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n.

1. An intricate Hungarian dance characterized by variations in tempo.
2. The music for this dance.

[Hungarian *csárdás*, from *csárda*, wayside tavern, from Serbo-Croatian *čardāk*, watchtower, from Ottoman Turkish *čārṭāk*, *čardak*, hut, pergola (equivalent to modern Turkish *çardak*), from Persian *chār ṭāq*, from *chahār ṭāq*, four-cornered vault : *chahār*, four (from Old Iranian *cathwārō*; see **k^wetwer-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots) + *ṭāq*, vault (from Arabic, arch; see **ṭwq** [in the Appendix of Semitic roots](#)).]

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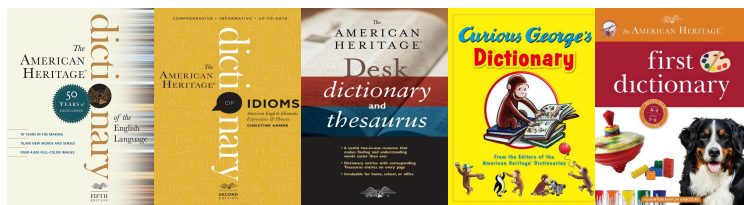
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