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n.
One of the minute, hooked projections extending from and interlocking the barbules of a feather.

[New Latin *barbicella*, diminutive of Latin *barba*, beard; see **bhardh-ā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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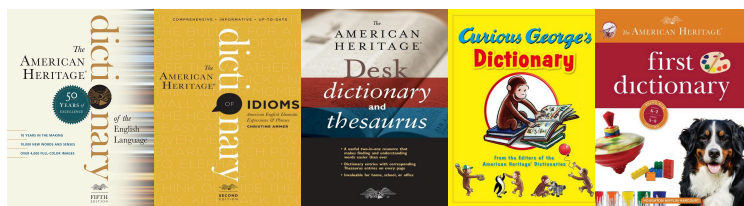
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