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n.
A plant of the genus *Dicentra*, which includes Dutchman's breeches and certain bleeding hearts.

[New Latin *Dicentra*, genus name (so called from the two nectar-bearing spurs characteristic of the flowers of the genus) : [di-](#)¹ + Greek *kentron*, spur (from *kentein*, to prick; see **kent-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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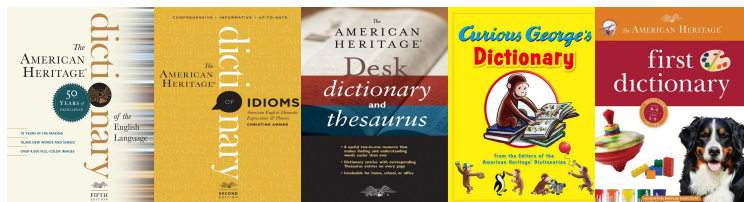
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