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of a theater, curtain (< IE base *(s)k nstead of L cors, cohors (see COURT) in (esp. in a theater) < aulé, open cur L aula, pot: for IE base see OVEN | L aula, pot: for IE base see OVEN | L aula, pot: for IE base see OVEN | erial, sometimes arranged so that it ca ierial, sometimes arranged so that it a nung for decoration, as at a window, we something 2 anything that cover, on off *la curtain* of fog/ 3 that part of a rail set, etc. *A Archii*. an enclosing wall the *Theater a*) the large drape or hange the or which is drawn up or asid. e stage, which is drawn up or aside the beginning of the curtain at the beginning. Sening of the curtain at the beginning ea play, act, or scene c) an effect, line esfore the curtain closes d) CURTAN (eend -vt. 1 to provide or decorate with 1, or shut off as with a curtain -draw (eto end 2 to conceal -lift (or raise) the to reveal

ually by continued applause, for the pertage at the end of a play, act, etc. 2 su the applause

e reprimand given by a wife to her her curtained beds in which such repro-

t play or skit presented before a long reliminary event, entertainment, etc. a delivered from in front of the curtain erformance

ndently supported outer wall that can is freely removable

If. IOFr curtald < court, short < L curtained -n. a horse with a docked tail[LASS] [Archaic] a cutlass

IL curtatus, pp. of curtare, to shorten. d; abbreviated

1. -sies [var. of COURTESY] the life interest es in the lands of his wife upon her deal lien capable of inheriting: curtesy has be statute in many U.S. states and in Englar

. [ME < OFr cortillage < cortil, dim <[1] fenced-in ground and buildings immet ise or dwelling NormFr curteis (OFr corteis): see con me: dim. Curt

Hammond 1878-1930; U.S. aviator &p ction

sies [var. of COURTESY] a gesture of gree esp. formerly, by girls and women a ding of the knees and a slight lowering ying to make a curtsy Also sp. curt so ying w make a curvey Also sp. curved [L curvelis < currents, chariot; akin to curve 1 designating a chair like an upholsten purved legs, in which only the highest of privileged to sit 2 privileged to sit is hest rank

həs) adj. [CURV(E) + -ACEOUS] having ald a woman

a woman n n [ME < L curvatura < curvare: see figure <math>2 a curve; curved part of anything istion of a curve or curved surface from surface tangent to it 4 Med. an abnorm ature of the spine)

surface tangent to it entries a stature of the spine? vus, bent: see CROWNI [Archaic] curved-ight part; bend having no angular part is te shape of a curve 3 the act of curving [pl.] the pronounced curving outline of SB asseald a ball thrown by a right-line the pitcher's left, or one thrown by a rves to the pitcher's right 6 a curved in sentation showing variations occurring prices, business conditions, group arise \exists CURVE 8 Math. a one-dimensional or a helix in three-dimensional space egment is a type of curve -vt., vi. curve in rve by bending 2 to move in a curved. 1) the curve anticipating (or not keeping developments, etc. developments, etc.

developments, etc. a swerving or deflection in a line that s the arc of a circle *I*he curved the n the curving of something that is norm dis to pressure or tension *I*to bend a wi ion, implies greater resistance in the of somotes a wrenching out of the normal surn, in this comparison often interchas sed specifically where the object is cur urn a bed sheet!

n. Baseball CURVE (sense 5)

n. Baseball CURVE (sense 3) usually ker vet') n. [It corvetta, dim. co N] in equestrian exhibitions, a movema then leaps forward, raising the hind less ne down --vi. -vet'ted or --vet'ed, -vet' ne down a curvet -- vt. to cause to curvet

