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[French, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *sānum faenum* : Latin *sānum*, neuter of *sānus*, healthy + Latin *faenum*, hay; see **dhē(i)-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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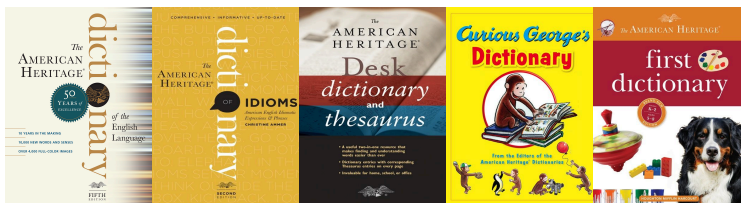
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