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n.

1.

a. A method of printing with etched plates or cylinders; intaglio printing.

b. Photogravure.

2.

a. A plate used in the process of gravure.

b. A reproduction produced by gravure.

[French, from *graver*, to engrave, from Middle French, from Old French, to part (the hair), of Frankish origin; see **ghrebbh**-² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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