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**postabdomen** (post-ab'-do-men). (a) The slender, attenuated posterior part of the *abdomen* of a scorpion, composed of five segments and a *telson* modified as a poison gland; the narrow posterior part of the abdomen of a merostome. (b) The *telson* of a crustacean. (c) A joint succeeding the third segment (abdomen) of the shell of a nassellarian radiolarian.

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