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n. pl. **per·i·the·ci·a** (-shē-ə, -sē-ə)

A small flask-shaped fruiting body in certain ascomycetous fungi that contains the ascospores.

[New Latin : [PERI-](#) + Greek *thēkion*, diminutive of *thēkē*, case; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

per·i·the ci·al (-shē-əl, -sē-əl) *adj.*

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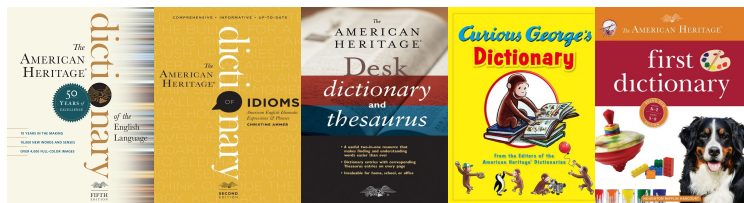
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