Cut-With the or lines: also cur.vi.lin'eal -cur.vi.lin'early adv. curve (ker've) adj. curvier, curviest 1 having curves or a curve (strue) road 2 [Informal] curvaceous

la curve internationality our vaccous (ur.zon (kur'zan), George Nathaniel 1st Marquis Curzon of Kelleston 1859-1925; Eng. statesman: viceroy of India (1899-1905) Kedieston (kõos'kõ) alt. sp. of CUZCO

regetarian when values cans can a prenensue tan cu-Sec (ky80'sek') n. [CU(BIC) + SEC(OND)'] a unit for measuring volume of flow, equal to one cubic foot per second

volume of flow, equal to one cubic foot per second cush (kush) n. Bible 1 the oldest of Ham's sons 2 the land inhab-ied by his descendants, thought to be on the W shore of the Red sea Gen. 10.8; 1 Chron. 1:10 ---Cush'ite' adj., n. cushat (kush'at, koosh') n. [N Brit dial. < ME coushote < OE cushat is if < cu., COO' + base of secotan, to dart, SHOOT; in sense rooing darter"] a wood pigeon (Columba palumbus) there is a short n. [] A cush d (Algonomics) a second to the short n.

ushaw (ka shô') n. [< AmInd (Algonquian)] a variety of crookneck squash (Cucurbita moschata) similar to the pumpkin

ack squash (check of a more all similar to the pumpkin (ush-ing (koosh'in) 1 Caleb 1800-79; U.S. diplomat: negotiated treaty (1845) opening Chin. ports to U.S. trade 2 Harvey (Wil-lams) 1868-1939; U.S. neurosurgeon

hems) 1000-1000, 0.0. Hentostigeon (ush-ing's disease (koosh'inz) [after Harvey (Williams) CUSH-No] a disorder of the adrenal cortex caused by a tumor in the pitutary, characterized by obesity, hypertension, diabetes mel-

Cushing's syndrome a medical condition characterized by obesity, hypertension, excessive hair growth, etc., caused by an overactive adrenal gland or large doses of corticosteroids

cush ion (koosh'an) n. [ME cuisshin < OFr coissin < ML coxinum, cushing on twost on m and cutstant. Or tousint < NL controlling, altered (after L cora, hip) < Gallo-Roman Foulcinum, for L cutoita, cushing, QULT] 1 a pillow or soft pad for sitting or kneeling on, or cushion, QUILT] 1 a pillow or soft pad for sitting or kneeling on, or relining against; specif., a removable one forming part of a sofa, chair, etc. 2 a thing like a cushion in shape, softness, or use, as a small pillow used in lace-making, padding of various sorts, etc. 3 a fatty or fibrous padlinke part of the body 4 anything serving to absorb shock, as air or steam in some machines, the elastic inner rnm of a billiard table, or a soft, padded insole 5 anything that moderates an adverse effect, relieves a distressing condition, pro-rides comfort, etc. ---Vt. 1 to provide with a cushion or cushions 2 vides comfort, etc. — vi. To browne with a cushion of cushions a u to seat or set on a cushion b) to prop up with a cushion or rushions 3 to hide or suppress, as if under a cushion 4 to absorb shock or noise) 5 to act as a cushion, as in protecting from shock or injury, moderating ill effects, relieving distress, etc. (the bush cushioned his fall)

cusnionea nis tau/ Cush-titic (kush it'ik, koosh-) adj. [CUSH + -IT(E)¹ + -IC] designating or of a group of languages spoken in Ethiopia and E Africa, consti-tuting a subfamily of the Afroasiatic family of languages — n. this group of languages

uishy (koosh'ē) adj. cush'i·er, cush'i·est [[orig. Brit army slang < Hindi khush, pleasant < Pers khūsh] [Slang] easy; comfortable [a cushy job/ -cush'i-ness n.

