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n.

Nautical

A rope used to raise or lower a sail, flag, or yard.

[Alteration (influenced by [YARD](#)¹) of Middle English *halier*, from *halen*, to pull; see [HALE](#)².]

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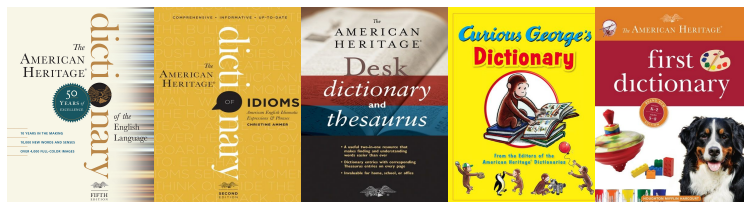
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