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n.

Slang

A worthless amount; little or nothing.

[Yiddish *bobkes*, from pl. of *bobke*, diminutive of *bob*, bean, of Slavic origin; akin to Polish *bób* and Russian *bob*, bean; see **bha-bhā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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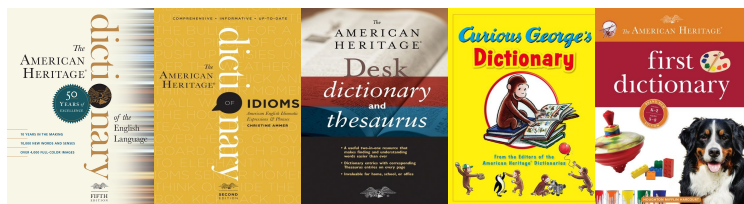
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