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[Probably alteration and partial translation of German *Gummiband*, rubber band : *Gummi*, rubber, gum; see [GUMMITE](#) + *Band*, band (from Middle High German, from Old High German; see **bhendh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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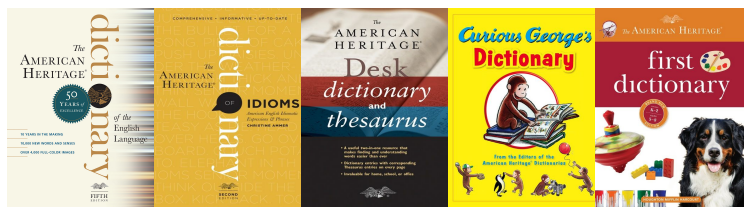
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