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Mixing His Drinks.

There is a story told of Mr. Gladstone which would show that the true meaning of the old saying: "Do not mix your drinks," was unknown to the great statesman. It is said to have been his habit to let the wines which were served in the course of dinner mobilize at his eblow, and during a pause in the conversation seize the glass that happened to be nearest. On one occasion Mr. Gladstone, who had refreshed himself as usual in this haphazard way, inveighed against the practice of mixing wines. It was respectfully pointed out to him that he had been guilty of this very act; but he explained, to his own satisfaction, that to mix wines was to fill up half a glass of champagne from the port decanter !-- Cornhill Magazine.

To Electrocute a Safety Vault.

An experiment of scientific interest is to be tried in getting rid of the safety vault of the old Cincinnati (O.) Deposit and Trust Company. The walls are constructed of layers of hard spring steel to a thickness of one and onequarter inches. Two operators will be placed in the vault and a wire for each run in through a vent hold. The wire will be attached to a carbon, which will be manipulated with a heavy handle. They will pass the carbon over the steel walls, burning them in intersecting lines.

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE,

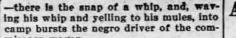
TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE, A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, ner-vous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It rests and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and is a cer-tain cure for Chilblains, Sweating, damp or frosted feet. We have over thirty thou-sand testimonials. Try it teday. Sold by all druggists and shoc stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olm-sted, Lo Roy, N. Y. interest or response. ing Christmas. It is the harder to bear the memory of the olden Yuletide, because there is absent in camp as in the nearby Philippine capital all that preparation, anticipation en semble that in the poorest village of his native land blossoms forth at holiday

Popular 'Phone Service.

time-once a year only, maybe, but once a year – magically, mightily – Merry The telephone system of Paris will Christmas!

be greatly popularized and extended He came off duty looking more bore by the government mail and telegraph than wearied, and lingers for a moment department. Public stations will be where an animated group are piling up boxes, logs, refuse. "A year ago," a grizzled plainsman is scattered through the city, where persons not subscribers may call from or

make engagements over the wire. saying, "there was ten feet of snow at Fort Custer, and-" Messages will be delivered from these 'You did belong to th



"Hi, dah!" he grins, "am dis Camp Jawge Columbus Christopher Washing-TION IS TRULY TOLD.

Westerner, springing to his feet, aglow. "Out with it! the steamer is in?"

"She am, sah. I waited, sah, as yo'm dareckted. Dah's a pahcel foh de camp -dat Chris'mas consignment hab arriv-

"Whoop!" Pandemonium breaks loose. Over the camp spreads the news. Half-dressed men, riotous runners, make for the campfire, as up to it, straining mightily under the heavy load of crates and boxes and barrels, puff and pant the mules with their Christmas store of remembrances. Even the camp dogs rally to the call of the tumult. Then, surrounded by a press-ing, eager crowd, the Westerner mounts

ton?

CAROL

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Beneath the stat-strewn Heaven

The angels sang the birth Of Christ, the King of Glory, Who came a babe to earth. Peace, peace, on earth forever, And sweet good will to meni

While all adown the ages Still rings the joyous strain.

Oh. Holy Babe, King Jesus!

The long years come and go Like sunlight's checkered shadows With real mingled woe,

IN THE PHILIPPINES

Into our bearts, we pray Thee, Come Thou, and there abide.

In royal measure grant us Thy peace this Christmastide.

George Paull.

-Mrs.

PER DECEMBER

Residences

With holy exultation

the load, hatchet in hand. He pries open those "pahcels," he begins to deliver them. Hearts gladden, lips quiver, eyes sparkle-even in the far-away Philippines Christmas had come!

Grinnell"-with tremulou "Pierce hands the young soldier receives his pack-age, and steps back a bit from the crush to inspect it. Ah! it is glorious to be remembered! There is a Bible from mother, a watch from father, a dozen handkerchiefs from play parties, dances and taffy pullings.

16-year-old sister Sue, a cookie, ribbonthe husking grows furious, and twice be tied, caraway-dotted, from 6-year-old fore noon the wagon bed is filled. Thumb Nell-"all cooked by my own self"-andstalls and husking pegs are much in de-

another parcel. The soldier boy's heart thumps mightily.

Beneath the stat-strewn Heaven The shepherds vigil kept; While hushed to rest about them The world in silence slept. Then burst the anthem Holy, While Heaven's gates flung wide, Flooded the earth with glory On that first Christmastide. have me?

ground. of a hungry camp dog. It makes a bolt, misses the cookie, and grabs up and runs

"Stop him-sto-o-op him!"

"What is it?"

