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n.

A large handkerchief usually patterned and brightly colored.

[Probably Portuguese, from Hindi *bāndhnū*, tie-dyeing, from *bāndhnā*, to tie, from Sanskrit *bandhati*, he ties; see **bhndh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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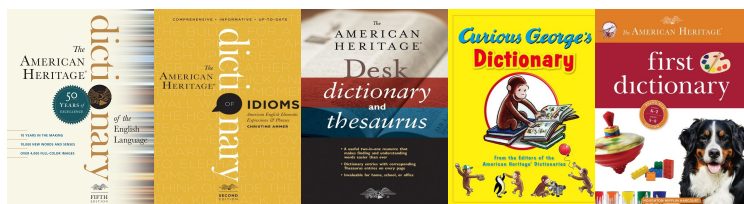
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