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n.
A swastika.

[German : *Haken*, hook (from Middle High German *hāken*; see [HAČEK](#)) + *Kreuz*, cross (from Middle High German *kriuze*; see [KREUZER](#)).]

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