespeak me an opinion, that the vvorld could not offer him an employment vvhich vvas not less important and confidence than before, and in all his Actions he effay'd to be for a confidence than before a co me. 1821, Lord Byron, "Cain, a Mystery", in Sardanapalus, a Tragedy; The Two Foscari, a Tragedy; Cain, a Mystery, London: John Murray, [...], →OCLC, Act II, scene ii, page 390:I show thee what thy predecessors are, / And what they were thou feelest, in degree / Inferior as thy petty feelings and / Thy pettier portion of the immortal part / Of high intelligence and earthly strength. 1848, Charles Kingsley, Junior, The Saint's Tragedy; or, The True Story of Elizabeth of Hungary, [...], DocLC, Act II, scene xi, page 138:Who would rot on the moor-side forgotten, / Slaughtered bickering for some petty town, / While the rich East blooms fragrant before us, / And all fairy land beckons us on? 1996, Jonathan Herman, "The Text Translation: 'Talks and Parables of Chuang Tzu'. [XVIII. The Death Song.]", in I and Tao: Martin Buber's Encounter with Chuang Tzu, Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, →ISBN, page 36:The pettiest creature in Heaven will be the most noble of Earth, and the most noble of Earth the pettiest in Heaven. 2018 February, Robert Draper, "They are Watching You—and Everything Else on the Planet: Technology and Our Increasing Demand for Security have Put Us All under Surveillance. Is Privacy Becoming just a Memory?", in National Geographic [1], Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, \rightarrow ISSN, \rightarrow OCLC, archived from the original on 14 June 2018:Later today in Finsbury Park, the cameras would spend hours panning across 35,000 festivalgoers in search of pickpockets, drunken brawlers, and other assorted agents of petty mischief. Of persons or their behaviour: marked by or reflective of undesirably limited interests, sympathies, or views; begrudging, selfish, small-minded; also, preoccupied with subjects having little or no importance and not mindful of broader concerns. [from 16th c.] Synonyms: grudgeful, grudging Antonym: broad-minded Such literature may well be anathema to those who are too docile and petty for their own good. That corporation is only slightly pettier than they are greedy, and they are overdue to reap the consequences. 1625, Francis [Bacon], "Of Expence", in The Essayes [...], 3rd edition, London: [...] Iohn Haviland for Hanna Barret, \rightarrow OCLC, page 166:[C]ommonly, it is leffe difhonourable, to abridge pettie Charges, then to ftoope to pettie Gettings. 1856 March 6, Florence Nightingale: Letters from the Crimea 1854-1856, Manchester, New York, N.Y.: Mandolin, Manchester University Press, published 1997, →ISBN, page 225:I will give you the slightest, pettiest instance of the hindrance which the pettiest official can make out here, if so minded. [...] [T]he Senior Purveyor at Balaclava refuses to cash my Cheques, for no other reason discoverable than the love of petty annoyance & the hope of injuring my credit, in the minds of ignorant servants. 1908, E[dward] M[organ] Forster, "Lying to Cecil", in A Room with a View, London: Edward Arnold, -OCLC, part II, page 264:He began to walk up and down the room, and she grew more and more vexed at his dignified behaviour. She had counted on his being petty. It would have made things easier for her. By a cruel irony she was drawing but all that was finest in his disposition. 2013, Tim Parks, "Verona-Milano", in Italian Ways: On and Off the Rails from Milan to Palermo, London: Harvill Secker, →ISBN, page 87:But while in the beginning those political criteria [in Italian railway construction] were grandiose and national, just and even necessary, later they were to become pettier and pettier, to the point that they were almost always more regional than rational. 2023 October 12, HarryBlank, "Fire in the Hole", in SCP Foundation[2], archived from the original on 22 May 2024: Their conversations had become more fearful, even superstitious in the past month. They called her a ghost, or a demon, or a monster. She once found one of them crying in the graveyard after midnight, praying in Latin, begging forgiveness, and she gave it to him after putting the scissor blade through his aorta. She didn't see any point in being petty. They were all going to die, and that would settle their accounts with her. (informal) Inclined to cause frustration or annoyance to others out of spite over minor grievances; extremely vindictive Synonyms: see Thesaurus:vengeful My cousin is so petty—I forgot