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n.

The abatement of a fever.

[From Latin *dēfervēscēns*, *dēfervēscēt-*, present participle of *dēfervēscere*, to stop boiling, cool off : *dē-*, *de-* + *fervēscere*, to grow hot, inchoative of *fervēre*, to be hot, boil; see **bhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de'fer·vesce (-vēs) *v.*

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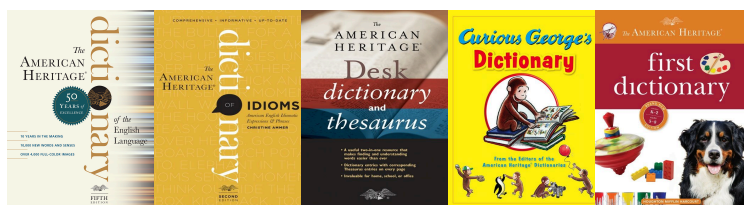
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