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n.

The transparent convex anterior portion of the outer fibrous coat of the eyeball that covers the iris and the pupil and is continuous with the sclera.

[Medieval Latin *cornea* (*tēla*), horny (tissue), from Latin *corneus*, horny, from *cornū*, horn; see **ker-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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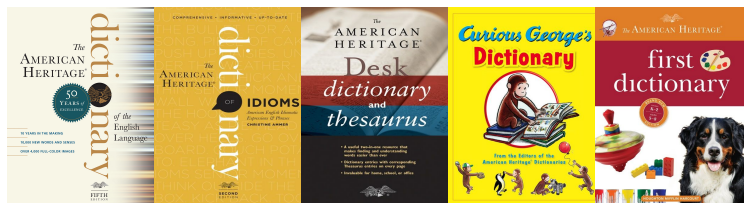
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