(usk (kusk) n., pl. cusk or cusks [Brit local name < ?]] 1 a large, edible gadoid fish (Brosme brosme) found in the N Atlantic *2 REBOT

(USD (kusp) n. [L cuspis (gen. cuspidis), point, pointed end, spear] 1 a point or pointed end; apex; peak 2 Anat. a) any of the eleva-ions on the chewing surface of a tooth b) any of the triangular faps of a heart valve 3 Archit. a projecting point where two, arcs tions on the entwing surface of a booth of any of the triangular flaps of a heart valve 3 Archit. a projecting point where two arcs meet, as in the internal curve of an arc 4 Astrol. the transitional part of a sign or house 5 Astron. either horn of a crescent, as of the moon 6 Geom. the tip of a pointed curve —on the cusp 1 Astrol. at or during a CUSP (sense 4) 2 at or during a time of transition, as the moment of or just before a major change or event

CUS pate (kus'pit, -pāt') adj. CUSPIDATE: also cus' pat'ed (-pāt'id) or cusped (kuspt)

Cuspid (kuspid) n. [L cuspis: see CUSP] a tooth with one cusp; canine tooth —adj. CUSPIDATE

(Us.pi)date (kus'pe dat', -dit) adj. [L cuspidatus, pp. of cuspidare, to make pointed < cuspis] 1 having a cusp or cusps 2 having a short, abrupt point, as some leaves Also cus' pi-dat'ed cus pi da tion (kus'pa da'shan) n. the use of cusps for decoration, architecture

Sum architecture (Sus)Fieldor (Rus'pa dôr') n. [Port cuspideira < cuspir, to spit < L conspuere < com-, intens. + spuere, to spit out, SPEW] SPITTOON **(CUSS (Rus) n. [**< CURSE; n. 2 < ? (CUSTOMER] [Informal] 1 a curse ≈ 2 a person or animal, esp. one regarded as odd or annoying: used humorously or contemptuously -Vt, Vi. [Informal] to curse --curser n. Cuss'er n

Cussed (kus'id) adj. [< prec. or CURSED] [Informal] 1 cursed 2 priverse; stubborn —cuss' edly adv. —cuss' ed ness n.

Priverse; stubborn — curse d y adv. — curse d z j priverse; stubborn — curse d y adv. — curse d ness n. Custard (kus'tard) n. [[ME, altered < crustade, any dish baked in a rust, ult. (? via Prov crostado) < L crusta, CRUST] 1 a mixture of [#Es, mik, favoring, and, often, sugar, either boiled or baked 2 thort for FROZEN CUSTARD

(ustard-apple (kus'tord ap'al) adj. [< prec., with references to the flavor and color] designating a family (Annonaceae, order Magnoli-ales) of dicotyledonous tropical trees and shrubs including the papar, sweetsop, and soursop -... 1 any of a genus (esp. Annona rticulata) of small trees of this family, grown for their large, edible, heart-shaped fruits: also custard apple 2 the fruit

killed in a battle with Dakota Indians on the Little Bighorn River cus-to-dial (kas to'de al) adj. of custody or custodians

cus-to-dian (kas to'de an) n. [< fol.] 1 a CUS-to-Glain (kas to de an) n, $\lfloor < to \rfloor$) 1 a person who has the custody or care of something, as of a private library; care-taker; keeper 2 a person responsible for the care and maintenance of a building -cus-to'-di-an-ship' n.

cus-tody (kus'ta dē) n., pl. -dies IME custodie < L custodie < custos, a guard, keeper < IE *(s)keudh- < base *(s)keus-, to cover > SKY] 1 a guarding or keeping safe; care; protection; guardianship 2 the right of having one's children in one's immediate care, awarded under various arrangements to one or both of the par-



GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER

ents by a court as a result of a divorce or separation —in custody in the keeping of the police; under arrest —take into custody to

CUS-tom (kus'tem) n. [ME < OFr costume < L consuetudo < con-suescere, to accustom < com-, intens. + suescere, to become accus-tomed < suere, to be accustomed, akin to suus, one's own; for IE tomed < suere, to be accustomed, akin to suus, one's own: for IE base see SUICIDE] 1 a usual practice or habitual way of behaving; habit 2 a) a social convention carried on by tradition and enforced by social disapproval of any violation b) such practices, collec-tively 3 under feudalism, a service, rent, etc. regularly paid to a lord 4 [μ] a) duites or taxes imposed by a government on imported and, occasionally, exported goods b) [with sing. v.] the government agency in charge of collecting these duites, or any of its offices 5 a) the regular support or patronage of a business establishment b) customers as a group 6 Law such usage as by common consent and long-established, uniform practice has taken on the force of law -adj. 1 made or done to order or, sometimes, made extra fine, as if to order 2 making things to order, or dealing in things made to order [a custom tailor] -SYN. HABIT

