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n. pl. ring·hals·es also rink·hals·es

An African snake (*Hemachatus haemachatus*) that has one or two whitish bands across the neck and sprays venom at the eyes of an attacker, occasionally causing blindness.

[Obsolete Afrikaans : *ring*, ring (from Middle Dutch *rinc*; see **sker**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *hals*, neck (from Middle Dutch; see **k^wel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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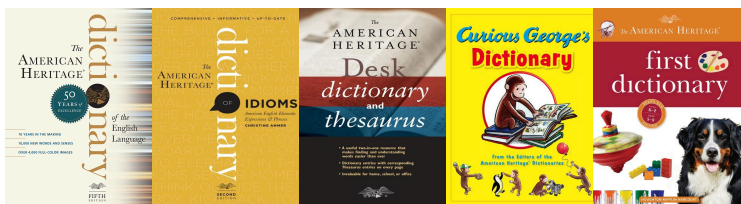
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