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n.

A European alpine plant (*Leontopodium alpinum*) in the composite family, having leaves covered with whitish down and small flower heads surrounded by conspicuous whitish bracts.

[German : *edel*, noble (from Middle High German *edele*, from Old High German *edili*) + *weiss*, white (from Middle High German *wīz*, from Old High German *wīz*, *hwīz*; see **kweit-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]



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Leontopodium alpinum

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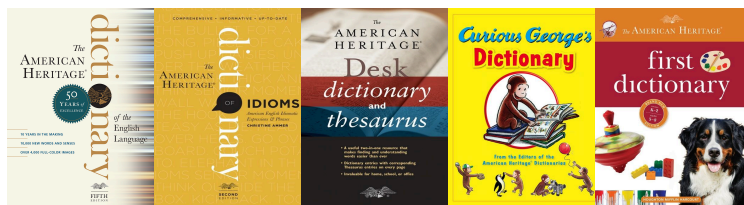
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