UNION. OREGON.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL. -It is fitting that those who are made to suffer should suffer well .-

Burke. -There is something wrong within

-Secker. lion people in this land are members of churches.

to reduce the time devoted to arithme- Rawlins, eighteen mile, lickety-brindle, tic in the public schools and to simplify with the stage flyin' in the air behind the process of instruction.

Mr. A. S. Barnes, of New York, has given \$40,000 to Cornell University mused the Eastern liar, as he closed his for the erection of a building for the eyes as if lost in thought, "but always college Christian Association.

-If I can put one touch of a rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God. - George MacDonald.

-Over 170,000 of the communicant members in regular connection with States are found in the State, of Pennsylvania.

-In Russia there are 32,000 schools, having each an average of 36 scholars. This is one school for 2,300 inhabitants, at a cost of less than a half-penny a head of the population.

-The Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore has an income of \$220,000 from the endowment funds, and \$40,-000 to \$50,000 from tuition. The students, therefore, pay only about onefifth of the cost of their education.

-Dr. Horatius Bonar, of Edinburgh, Scotland, an able preacher, author and hymn-writer, but doubless best known in the latter capacity, is making arrangements to retire from active ministerial life, after fifty years' service.

-The surprisng fact is noted that while the Wesleyan Church in Great Britain had 1,970 ministers, it had 24,-579 lay class leaders, and 15,009 local preachers last year, so that the greater effective work for that .- N. Y. Witness.

-Unaided by revelation the human mind thinks itself out into an eternity of gloom. It is awful to think when the thought can not strike God. But, ch, what a being it is that can think! Do you notice that man always reasons apwards? They are aspirations, and though veiled at the top, they are always towards those high and hidden things. - Rev. Dr. Magee.

-Pastor Schneller, who for more than twenty-five years has been at the head of the Syrian Orphan's Home in Jerusalem, reports that during the seacity. There were nearly 30,000 pil- an' that fixed 'em." Russia is creeting a tower on Mt. Olivet a hundred metres high. It

WIT AND WISDOM.

-Sloth is the key of poverty. -With the generality of men, policy

to much more powerful than principle. -There are few who conceive how instrumental the tongue is to salvation or condemnation. - Quesnel.

Jennie-Why, Annie, your hair is all mussed, your collar is torn and you are as red as a beet. Annie-Charlie malled

-Now is the time of year when love's young dream gets jolted all out of shape because the hammock lets go.-Merchant Traveler.

-If we strive to become what we strive to appear, manners may often be rendered useful guides to the performance of our duties .- Sidney Smith.

-There is a woman in Connecticut who wears a number nine shoe. When whe sets her shoe down her husband walks around it and says: "Yessum, I will."-N. Y. Journal. - "Men and women make sad mis-

takes about their own symptoms-taking their vague, uneasy longings, some times for genius, some times for religion, and, oftener still, for a mighty love."

-Heiress-I am afraid it is not for me that you come here so often, but for my money. Ardent Wooer-You are cruel to say so. How can I get your money without getting you .-Boston Courier.

-Father-"Well, young man, you must either marry my daughter or pay for the gas you burned all last winter.' George-"Er-I say-you don't happen to have an engagement ring about you?"- Tid Bits.

-Farmer Wayback-"I want to see your boss." Office-boy-"Have you a card, sir?" Farmer Wayback-"Now you go 'long, ye pert little upstart, an' cell yer boss I wanter see him. Ye can't come no three-card-monte games on me; I've read the papers, an' I'm posted."

-A German was passing along Broadway the other day when one end of an overhanging sign came loose and struck him on the head. "Oh, I'm dead," exclaimed the man; but wher he found he was still alive he added "If dot hat kilt me I would heff sued the owner." - Nyack Journal.

-Some people speak as if hypocrites were confined to religion; but they are everywhere; people pretending to wealth when they have not a sixpence, assuming knowledge of which they are ignorant, shamming a culture they are far removed from, adopting opinions they do not hold.—Rev. Albert Good-

AMAZING ADVENTURES.

Two Truth-Hating Stage-Drivers Meet and

Fight a Mighty Duel. Just how it happened that the two stage drivers got into conversation together will probably never be known; but the fact remains that they did. After some preliminary sparring to establish the fact that each was a professional liar as well as a driver, and a worthy opponent for the other, the Western man said:

"I've done some perty remark'ble all those who are afraid to look within. things in the West, which I s'pose would s'prise you some if I was to tell -Nineteen million of the sixty mil- you 'bout 'em. I was driving stage once an' at Fort Steele somebody stole all the wheels off'n the stage. I put -The BostonSchool Board has voted the six hosses on a run an' went to bout four feet from the ground."

