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n.

A U-shaped metal piece with holes in each end through which a pin or bolt is run, used as a fastening device.

[From *clevi*, possibly of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse *klofi*, cleft; see **gleubh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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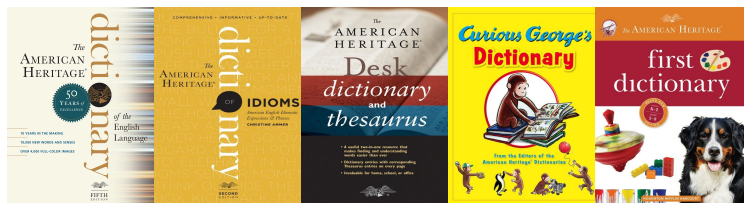
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