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n.

A soft, light, cotton fabric of a plain weave, formerly used for undergarments.

[From Hindi *nainsukh*, pleasant : *nain*, eye (from Sanskrit *nayanam*, from *nayati*, he leads) + *sukh*, pleasure (from Sanskrit *sukha*-, running easily (of chariots), pleasant : *su*-, good; see (e)**su-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *kham*, *kha*-, opening, axle-hole in the nave of a wheel; perhaps akin to Khotanese *khā*-, to open, and Sanskrit *khā*- and Avestan *xā*-, spring (of water), fountain).]

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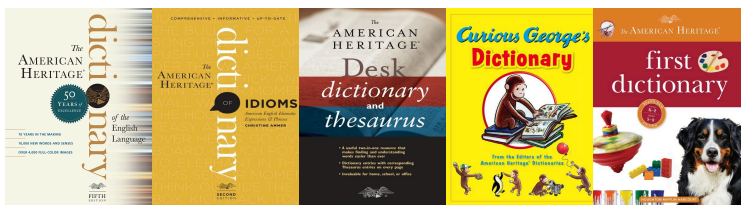
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