"Hi, the robber!" A crowd "catches on" to the appalling A HRISTMAS, 1898, is near. The American mishap. There is pursuit. They corner the canine, but not until he has torn up Sentry on patrol duty before the long row of one mitt.

tents and frame quarters just outside of "Why, there's a note in here!" torments Manila paces the monotonous round in letter paper.

even the jests of groups gathered here

and there directed at him or audible to him fail to arouse either

> paper together. "I won't have anybody but you!" There is the sentence, complete. De-spite himself, the happy soldier boy utered a fervent, relieved yell of delight. "What's bit you-a tarantula?" de

Claus!

The connection of mistletoe with Christ mas is a very curious one, and far from eing a general one. Literature is, per haps, mainly responsible for it, in that allusions to a custom—in a great degree purely local-have made a large number of persons interested in the plant. It, moreover, seems that the custom of using it in Christmas decorations depends on two considerations-first, its evergreen habit; and second, the veneration in which

A FARM CHRISTMAS. missary wagon.

STORY OF THE DAY'S CELEBRA-

HE week before

Christmas, Hog

killing is over, all

dressed and sent t

town. Suppressed

excitement rules in-

side the house and

out. Extra hands

are busy over the last bit of corn-

,husking. Bump,

bump, bumpety

turkeys are

the

"You know it is, you rascal!" roared the Momentous Preparations for the Din

ner of Dinners-And Finally the Party at Farmer Hawkins' on That Memorable Christmas Eve.

bump, the wagon moves slowly over the frozen ground Two stalwart fellows in jean trousers ducking coats and woolen comforters follow the wagon, keeping up a continuous fire of ears of corn into the box. With

fire at night nursing blistered thumbs and Well does he know who sent this last. It is a response to a question that the loneli-ing, double in thickness and fastened on the hands securely with leather strings.

ness of the camp, time to think over how

Grinnell opens the package-a pair of dainty home-knit mitts. What in the world does he want of mitts in the broiling Filipino country! Still, the good in tent is there. Then his finger tips tingle and tremble so as he feels a tiny note in one of the

mitts, that he drops everything to the Nell's cookie must have caught the sniff

off with-the mitts with the note in them.

the rescuer of half one mitt, and Grinnell devours a torn fragment of dainty, scented a lazy, languid way-

"I won't have-" That is what his blurred sight reads and his heart falls.

"Hey, Grinnell-here's the other half!" The poor fellow puts the two pieces of

He is thinking of home, is Pierce Grinnell, this sturdy, hardy soldier boy who had gone to Aguinaldo's land to uphold the flag and help retain the glories which Dewey had won-home and the approach-

> nands a staring comrade. "No!" shrewdly guesses the jolly Westerner, reading between the lines-"Santa

> > Mistletoe and Christmas.

neighboring houses or from the little towns near by. "Zip, sip, ha, ha, hurrah," and up comes a sled with a dozen young with you. You want to tell, in your speech and in your eyes, and from your folks bound for the party. The sled is a leart, of the gladness of the time. You good picture of Miss Ruth White, of ban Francisco. Miss White might have sat to Uncle Sam's artist, the re-

have been stripped of their spring seats to when you must needs give of your good semblance is so close. Miss White was equip the sleigh. The bed of the box is filled with hay, which keeps everybody's there is nothing so good as a bellef in a member of the Castle Square Company last season. feet warm. Away the sled whirls, taking a short cut across the bottoms, running what the little Child came to tell about.

The Enormous Gold Product of 1898. Surely the Christmastide is the feast of counter to rocks and logs under the snow From South Africa, the Klondike and by an absurd idea they have got that and almost spilling the whole party out all others that appeals to women, and as Australia gold is being shipped in large in vaccination against smallpox the Out in the open road another sleigh turns

the story is told again and again by the quantities. This year's output will nearly throat is to be operated upon, which, bells as they ring, by the carols as they double that of any previous twelve months. The sale of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are also increasing very fast. This famous remedy will cure dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, nervousness and weakness. are sung, by the preacher from the pulpit, we know that 'Unto us a Child was born, and peace and good will reign all over the land. Let peace and good will be in your heart, and from you they will go and spread all over the land. It is to the wom-A medical writer in India declares en, thank God, that the happiness of the

A medical writer in mone declared that segregation of patients, the ony effective way of dealing with the plague, is so repugnant to the Hindoos plague, is so repugnant to the million To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. Christmastide specially comes. And women are generous, else one of them never vould have given her Son to die that all might live. She gave to all the world her rather than submit to it.

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awav.

