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To close off or obstruct the genitals of, especially by sewing together the labia majora in females or fastening the prepuce in males, so as to prevent sexual intercourse.

[Latin *infibulāre*, *infibulāt-*, to clasp with a brooch, infibulate : *in-*, on; see [IN-](#)² + *fibula*, brooch, clasp; see [FIBULA](#).]

in·fib·u·la *tion n.*

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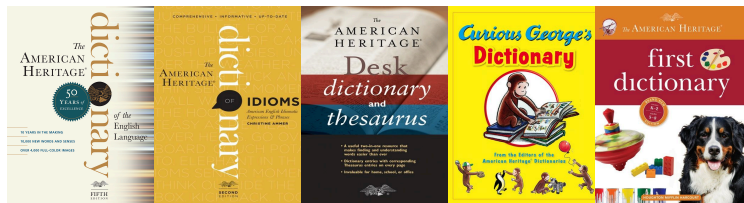
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