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1. A transparent, almost pure gelatin prepared from the swim bladder of the sturgeon and certain other fishes and used as an adhesive and a clarifying agent.
2. Mica in thin, transparent sheets.

[By folk etymology (influenced by [GLASS](#)) from obsolete Dutch *huizenblas*, from Middle Dutch *hūsblase* : *hūs*, sturgeon + *blase*, bladder; see [bhlē-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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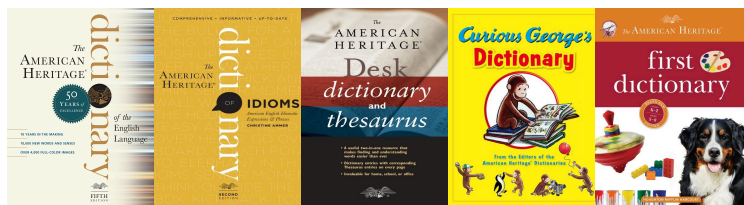
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