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n.

A low-growing perennial plant whose dormant overwintering buds are borne at or just above the surface of the ground.

[Greek *khamai*, on the ground; see **dhghem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **-PHYTE**.]

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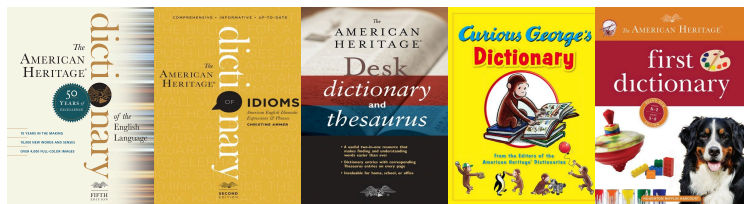
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