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n.

1. A rendering void; an annulment.

2.

a. The voiding of a contract or deed.

b. A clause within a contract or deed providing for annulment.

[Middle English *defesaunce*, from Anglo-Norman, from Old French *defesance*, from *defesant*, present participle of *desfaire*, to destroy; see [DEFEAT](#).]

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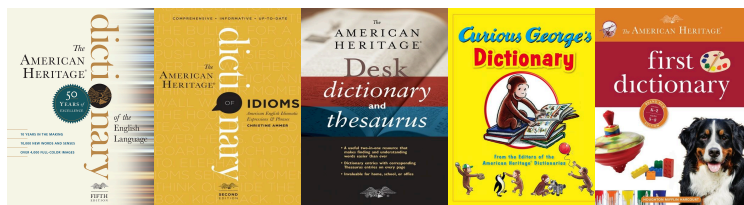
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