WHEN SANTA CLAUS IS PRESIDENT.

the last night of the old year with a few intimate friends, awaiting the stroke of Australia sends cocoanut oil to Engthe midnight hour. The day is observed by a few visits among nearest relatives For Lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cur

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created among the natives in Durban

as they put it, will prevent them eat-

ing. The result is that a good many

have suddenly left for their kraals, as

many as 400 depositing their badges in

Leather money circulated in Russia

so recently as the time of Peter the

one day.

According to the Australian Standard

From hard work or excessive exercise

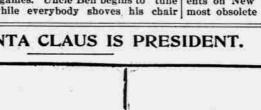
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criss-cross the logs." A fresh use for seaweed is claimed to "What are you about here, anyway?" have been discovered by a Norwegian inquired young Grinnell a little curiously. "What are we about? Why!" stares engineer, who exhibited an invention at the Stockholm exhibition for producthe Westerner, as if affronted, "Christing paper glue, dressing gum and soap mas preparations, of course!" The young soldier smiles, half sadly. from seaweed. The first establishment for this branch of manufacture is to be erected in the district of Stavanger.

HOITT'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Now at Burlingame, will remove to its beautiful new home at Menlo Park, San Mateo County, Cal., and re-open January 16th, 1899. Address Ira G. Hoitt, Ph. D., "And that is___" Menlo Park, Cal. enough for you?"

Flies are prevented from entering the a regular scorcher-wrap blankets around house when the screen doors are opened us, huddle up as if we were frozen to by a new attachment, which has sev- death, imagine we're out on those gl-lorious plains where a fellow can always feel Christmas, if he don't see much of iteral rows of brushes on the outside of the door to scrape the flies off every and tell stories about last year, and the time the door opens. year before, and the years when the regu-

Born With a Needle in His Leg. Mrs. Oscar Stanley, of Anderson,

it was a ragged one." The officer of the day smiles indulgently Ind., gave birth to a baby boy recently. on the turbulent infraction of camp rules, When it was placed in care of the and the colonel and staff appear to hand nurse, she found a rather peculiar pim- in their contribution-a box, not a box of ple on the inside of its thigh. She cigars.

Perkins?

thought nothing of it at first, but it There are pineapples, cocoanuts, bananas and oranges, but more than one wry began to get very sore, and also became face shows that a juicy red pippin, a very large. The other day when she pan of hickorynuts, would have been more was bathing the child her hand came in acceptable than "all these smothering fal-lais!" as the Westerner dubs the ample contact with a sharp object, which proved to be a needle. The little one tropical fare. had come into this thorny world with "If our Christmas ship had only come the needle buried in his flesh. In!" he remarked, and with a fixed stare at

RELIEF FROM PAIN.

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firs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson. Ga., writest " DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

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firs. W. R. BATES, Fiansfield, La., writes : "Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhœs and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."



he army of occ it was held by the Druids pation then!" breaks in a suggestive voice.

The reasons mentioned have no doubt "Occupation? I call this gentlemanly done much to secure for the mistletoe the leisure!" was retorted tartiy. "Only-say, place which in recent times it has held in fellows! I'd give a week's rations to have Christmas festivities, but it is not so unia chill-just to remind me of home, and versally honored at Yuletide as the holly. snow, and real Christmas weather! Pile You may have a very merry Christma those boxes straight, boys; now then, without any mistletoe at all, but to the majority of the people a Christmas with-

out a sprig or two of holly would scarcely seem to be Christmas at all.

At Bethlehem. The children at Bethlehem are told by their mothers that on Christmas Eve a "I don't see any Christmas trees, or choir of angels always sings above the

holly, or wax candles, or-"" "Nor won't!" comes the terse interrup place where Christ was born. Travelers say that on this evening scores and some tion. "Still, we're going to make the best times hundreds of children may be see play at it we know how when the date in the open air looking up to the sky, wait-

ing to hear the angels sing. Disappointment.

"To build a roaring campfire first." "Isn't the climate naturally warm "Never you mind! We're going to build 回之 lars had some kind of a holiday, even if



She-I hear you got a little brother fo New Year's present. Ain't yer glad? He-Naw!

She-Did yer want a sister? He-Naw, I didn't want no brudder All hands look savagi at this. Christmas cheer was on its way to them-of or no sister neider. I wanted a fightin' that they had been advised by way of dorg an' a pair o' skates!-Life. Hong Kong a week since-but the steam-

er was overdue, probably delayed by a Lord of Misrule. storm, and their holiday cheer from home

Down to the reign of Henry VIII., and might not arrive till New Year's day. ccasionally since, a "Lord of Misrule" Still, as Grinnell watches the Westerner and observes him more than once was appointed to direct the amusements gaze covertly in the direction of the corof the English court during the holidays. He presided over the festivities, prepared duroy camp road, he wonders if he is not the games, directed the sports, and saw nursing some spirited surprise that he that the court was kept properly amused

The stories begin, and soon all are engrossed. One man tells of a Christmas at

a comrade who had just come from town

"Steamer probably delayed, you told me

a stare with a wink in it-he observes:

"That's what," is nodded.

will spring later on.



