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[From New Latin *Chytridium*, type genus of the division, from Greek *khutridion*, little pot (the genus being so called after the potlike structure containing the unreleased spores of the fungi), diminutive of *khutris*, *khutrid-*, pot, diminutive of *khutrā*, pot; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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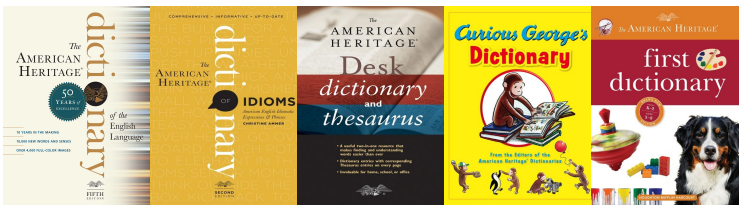
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