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Origin and Etymology of *acetabulum*

Latin, literally, vinegar cup, from *acerum* vinegar

First Known Use: 1661

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