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1. A perennial Eurasian herb (*Chelidonium majus*) having deeply divided leaves, showy yellow flowers, and yellow-orange latex. Also called *swallowwort*.
2. The lesser celandine.

[Middle English *celidoine*, from Old French, from Medieval Latin *celidōnia*, from Latin *chelīdonia*, feminine of *chelīdonium*, from Greek *khelīdonion*, from *khelīdōn*, swallow (from the association by ancient writers of the blossoming of the plant with the return of the swallows in spring); see **ghel-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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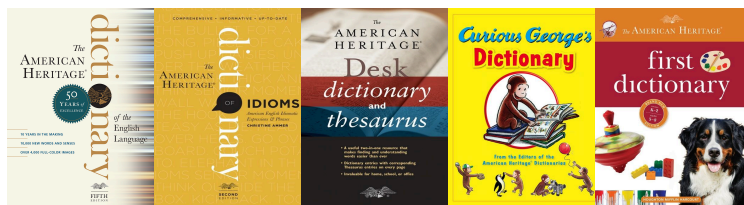
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