his birthday and he's been making snarky comments all week. 2020 November 14, Lisa Allardice, "Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: 'America under Trump felt like a personal loss'", in Katharine Viner, editor, The Guardian[3], London: Guardian News & Media, \rightarrow ISSN, \rightarrow OCLC, archived from the original on 2023-05-29:All of the horrors that happen in the books are based on real incidents, including the burning of her father's books in their front yard. "It was just a very petty, ugly thing to do, to say 'Fuck you' to academics and intellectuals," she says. "I can't imagine losing my books, the books I love." (historical) Of or relating to the lowest grade or level of school; junior, primary. 1756 June 13, J[ames] M[urphy] French.] To Henry Duncombe, Esq.", in Jesse Foot, The Life of Arthur Murphy, Esq., London: [...] F]or J. Faulder, [...]; by John Nichols and Son, [...], published 1811, \rightarrow OCLC, page 123:Friends are separated for long portions of time even while they live; at last they take their leave for ever: although, I remember, when you left me in the petty form at Westminster, I soon afterwards found you in a higher remove: and this world is only the petty form of the universe; so I not only expect to pass a social hour with you here, but am in hopes of a merry meeting in a better place; [...] 1813, M[ichael] Russel, "[Appendix.] No. II. On Westminster School.", in View of the System of Education at Present Pursued in the Schools and Universities of Scotland. [...], Finishes their education in the under school, in which they have now been three years and a half, and they are next moved into the upper, and probably at the age of ten or eleven; six or seven being the age at which boys are generally sent into the petty form. 1819 July 5, "Fulham. [The Latymer, or Boys Charity School, at Hammersmith.]", in Second Report of the Commissioners Appointed in Pursuance of an Act of the 58th Year of His Present Majesty, Cap. 91. Intituled An Act for Appointing Commissioners to Enquire Concerning Charities in England, for the Education of the Poor (House of Lords, the Sessional Papers 1801–1833; 100, part II), [London]: [House of Commons of the United Kingdom], →OCLC, page 86:[T]he feoffees should cause the boys to be put to some petty school to learn to read English till they attain 13, and to instruct them in some part of God's true religion 1846, William Henry Teale, "The Life of Thomas Wilson, D.D., Bishop of Sodor and Man", in Lives of English Divines; [...], →OCLC, pages 305-306:[B]y the assistance of that truly Christian gentlewoman, the Lady Elizabeth Hastings, he increased the number of petty schools throughout the island. 1862 June 28, James Augustus Hessey (witness), "Minutes of Evidence. Merchant Taylors'.", in Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners Appointed to Inquire into the Revenues and Management of Certain Colleges and Schools, and the Studies Pursued and Instruction Given therein; [...] George Edward Eyre and William Spottiswoode, [...] [f]or Her Majesty's Stationery Office, published 1864, →OCLC, paragraph 346, page 126, column 1:[O]riginally there were six forms in the Fourth and the Fourth and the First into two also the First and the Petty or Anonymous form. [...] Some alterations were made, then or soon after, lower down in the school. The Fifth form was subdivided into the upper and lower Fifth; the Division int Thesaurus:large c. 1606 (date written), William Shakespeare, "The Tragedies [...] (First Folio), London: [...] Isaac Iaggard, and to morrow, day, / To the last Syllable of Recorded time: / And all our yesterdayes, haue lighted Fooles / The way to dusty death. Secondary in importance or rank; minor, subordinate. Antonyms: grand, high c. 1590-1591 (date written), William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies [...] (First Folio), London: [...] Isaac Iaggard, and Ed[ward] Blount, published 1623, \rightarrow OCLC, [Act IV, scene i], page 32, column 2:3. Out[law]. [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed, / For practifing to fteale avvay a Lady, / And heire and Neece, alide vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas from Verona banifhed vnto the Duke. / [...] My felfe vvas Members of the Honourable Company of Mercers, of London: [...], \rightarrow CCLC, (please specify |book=I to XI), subsection 3-7 (Brown's Opinions. [...], \rightarrow CCLC, (please specify |book=I to XI), subsection 3-7 (Brown's Opinions. [...], \rightarrow CCLC, (please specify |book=I to XI), subsection 3-7 (Brown's Opinions. [...], \rightarrow CCLC, (please specify |book=I to XI), subsection 3-7 (Brown's Opinions. [...]), page 64:With his [Robert Brown's Opinions. [...], \rightarrow CCLC, (please specify |book=I to XI), subsection 3-7 (Brown's Opinions. [...]), page 64:With his [Robert Brown's Opinions], page 64:With his [Robert Brown's Opini ordination of ministers, and what not; fancying here on earth a platform of a perfect church, without any faults (understand it thus, save those that are made by themselves) therein. 