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v.tr.

To roll up and secure (a flag or sail, for example) to something else.

v.intr.

To be or become rolled up.

n.

1. The act or an instance of rolling up.

2. A single roll or a rolled section.

[Perhaps from French *ferler*, from Old French *ferlier*, to fasten : *ferm*, firm; see [FIRM](#)¹ + *lier*, to bind (from Latin *ligāre*; see [leig-](#) [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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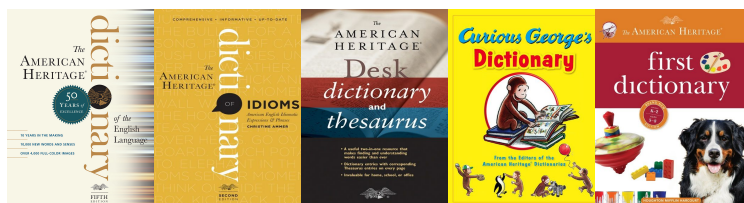
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