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n.

1. A fancy food; a delicacy.
2. A trinket; a gewgaw.

[By folk etymology from French *quelque chose*, something : *quelque*, some (*quel*, what from Latin *quālis*, of what kind; see [QUALITY](#) + *que*, what, which, who, from Vulgar Latin **que*, from Latin *quid*, what; see [QUIDDITY](#)) + *chose*, thing; see [CHOSE](#)².]

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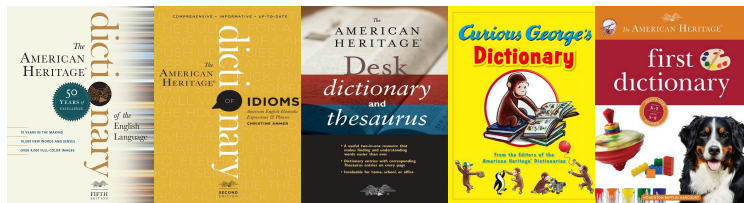
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