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the ancient Germans, mentioned by Tacitus, of this character, and all such, and similar modern
armorial bearings, an unbroken inheritance from the Teutonic chiefs - Modern European blazonry,
being these alone, or in com position with other devices of subsequent adoption, or of ancient
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