ORIVNELL'S HEART THUMPED MIGHTILY. a far Western Indian-beleaguered fort, where the event of the day was the stealing of the only wild turkey in knowledge from a sportsman savage. Another had een '94 in Alaska, where a keg of frozen ider was the only reminder of home. A third described the best Christmas dinner

nore things at the big houses. he had ever eaten, and all mouths watered, and here there is an uproar. The sound of cumbersome wheels achoes got bigger chimners .- Judge.

dem pigs' feet in de ashes need crapin' back against the side of the wall to clear almost entirely confined to Christmas day dese two houshs! Git out o' heah! Ef yo' des tek yosefs off, soon's I get er min-ape, tweedle, leedle, leedle, le-e," goes the holiday fell almost into oblivion, with the nit's peace, I mek yo' fawty 'leven fingah fiddle, while Uncle Ben screws his face exception of the few simple remembrances Dawley's "Campaigning With Gomez." stalls."

As this is what the boys have all been late, the Hills boys have furnished the is observed as a legal holiday-"bank music for the parties, much to the disgust | holiday," as they call it-but even that is waiting to hear they troop out instantly, of Uncle Ben. He declares that "wen confined almost exclusively to large whole making a mental memorandum of "neckerchers" and bandana "head han'kersale houses. The retail trade is carried on dem boys gits hole o' one o' dem new fangle gityars an' anodder one on 'em goes which Aunt Maria wants for Christmas.

By 5 o'clock the next morning, while the hit 'em jis' nuff ter mek yo' har stan' on en'. 'Tain no mo lak music dan beatin' stars are still shining, the wagons rattle off to the fields. The jolly face of the on er dish pan." country sun lights up myriads of frost As 12 o'clock approaches everybody is

yellow grass. Along the roads wagons pass in the distance, noiselessly, silhouetgift. This ceremony being over, the party breaks up, the young folks race home, and ted against the sky like toy vehicles, big and little hang up their stockings in frawn by toy horses. front of the fireplace. Inside the farmhouse everything is in Bob is growing skeptical about Santa bustling confusion. The blinds of the Claus. He resolves to sleep with one eye spare room have been drawn up to let in open, but weariness overcomes his bright flood of bright winter sunshine. Dislittle eyes at last. When Tom wakes up trict school has closed for the holidays. the hired man is putting a back-log in the The children are in the kitchen stoning fireplace, and soon the blaze is crackling raisins, helping pare apples, slyly steal-ing cake dough, and watching the sauaway on the hearth. He punches Tim.

sage as it is ground out from the sausage What do you reckon that is sticking out in the toe of my stocking, Bob?" "Ho, ho!" the youngsters suddenly shout in chorus. "Yonder comes Tom Hawkins, riding up the lane on 'Ole Sor-"'Norange, I guess."

There are raisins and oranges, a rubber dismounts by putting his arms call, toy pistol, and little leather pocketaround "Ole Sorrel's" neck and sliding books, long wanted. down her forelegs to the ground. He is Netty and Rosy are up, hugging a couple

"Our folks is goin' to give a party!" he with pink and blue ribbons. "Land sakes, chillun, git off yer night

"When?" shout Bob and the others, in great excitement. "Night 'fore Chris'mas; 'n I'm goin'

"Night 'fore Chris'mas; 'n I'm goin' 'round to tell ever'body, right this morn-Bob's tellin' yo. 'Cose dere's a Santa

"Play party ?"

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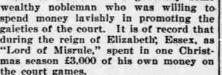
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Ton

then, ma says she don't know as it's right

fer church members." Tom's invitation, delivered with many assurances that "You must be sure to come; we'll all be a lookin' for you," crentes no small commotion at the house Before the day is over it is known that

the party will be a big affair. during Christmas week. The office was Christmas eve finally comes. The whole considered highly honorable, and the 'Lord of Misrule" was generally some



Yule Cakes. Yule dough, a kind of baby or little

mage intended to represent the child Jesus, made of paste, was formerly baked at Christmas and presented by bakers to their customers "in the same manner as the chandlers gave candles." They are still called Yule cakes in the county of Durham, England.