"I have druy stage some, myself," in the East, so of course I never met with no such s'prisin' adventures as you have. I remember one little incident, though, as might pos'bly be wuth tellin'. I was drivin' a four-hoss stage 'tween Scrabbleville and Bone Corners, twelve miles. One day jes's I got ready the Lutheran Church in the United to start I discovered that somebody had stole the road between the two places. Plenty o' wheels on my stage, unnerstand, but no road to run 'em on. I jes' went down to Butterworth creek an' got a couple o' bridges an' stuck one of 'em out towards the Corners, druy out on it, drawed the other out and shoved it ahead, druv on it, an' kep' repeatin'. I made the drive in something over four hours."

"Yes," said the Western liar, approvingly, "that was the best you could do if you didn't have no extra one or two to use in case of 'mergencies. Ever have any trouble with road agents?"

"You mean robbers, I guess?" "Yes."

"A couple of 'em tackled me one day, but I chased 'em two mile an' finely run over 'em with the stage."

"All the road agents in the West combined once near Julesburg to down me. part of its pastoral and preaching work Twenty-five of 'em opened fire on my is done by laymen—and none the less coach at once. It made me mad, an' I got off with my Winchester an' went for 'em. I left my hosses' an' passengers an' beat 'round in the sage-brush for three days shootin' road agents. One would jump up 'bout ev'ry five minutes an' I would crack him over. Lots o' fun, though I needed a good bird dog. Stage company fined me two hundred dollars for delayin' bus'ness. It was further down the river near North Platte that the m'skeeters tried to hold me up next summer. They swarmed all over. One hoss died from loss o' blood-good hoss, too. I believe a couple o' English tourists who son just closed there have been more were riding outside got killed by em. tourists and pilgrims in Jerusalem than too. I went to smoking some dog-tail in any single year in his life in the holy terbacker a man from Missoury give me horse for years, and many others who

"Ye can't skeer Jersey skeeters with smoke," said the Eastern driver, calmwill be the highest building in the ly. "I've druv there and tried it. One evening they were coming up out of Sedgwick's marsh powerful thick. I lit. my pipe an' 'lowed to drive 'em 'way. I was puffin' 'long when suddenly one of 'em come up an' asked me for a light, an' I looked 'round an' seen 'nother one scratchin' a match on his leg an' lightin' a cigar. They were bad that trip. They would come up out of that marsh an' stand 'long the road an' sort o' lean over an' look at me like a turkey lookin' at a grasshopper. I guess they thought I was too small game. Some o' the young ones picked at me, though, an' made it sort o' dis-'gree'ble."

"Ever have any sperience with rawhide traces?" asked the Western man. "No," answered the other, doubtfully, "I guess not-mebby I have under some other name, though-probbly I have. Go 'head."

"I tried 'em out in the Green river country-thought they would be very dur'ble, you know. Didn't think 'bout their li'bil'ty to stretch. I was goin' from Point of Rocks to Green River. Forded Alkali creek an' them tugs begun to stretch. I was ridin' the near wheel hoss fer a change at the time, an' 'fore I knowed it the coach was two mile behind. I thought o' goin' back but seed it wouldn't do no good 'cause they were the only traces I had, so I kep' goin'. When I got to Rock Spring. ten mile from the creek, I stopped. I didn't know what to do at first, but jes' happened to think of a scheme and tried it. I tied all them tugs together and fastened 'em to a tree, an' jes' set down an' waited. The sun shone warm. and by-'n'-by them traces 'gun to shrink an' in 'bout two hours the coach come rattlin' 'long 'sif there was forty

hosses to it." "I don't b'lieve I ever had a sperience zackly like that," said the Eastern driver, "but I had one most as bad when I druy over the mount'ins in in Pennsylvany. There come up a rain an' my whip lash got wet. I was the efficiency of the military service crackin' it 'round an' the end of it got would be increased and the esprit de caught some way on a small tree. I kep' holt of the handle an' went on four or five mile, where we stopped for dinner. I throwed the whip down an' it caught on the fence. After I got through eatin' I went out, an' I'm a liar if that lash wasn't shrinkin' and towin' in that tree, which it had pulled up by the roots. I al'ays 'lowed there was powerful good stuff in that lash!"

"Must ha' been some raw-hide in itp'raps some o' the same that was in my traces. I reckon 'bout the most re- dish of the Eastern States, while fried mark'ble thing I ever done was when I | chickens and the clam are the dishes of brought the string o' coaches into the South. The staple of the West is Atchison. Some disease struck into hash, according to the same authority. the hosses an' killed 'em off all 'long | - Good Housekeeping.

the line. There was a deserted coacl at pretty near ev'ry station. I drove through from the Slope, an' had rattlin' good team. Ev'ry time I comto a coach I'd have 'em tie it behind an' I'd take it 'long. I got the bigges string of 'em you ever seed. I an' the passengers on the front end would take dinner at one meal station, an' the ones on the hind end at mebby the second station back. I drove 'bout the streets o' Atchison gittin' that string o' coaches coiled up 'round the town fer two days. Come to find out a whole lot o' movers an' em'grant trains comin' back had hitched on, an' I had been haulin' the whole outfit. You bet my hosses got thin on that trip."

