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\unkern
\unskip
\unpenalty
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If the last item on the current list is of type kern, glue, or penalty respectively, these commands remove it from that list. If the item isn't of the right type, these commands have no effect. Like `\lastbox`, you can't apply them to lists in math mode or to the main vertical list. These commands are most useful after a macro call that is known to have inserted a specific item that you don't want there. TEX doesn't provide an `\unbox` command because `\lastbox` produces nearly the same effect.