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n.

1. *Law* One who has committed a felony.

2. *Archaic* An evil person.

adj.

Archaic

Evil; cruel.

[Middle English *feloun*, from Old French *felon*, wicked, a wicked person, from Medieval Latin *fellō*, *fellōn*-, possibly of Germanic origin.]

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n.

A painful purulent infection at the end of a finger or toe in the area surrounding the nail. Also called *whitlow*.

[Middle English *feloun*, probably from Latin *fel*, gall, bile; see **ghel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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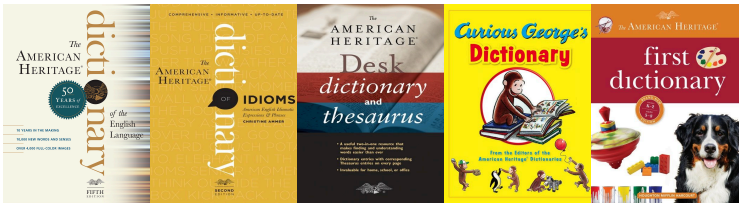
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