1671, John Milton, "Samson Agonistes, [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, London: [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, London: [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, or which is Added, Samson Agonistes, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, [...] J[ohn] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC, [...] J[ohn] M[acock] for John Starkey [...], —OCLC page 37, lines 530-532: Fearless of danger, like a petty God / I walk'd about admir'd of all and dreaded / On hostile ground, none daring my affront. 1711 June 1 (Gregorian calendar), [Joseph Addison], "MONDAY, May 21, 1711", in The Spectator, number 70; republished in Alexander Chalmers, editor, The Spectator; a New Edition, [...], volume I, New York, N.Y.: D[aniel] Appleton & Company, 1853, \rightarrow OCLC, page 425:At the time the poem we are now treating of was written, the dissensions of the barons, who were then so many petty princes, ran very high, whether they quarrelled among themselves, or with their neighbours, and produced unspeakable calamities to the country. 1711 December 8 (Gregorian calendar), [Jonathan Swift], The Conduct of the Allies, and of the Late Ministry, in Beginning and Carrying on the Present War, 4th edition, London: [...] John Morphew [...], published 1711, →OCLC, page 53:Can there an Example be given in the whole Course of this War, where we have treated the pettiest Prince, with whom we had to deal, in so contemptuous a manner? 1750, [Charles-Louis] de Secondat, Baron [de La Brède et] de Montesquieu, "Of the Communication of Power", in Thomas Nugent, transl., The Spirit of Laws [...], volume I, London: [...] J[ohn] Nourse, and P. Vaillant, [...], OCLC, book V (That the Laws Given by the Legislature Ought to be Relative to the Nature of Government), page 94:Under moderate governments, the law is prudent in all its parts, perfectly well known, and the pettiest magistrates are capable of following it. But in a despotic state where the prince's will is the law, though the prince were wise, yet how could the magistrate follow a will he does not know? 1764 December 19 (indicated as 1765), Oliver Goldsmith, The Traveller, or A Prospect of Society. A Poem. [...], London: [...] J[ohn] Newbery, [...], →OCLC, pages 19-20:Fear, pity, juftice, indignation ftart, / Tear off referve, and bare my fwelling heart; / 'Till half a patriot, half a coward grown, / I fly from petty tyrants to the throne. 1769, William Blackstone, "Of Principals and Accessories", in Commentaries on the Laws of England, book IV (Of Public Wrongs), Oxford, Oxfordshire: [...] Clarendon Press, \rightarrow OCLC, page 36:[I]n trefpafs all are principals, because the law, quae de minimis non curat, does not descend to distinguish the different shades of guilt in petty missements. It is a maxim, that accessories the law, quae de minimis non curat, does not descend to distinguish the different shades of guilt in petty missements. It is a maxim, that accessories the law, quae de minimis non curat, does not descend to distinguish the different shades of guilt in petty missements. guilt. So that if a fervant inftigates a ftranger to kill his mafter, this being murder in the ftranger as principal, of course the fervant is accessory only to the crime of murder; though, had he been present and afsisting, he would have been guilty as principal of petty treason, and the ftranger of murder; though, had he been present and afsisting, he would have been guilty as principal of petty treason, and the ftranger of murder; though, had he been present and afsisting, he would have been guilty as principal of petty treason, and the ftranger of murder in the ftranger of murder in the ftranger as principal of petty treason, and the ftranger of murder; though, had he been present and afsisting, he would have been guilty as principal of petty treason. or The Young Man of Great Expectations", in Tales of a Traveller, part 2 (Buckthorne and His