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n.
Senseless talk; nonsense.

[Perhaps from an unattested American colonial Dutch use of Dutch *poppekak*, doll's excrement (in contemporary Dutch, found mostly in variants of the expression *zo fijn als gemalen poppekak*, excessively pious (literally, as fine as powdered doll's excrement)) : *pop*, doll (from Middle Dutch *poppe*, from Vulgar Latin **puppa*, from Latin *pūpa*) + *kak*, excrement (from *kakken*, to defecate, from Middle Dutch *kacken*, from Latin *cacāre*; see **kakka-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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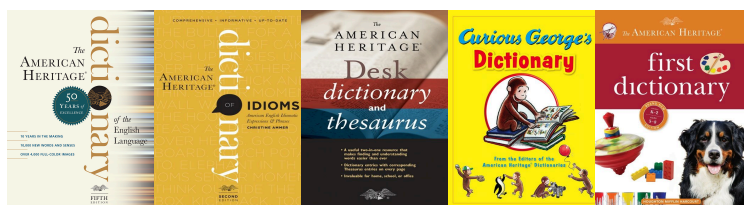
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