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n.

A spinning wheel used in India for spinning cotton.

[Hindi *carkhā*, from Persian *charkha*, diminutive of *charkh*, wheel, from Old Persian **carka-*; see *k^wel-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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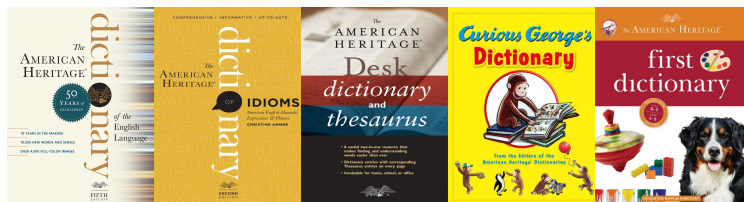
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