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n.

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[Middle English, from Late Latin, from Latin *benefacere*, to do a service; see [BENEFACTION](#).]

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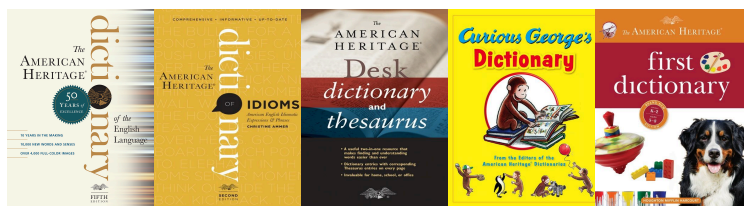
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