Friends), Philadelphia, Pa.: H[enry] C[harles] Carey & I[saac] Lea, [...], →OCLC, pages 116–117:The ire of the monarch was not to be appeased. He had suffered in his person, and he had suffered in his purse; his dignity too had been insulted, and that went for something; for dignity is always more irascible the more petty the potentate. petty (plural petties) (dialectal, euphemistic, informal) An outbuilding used as a lavatory; an outhouse, a privy. Synonyms: see Thesaurus:outhouse 1848 September 27, Maria Josepha Stanley, Baroness Stanley of Alderley, "[Letter 245]", in Nancy Mitford, editor, The Ladies of Alderley: Being the Letters between Maria Josepha, Lady Stanley of Alderley, and Her Daughter-in-law Henrietta Maria Stanley during the vears 1841-1850, London: Hamish Hamilton, published 1967, →OCLC, page 172:If these houses had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would have had been built by his Lordship every one would clean out—but a common occupation is nobody's business, unless the owner of all the buildings takes it in hand. 1852, Robert Rawlinson, "Appendix", in Report to the General Board of Health on a Preliminary Inquiry into the Sewerage, Drainage, and Supply of Water, and the Sanitary Condition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Barton-upon-Irwell, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, London: [...] George E. Eyre and William Spottiswoode, [...] for Her Majesty's Stationery Office, -OCLC, page 47:Cottages occupied by Betty Hines and others; petty in a very filthy state, wants walling. Two petties belonging to Mr. James Parr to be walled, and one next Thomas Wilkinson's to be removed further off. 1868 January 1, "The Sanitary Condition of Manchester", in The Manchester Monthly Record and Co., [...], \rightarrow OCLC, page 32:We have an evil in the excretal deposits, and in the ashes an antidote; but instead of applying the antidote, we keep the evil to itself, and suffer it to exercise its unmitigated power over the health of the household. [...] Now the simple remedy for this would be, to construct the petties with several steps upward and backward, so as to be more over the centre of the ash-pit. [...] Such an arrangement would be, to construct the petties with several steps upward and backward, so as to be more over the centre of the ash-pit. [...] school for young schoolboys. (class): Synonym: petty form (school): Synonyms: ABC, petty school 1808-1810 (date written), William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, Memoirs of William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", in Alfred Spencer, editor, William Hickey, "Early School Days", which was also be a supplied of the Alfred Spencer, editor, which was also be a supplied of the Alfred Spencer, editor, which was also be a supplied of the Alfred Spencer, editor, which Idle Class", that is, at the very bottom of the school, where all those who have not received some previous instruction in Latin are placed. I however soon got out of that disgraceful and ignorant form, passed with rapidity and eclat the under and upper petty, and entered into the upper first, [...] 1854, Arthur Pendennis [pseudonym; William Makepeace Thackeray], "In which the Author and the Hero Resume Their Acquaintance", in The Newcomes: Memoirs of a Most Respectable Family, volume I, London: Bradbury and Evans, [...], →OCLC, page 33:[S]uch a difference of age between lads at a public school puts intimacy out of the question—a junior ensign being no more familiar with the commander-in-chief at the Horse-Guards; or a barrister on his first circuit with my Lord Chief Justice on the bench, than the newly-breeched infant in the Petties with a senior boy in a tailed coat. (obsolete, chiefly in the plural, also figuratively) A little schoolboy, either in grade or size. 1589, attributed to Thomas Nashe, "To the Discreet and Indifferent Reader", in Martins Months Minde, that is, A Certaine Report, and True Description of the Death, and Funerals, of Olde Martin Marre-prelate, the Great Makebate of England, and Father of the Factions. [...]; republished in Alexander B[alloch] Grosart, editor, The Complete Works of Thomas Nashe. [...] (The Huth Library), volume I, [London; Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire: [...] Hazell, Watson, and Viney] for private circulation only, 1883-1884, →OCLC, page 150:[S]ome of them, which were the Petties and Punies of that fchoole, whereof old Martin [Marprelate] was the mafter; though then he was but as fome blinde and obfcure parifh Clarke