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- n.*
1. One who is employed to tend horses, especially at an inn.
 2. One who services a large vehicle or engine, such as a locomotive.
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- [Middle English, from Anglo-Norman *hostiler*, from Old French *hostel*, lodging; see [HOSTEL](#).]

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