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To have sexual intercourse with (a virgin, especially a woman).

[Middle English *deflounen*, from Old French *defflourer*, from Late Latin *dēflōrāre* : Latin *dē-*, *de-* + Latin *flōs*, *flōr*-, flower; see **bhel**-³ in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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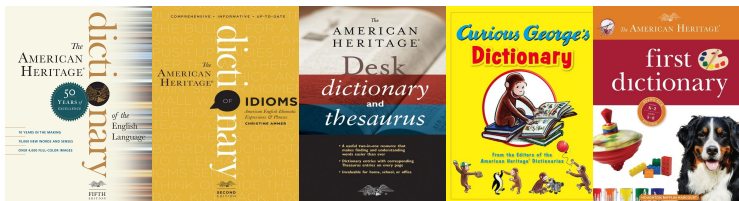
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