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*n.*  
A tree branch, especially a large or main branch.

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[Middle English, from Old English *bōh*; see **bhāghu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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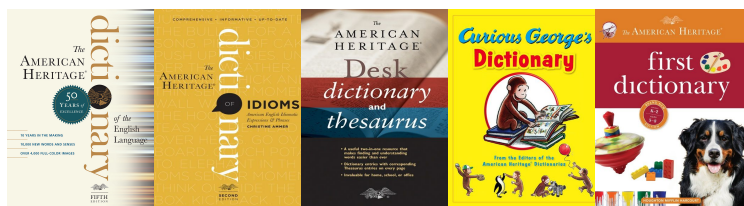
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