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catch·pole also **catch·poll**  (kăch pōl', kěch -)

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n.

A sheriff's officer, especially one who arrests debtors.

[Middle English *cacchepol*, from Norman French *cachepol*, probably from Old French *chacepol* : *chacier*, to chase; see [CHASE](#)¹ + *poul*, rooster (from Latin *pullus*, chicken; see [pau](#)-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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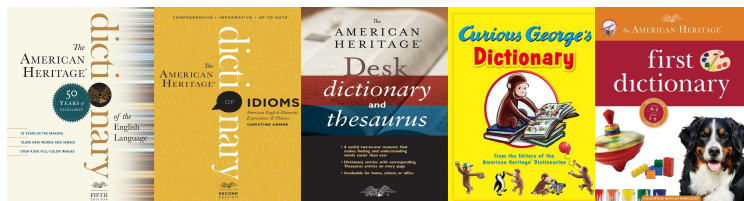
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