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n.

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den·ier²  (dæn-yā)

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n.

1. (*also* dĕn yər) A unit of fineness for rayon, nylon, and silk fibers, based on a standard mass per length of 1 gram per 9,000 meters of yarn.

2. (*also* də-nîr) A small coin of varying composition and value current in western Europe from the eighth century until the French Revolution.

[Middle English *denere*, a coin, from Old French *dener*, from Latin *dēnārius*; see [DENARIUS](#).]

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