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n.

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2. (*also* kôr nīt) A piece of paper twisted into a cone and used to hold small wares such as candy or nuts.
3. (*also* kôr nīt) A headdress, often cone-shaped, worn by women in the 12th and 13th centuries.

[Middle English, from Old French, diminutive of *corn*, horn, from Latin *cornū*; see **ker-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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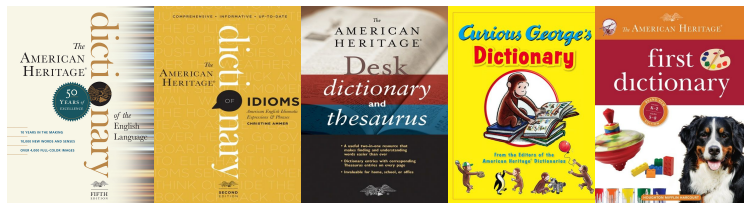
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