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1. Pleuritic pain in the chest.
2. Paroxysmal pain and soreness of the muscles between the ribs.
3. An epidemic disease caused by a coxsackievirus, characterized by paroxysmal pain in the lower chest and accompanied by fever, headache, and malaise.

[New Latin : [PLEUR\(O\)-](#) + Greek *odunē*, pain; see **ed-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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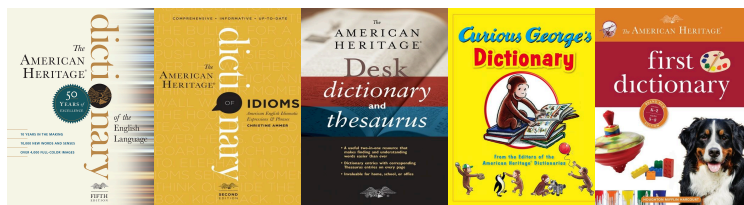
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