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pl.n.

1. Puppets animated by moving wires or mechanical means.
2. A show using such puppets.

[Italian, pl. of *fantoccino*, diminutive of *fantoccio*, puppet, augmentative of *fante*, child, short for *infante*, from Latin *īnfāns*, *īnfant-*, infant; see [INFANT](#).]

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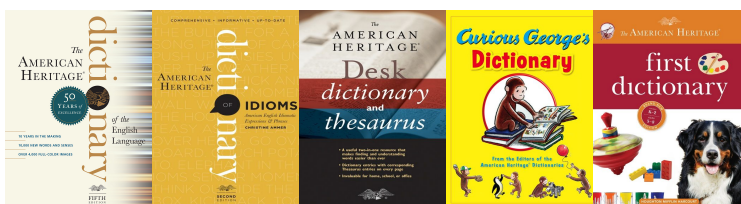
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