that taught in the Belfrie, not prefuming, as hee doth nowe, to preffe into the Church, (that place in refpect of the appurtenances being fitter for him) began but rawly with their little a, b, c. 1659, T[itus] Livius [i.e., Livy], "[Book III]", in Philemon Holland, transl., The Romane Historie [...], London: [...], London: [...], OCLC, page 97:As the maiden therefore vvas comming into the market place, (for there vvere the schools for peties kept, of reading and vvriting) the Decemvirs man (a broker to serve his mafters luft) laid hold upon her, avovving that fhe vvas his bond-fervants daughter, and therefore his bond-maid: commanding her to follow him, and threatning befides, that if fhe made any ftays, he vvould have her avvay perforce. 1849, P. J. Mannex, "History, Topography, and Directory, of Furness and Cartmel, in Lancashire", in History, Topography, and Directory, of Furness and Cartmel, in Lancashire", in History, Topography, and Directory, of Furness and Cartmel, in Lancashire and Cartmel, in Lancash Westmorland; and Lonsdale North of the Sands, in Lancashire; [...], London: Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., [...]; Beverley, Yorkshire: [...] W. B. Johnson, [...], →OCLC, page 377:The Free Grammar School, at Cartmel, was originally only a parochial seminary, under the superintendence of the churchwardens and sidesmen of the parish, who, for a series of years, hired a master to whom they paid the interest of a few small bequests, the remainder of his salary being made up by quarterage from grammarians was sixpence, and for petties, little ones, fourpence. [...] In 1674, the quarterage for grammarians was raised to 8d., but no alteration was made for the petties. ^ "peti, adj.", in MED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in Lexico, Dictionary.com; Oxford University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Press, December 2021; "petty, adj.", in DED Online, Ann Arbor, Mi 2021; "petit, adj.", in Lexico, Dictionary.com; Oxford University Press, 2019-2022. petty (disambiguation) on Wikipedia William Dwight Whitney, Benjamin E[li] Smith, editors (1911), "petty", in Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, Springfield, Mass.: G. & C. Merriam 1913, →OCLC. IPA(key): ['pɛc:] Hyphenation: petty Rhymes: -ɛc: petty (plural pettyek) (Expressions): hétpettyes katicabogár ("seven-spot[ted] ladybird/ladybug") petty in Géza Bárczi, László Országh, et al., editors, A magyar nyelv értelmező szótára [The Explanatory Dictionary of the Hungarian Language] (ÉrtSz.), Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó, 1959–1962. Fifth ed., 1992: →ISBN. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia. Related to petty: est tier, pettiest 1. Of small importance; trivial: a petty grievance. See Synonyms at trivial. Showing an excessive concern with unimportant matters or minor details, especially in a narrow-minded way: petty partisanship.3. a. Of lesser importance or rank; subordinate: a petty prince.[Middle English peti, from Old French, variant of petit; see petit.] American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. ('peti) adj, -tier or -tiest1. trivial; trifling; inessential: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded, mean, or small-natured disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 2. of a narrow-minded disposition or character: petty spite. 3. minor or subordinate in rank: petty details. 3. 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 ('pst i) adj. -ti • er, small, minor < Old French petit < Gallo-Romance *pittīttus] syn: petty, paltry, trivial, trifling apply to something that is so insignificant as to be almost unworthy of notice. petty implies to something that is so insignificant as to be almost unworthy of notice. insignificant, often being in contrast to something that is important: a trivial task. trifling is often interchangeable with trivial; however, trifling implies an even lesser, almost negligible, important: a trivial task. trifling is often interchangeable with trivial; however, trifling is often interchangeable with trivial; however, trifling implies an even lesser, almost negligible, important: a trivial task. trifling is often interchangeable with trivial; however, trifling implies an even lesser, almost negligible, important to something that is important to something that it is important to something the so All rights reserved. Noun1.petty - larceny of property having a value less than some amount (the amount varies by locale) petit larceny, petty officialdom"; "a