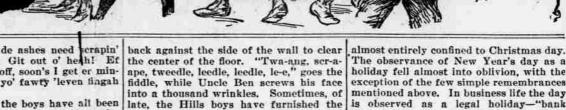
An Aid to Merriment. "My dear," said Mr. Darley to his wife "I have decided to have a merry Christ

mas this year." "I am very glad to hear that, love." "With that purpose in view," Mr. Dar-ey went on, "I have decided not to go vith you at all while you are doing you Christmas shopping."

Bis Sad Fate. "Kind sir." said the beggar. "will you uid me? Once I was worth \$50,000, and

now I am penniless, sir." "What ruined you?" asked Hojack. "Buying Christmas presents, sir." Thereupon Hojack gave the man a dol ar, for he knew how it was himself. The Young Idea.

Bobble-Papa says Santa Claus leaves Freddie-Of course he does. They've



as briskly as on every other day of the slap-e-ty bang on Miss Hawkins' planner, year. The first day of the year is observed in France in a very different way, particularly in Paris, where to this day the cus-

tom of giving presents is kept up with diamonds hung on the sparse spears of alert to get everybody else's Christmas surprising vigor. The streets of the beau tiful capital present a very lively and pic turesque appearance. Innumerable can riages, from the humble one horse cab t the elegant landau, with liveried servant drawn by fiery steeds, crowd every tho

> oughfare. They are filled with well-dress ed men and loaded with fragrant flowers Large social gatherings, balls and receptions, public and private, bring the auspicious day to a festive conclusion. In Germany calls are made among rela-"Chris'mas gift, Tim, Chris'mas gift

"Like 'nuff. Santa always brings on anges.'

of china dolls, dressed in white Swiss,

tireckly," calls out Aunt Maria, putting

all ovah white, whiskah lak you gran'pa "Yep! Pa says he don't care fer 'em 'Cose dere's a Santa Claus, jis' es true as

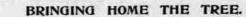
THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

It with Love. "If you had the wealth of the world you could not equal that first Christmas gift." writes Ruth Ashmore in an article on

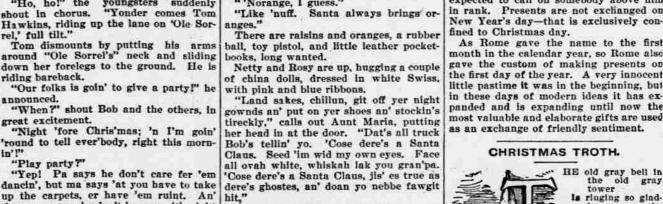
"Girls and Their Christmas-Giving," in neighborhood is agog. In the course of the Ladies' Home Journal. "And you can the afternoon the girls in the various only imitate it by making your gift a pure homes lay out every bit of finery to be worn to the party. The boys are not for-

gotten by their sisters. Their coats and trousers, white satin ties, bolled shirts, love. You want to make your very 'goodare all put out on the bed in easy reach. morning' tell of that good morning that Aunt Maria shines the shoes until you can came so many hundred years ago when see yourself on their polished surfaces. the little Child first wakened on this earth

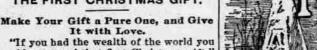
The boys, in a home-made sleigh, are off You want to think of the gifts that were for the girls, sometimes five or six miles away. The girls at the house wait for You want to have your heart full of joy, their beaux, who come likewise from the and love, and hope-so full that it will











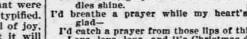


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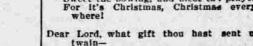
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To the dear, gray church where the can-dles shine. I'd breathe a prayer while my heart's so



glad-I'd catch a prayer from those lips of thinet Love, love, love-and it's Christmas day, And you and I in the church to pray! Sweet the bowing, and blest the prayer, For it's Christmas, Christmas every-where!



twain-To pledge our troth on thy natal day? Ob joy that is almost keen as pain, Oh love more sacred than lips can say! Here where the candles burn so while Here where the holly glistens bright, Make the beart of the love we bear Christ-like always and everywhere! -James Buckham.

Satisfying Him. "Johave called." said the captious critic 'to find out what reason you can give for representing the New Year as a nude all boy "That is done," responded the art edi "because the year does not get its close till the 31st of December.' Then the captious critic went out and

broke his nice new pledge,-Indianapolis Journal. Pleasure an I Pain. When we go to a Christmas party, And corns are the worst of our woes, We object not to "rings on our fingers," But we do to the "belies on our to's."

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ficult breathing and suffocating feeling, fullness of the head, a tired, irritable, discontented feeling and fear of impending danger or death, a dread of being alone, or the reverse-desire to be alone, if your memory is failing, and you are gloomy and despondent, or if you dream much or often



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