cus-tom-ari-ly (kus'ta mer'a le) adv. according to custom; usually cus-tom-ary (kus to mer's) adj. [ML customarius: see CUSTOM 1 in keeping with custom, or usage; usual; habitual 2 Law holding or held by custom -n., pl. --ar'ies a collection of the laws estab-lished by custom for a manor, region, etc. --SYN. USUAL --cus'. tom-ar'i-ness n.

custom-built (kus'tem bilt') adj. built to order, according to the customer's specifications customer (kus'ta mar) n. [ME < OFr coustumier: see CUSTOM] 1

as person who buys, esp. one who buys from, or patronizes, an establishment regularly 2 [Informal] any person with whom one has dealings [a rough customer]

custom-house (kus'tem hous') n. a building or office where customs or duties are paid and ships are cleared for entering or leaving: also cus'toms-house'

*cus-tom-ize (kus'tem iz') vt. --ized', --iz'-ing [CUSTOM + -IZE] to make, build, or modify according to personal or individual specifi-cations ---cus'-tom-iz'er n.

#custom-made (-mad') adj. made to order, according to the customer's specifications

customs union a union of nations that agree to eliminate customs restrictions among members and to follow a common tariff policy toward all other nations

toward all other nations **Cut** (kut) vt. cut, cut'ting [[ME cutten, kytten < Late OE *cyttan < Scand base seen in Swed dial., Ice kuta, to cut with a knife: the word replaced OE ceorfan (see CARVE), snithan, scieran (see SHEAR) as used in its basic senses] I. denoting penetration or incision 1 to make an opening in as with a sharp-edged instrument; pierce; incise; gash 2 to pierce, hit sharply, constrict, etc. so as to hurt 3 to hurt the feelings of 4 to grow (a new tooth making its way through the gum) II. denoting separation, removal, or division 1 to remove or divide into parts with a sharp-edged instrument; sever 2 to carve (meat) 3 to cause to fall by severing; fell; hew 4 to mow or reap with a scythe, sickle, etc. 5 to pass through or across; intersect; divide (the path cuts the meadow diagonally) 6 *a*) to divide (a pack of cards) at random so as to rearrange the pack after the dealer has shuffled or so as to show a card to determine across; intersect; divide (the path chis the meadow diagonally) of a) to divide (a pack of cards) at random so as to rearrange the pack after the dealer has shuffled or so as to show a card to determine the dealer, partners, etc. b) to select (a card) at random from a pack, as by cutting the deck 7 to castrate; geld 8 [Informal] to pretend not to see or know (a person); snub 9 [Informal] to stay away from (a school class, etc.) without being excused 10 [Infor-mal] to cause to stop operating (cut the engine) *11 [Slang] to stop; discontinue [cut the noise] *12 [Informal] to discharge from a job, release from a sports team, etc. III. denoting reduction 1 to make less by or as by severing a part or parts; reduce; lessen; curtai (to cut salaries) 2 to make shorter by severing the ends of (hair, branches, fingernalis, etc.); trim; shear; pare *3 to dilute (alcohol, etc.) 4 to dissolve or break up the fat globules of *lyee cuts* grease] IV. denoting performance by incision, etc. to make (an open-ing, clearing, channel, etc.) by incising, drilling, hacking, or exca-vating b) to engrave; inscribe c) to type or otherwise mark (a stencil) for mimeographing d) to cut cloth so as to form the parts for (a garment) *e) to deit (film) by deleting some scenes and assembling others into a desired sequence f) to hit, drive, or throw (a ball) so that it spins g) to cause (a wheel) to turn sharply *h) to See the inside front cover for pronunciation information.

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