subordinate functionary"junior-grade, lower-ranking, subaltern, lowly, secondaryjunior - younger; lower in rank; shorter in length of tenure or service2.petty - (informal) small and of little importance; "a fiddling sum of money"; "a footling gesture"; "our worries are lilliputian compared with those of countries that are at war"; "a dispute over niggling details"; "limited to petty enterprises"; "piffling efforts"; "giving a police officer a free meal may be against the law, but it seems to be a picayune infraction colloquialism - a colloquial expression; characteristic of spoken or written communication that seeks to imitate informal speechunimportant; "a relatively unimportant; "a relatively unimportant; "a relatively unimportant feature of the system"; "the question seems unimportant - not important; "a relatively unimportant; "a relatively unimportant feature of the system"; "the question seems unimportant feature of the system featur small-minded pettiness "narrow-minded, narrow - lacking tolerance or flexibility or breadth of view; "a brilliant but narrow-minded judge"; "narrow opinions" Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex Clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc. adjective 1. trivial, inferior, insignificant, little, small, slight, trifling, negligible, unimportant, paltry, measly (informal), contemptible, piddling (informal), inconsiderable, inessential, considerable, inessential, considerable, momentous, consequential2. small-minded, mean, cheap, grudging, shabby, spiteful, stingy, ungenerous, mean-minded I think that attitude is a bit petty. small-minded liberal, generous, tolerant, open-minded, magnanimous, broad-mindedCollins Thesaurus of the English Language - Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjective3. Ungenerously or pettily reluctant to spend money: cheap, close, fisted, costive, hard-fisted, mean, miserly, niggard, niggardly, parsimonious, penny-pinching, penurious, pinching, stingy, tight, tightfisted.4. Below another in standing or importance:inferior, junior, lesser, low, lower, minor, league, secondary, small, subaltern, subordinate, under. The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Company. All rights reserved, malichernýbanálníbezvýznamnýdrobnýsmåliqubetvdeliquvæsentligkleinlichlächerlichunbedeutendgeringgeringfügiginsignificantemezguinonimiopequeñode poca montalítilmótlegursmávægilegur, ómerkilegursmávægilegur, ómerkilegu Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Unabridged 8th Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. 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(small-minded, spiteful) → meschino/aCollins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 ('pett) adjective1. of very little importance; trivial. petty details. klein, nietig عَغير، زَهيد дребен insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante, nimio, de poca monta pisi- کم اهمیت؛ ناچیز vähäinen insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante, nimio, de poca monta pisi- کم اهمیت؛ ناچیز vähäinen insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante, nimio, de poca monta pisi- کم اهمیت؛ ناچیز vähäinen insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante, nimio, de poca monta pisi- کم اهمیت؛ ناچیز vähäinen insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante, nimio, de poca monta pisi- کم اهمیت؛ ناچیز vähäinen insignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντοςinsignificante banální; bezvýznamný geringfügig ubetydelig; uvæsentlig ασήμαντος μεταξίστης μετ nesvarīgs remeh-temeh onbetekenendubetydelig, triviell mało ważny, nieistotny סֿم اهميته، وور، ور و كّى، كمكّى كوچّنى، كم اهميته، وور، ور و كّى، كمكّى كوچّنى، كم أهميته، وور، ور قرو كّم المهيته، وور، ور قرو كّم المهيته، وور أورو كُم المهيته والمؤلّم المؤلّم المؤل or trivial reason. petty behaviour. nietig, kleinlik كوته فكر дребнав mesquinho malicherný kleinlich smålig μικροπρεπήςmezquino väiklane کوته فکر рikkumainen mesquin-julic sitničavo kicsinyes nakal lítilmótlegur meschino 狭量な пiekingas, smulkmeniškas zemisks; nejauks menjengkelkan pietluttigsmålig małostkowy کوته فکر اهمیته дребнав mesquinho malicherný kleinlich smålig μικροπρεπήςmezquino väiklane کوته فکر اهمیته συικινής με το και με το κα remeh lítilmótlega in maniera meschina ささいなことで niekingai, smulkmeniškai zemiski; nejauki dgn cara yg menjengkelkan pietluttigsmålig małostkowo obetydligt, futtigt [] bayağı bir şekilde 微小地,卑鄙地 неважливо וויצ نظرَى أسره vụn vặt 微小地,卑鄙地 remeh lítilmótlega in maniera meschina ささいなことで niekingai, smulkmeniškai