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[Italian, from dialectal *ucarenna*, diminutive of Italian *oca*, goose (from the fact that its mouthpiece is shaped like a goose's beak), from Vulgar Latin **auca*, from **avica*, from Latin *avis*, bird; see **avi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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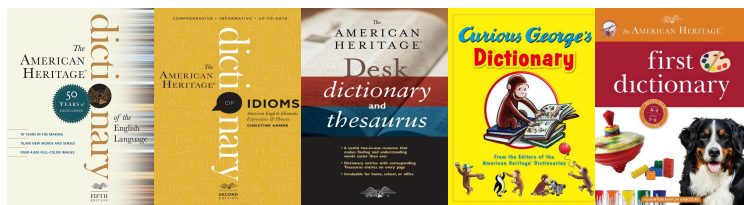
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