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n.

A curved wooden horn, sometimes as long as 6 meters (20 feet), traditionally used by herders in the Alps to call cows to pasture.

[German : *Alpen*, Alps + *Horn*, horn (from Middle High German, from Old High German; see **ker**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]



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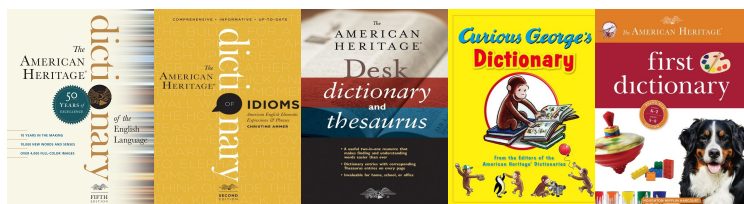
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