zemiski; nejauki dgn cara yg menjengkelkan pietluttigsmålig małostkowo obetydligt, futtigt nietigheid סבֿי, זשׁ וּאַם дребнавост mesquinhez malichernost die Geringfügigkeit, die Kleinlichkeit smålighed μικροπρέπεια mesquindaz, pobreza de espíritu tühisus סבּי, זשׁוֹאוּ дребнавост mesquinerien אָפֿי שׁנוּא дребнавост mesquinerien אָפֿי שׁנוּא פֿי אַשׁנוּא рikkumaisuus mesquinerien אָפּי שׁנוּא קווין קטנוניות pikkumaisuus mesquinerien אָפֿי שׁנוּא קווין קטנוניות pikkumaisuus mesquinerien אָפּי שׁנוּא פֿי אַפּוּא פֿי אַפּי שׁנוּא אַ אַ פּוּאָפּי אָפּי שׁנוּא אַפּי אַ אַנוּאַנּא אָפּי אַנּאָן אָנּייים אָפּאָר אָפּי שׁנוּא אָפּיים אָפּאָר אָפּי שׁנוּא אַ אַנּייים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָנּייים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּאָר אָפּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָנּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָפּיים אָנּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָפּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנּיים אָנּיים אָנִיים אָנִייִים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִייִים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִייִים אָנִיים אָניים אָנִיים אָיניים אָנִיים אָניים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִיים אָנִייים אָנִי maznozīmīgums; zemiskums sikap remeh onbeduidenheid, pietluttigheidsmålighet małostkowość كمين إين، سبكي tính nhỏ nhen 微小,琐碎,卑鄙 petty cash money used for small, everyday expenses in an office et kleinkas אָפָה קטָנָה дребни пари caixa pequeno drobná hotovost das Kleingeld kontantbeholdning χρήματα για μικροέξοδα dinero para gastos menores, caja chica käsikassa پول صندوق дребни пари caixa pequeno drobná hotovost das Kleingeld kontantbeholdning χρήματα για μικροέξοδα dinero para gastos menores, caja chica käsikassa پول صندوق μέκυταha petite caisse קופָה קטָנָה γυξα για μικροέξοδα dinero para gastos menores, caja chica käsikassa κέcil reiðufé (fondo per le piccole spese) 小額手許金 , smulkioms išlaidoms skirti pinigai nauda sīkie tunai runcit kleine kas småpenger kasa podręczna, drobne ב ביי ביק tiền tiêu vặt 小额现金 , 零用现金 Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. Want to for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: To be sure, ye say: "The delight in petty evils spareth one many a great evil deed." But here one should not wish to be sparing. In countries where modern civilisation has become fully developed, a new class of petty bourgeois has been formed, fluctuating between proletariat and bourgeoisie and ever renewing itself as a supplementary part of bourgeois society. In everything near and comprehensible he had only what was limited, petty, commonplace, and senseless. And now there's a mean, petty feud set up against the thing in the town, by certain persons who want to make it a failure.""Then, brother," I replied, "you can return to your China, post haste or at whatever haste you are bound to go, as I am not fit for so long a travel and, besides being ill, I am very much without money, while Emperor for Emperor and Monarch for Monarch protects me and does me more favour than I can wish for."It is impossible to read the history of the petty republics of Greece and Italy without feeling sensations of horror and disgust at the distractions with which they were kept in a state of perpetual vibration between the extremes of tyranny and anarchy. Such, in two words, was the woof of petty interests and petty conspiracies which united Blois with Orleans and Orleans with Paris; and which was far from suspecting, as she returned joyfully, leaning on the arm of her mother, for what a strange future she was reserved. As a bachelor, when he had only smiled contemptuously in his heart. The Firm to which I was brutally consigned, as if I was a bale of merchandise, has worn out my patience by a series of petty insults; and I have felt compelled, from motives of self-respect, to withdraw my services, which were undervalued from the first.B.C.), minister and kinsman of a petty kinglet under the Chou dynasty, whose `Li Sao', literally translated `Falling into Trouble', is partly autobiography and partly imagination. Neither is it merely in the phrase; for whereas it hath been well said, that the arch-flatterer, with whom all the petty flatterers have intelligence, is a man's self; certainly the lover is more. It is not true that suffering ennobles the character; happiness does that sometimes, but suffering, for the most part, makes men petty and vindictive.

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