"Durned if it aint funny that we should have had so many speriences bout the same. In an early day I was drivin' in Maine 'long the coast, an' picked up coaches all 'long, jes' like you did. The string got so long that I couldn't tell what did hitch on, an' when I got to Squaghaven I found I had been snakin' long several hundred farmers' wagons, four freight trains that went on a railroad that run by the side o' the wagon road an' two large fishin' vessels, that were goin' to Squaghaven an' had hitched on the hind end an' been towed right 'long into port."

Then the two drivers drifted apart.-Dakota Bell. UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS.

Many of the Present Officers Said to be Too Old for Active Service. The formation of a committee composed of officers of the regular army and the militia of the several States to agitate the question of having annual encampments and maneuvers in which the National and State forces shall pardelipate is well received by army men, particularly by the younger officers, roads along. We gen'ly carried 'long The establishment of such a practical school of instruction would be of great value to the National Guard, and equally as valuable to the rank and file of the regular army. In conversation, a young officer who has served many years on the frontier, said:

"I heartily wish the autumn-maneuver project may succeed. What a shaking up it would create among the old officers, both field and line! Why, if the regular army was called upon next week for active service comparatively few of the field officers could accompany their regiments by reason of physical disability. You may notice that occasionally orders are issued from the War Department for regiments to exchange stations, and frequently these orders provide that the exchange shall be made by marching. The actual marching is done by the enlisted men and subaltern officers, while the field and staff do their marching in spring wagons and Pullman ears, not because they prefer these vehicles, but because physical disabilities prevent them from accompanying their regiments.

"We have cavalry officers in the active service who have not mounted a hours. The same is true of the artillery and infantry. In the latter corps there are a few one-legged company officers. Think of a one-legged Captain or Lieutenant in a marching regiment. The army is now in the condition it was when the war began in 1861. It was then officered by old men, who were at once shaken out when hostilities began, and the young men had to take their places. Why not retire these old and enjoy the exercise of their powers there disabled officers and promote the young men, that they may by exercise of command, be prepared for the emergency that is liable to arise at any time? The seniors have done good service and deserve grateful consideration, but they should not be continued from a feeling of mere sentiment when their continuance is at the expense of the efficiency

of the army. "Let me show you some figures 1 have collected bearing upon this question. We have ten regiments of cavalry. This is hard service and requires active young men. The youngest cavalry Colonel is fifty-four. Of the other nine, four are over sixty and eight are over fifty-seven. Of the Lieutenant-Colonels eight are over fifty and three are over fifty-seven. Of the Majors eight are over fifty-five, and eighteen over fifty. Of the 120 Captains of cavalry, twenty-four are over fifty, and fifty-six have passed their forty-afth birthday. Look at the artillery. All its Colonels have passed sixty. and all its Lieutenant-Colonels fifty-five. The oldest Major is fifty-seven and the youngest forty-five, while fifty-one Captains have passed forty-five and five First Lieutenants have passed fifty. Of the twenty-five infantry Colonels twenty-three are upward of fifty, and the other two are forty-nine. Twenty-one Lieutenant-Colonels and thirteen Majors have passed fifty, while ninety Captains have passed that age and 193 are over forty-five. Among the First Lieutenants of infantry I find thirty-two who are over forty-five, and twenty who are over fifty. If Congress would do something, even to retire from the army the blind, the lame and the halt officers, corps materially advanced. The establishment of fall maneuvers, provided all officers were required to exercise their proper command, would make plain the absolute necessity for a closer inspection of the regular army and the weeding out of the inefficient."- Wash-

ington Cor. Chicago News. -According to a London paper the bean is the national herb of America and beans and bacon form the national

DECAYING ROYALTY.

The Kings of Earth All Broken Up and Bob

What is the matter with the royalty going to pieces. Dom Pedro of Brazil has become almost a chattering imbecile and a regent is talked of. Queen Victoria is passing into decrepitude and second childhood, and it is no secret that the Prince of Wales does not expect to ascend the throne, believing that ere it shall be vacant Great Britain will have become a republic. Emperor the Krouprinz is battling with what may prove an incurable disease. The successive attempts at assassination in the last six months, and contemplates the probability-nay, almost certainty -that some one of the series still

by his subjects. But he is a feeble old man, and when he dies the bonds Prince is very unpopular, and bis has no sovereign. It is waiting for a King or Queen or not. Queen Natalie, a Russian officer's daughter, is in exile with the heir apparent. King Milan like the wind; he slowed up "with exhas ordered that she be never allowed to return. He himself is in Vienna. and Ristics, the Prime Minister, is lying awake nights pondering whether he shall not order both King and Queen to stay out of the country, and he himself run the Government.

There is our friend ex-King Theeand some English soldiers. Then there is Abdurrahman, poor vexed soul, who can't for the life of him tell you to-day whether he is Ameer of Afghanistan or a mere English figure-head. Then, too, there is the fat, economical old Queen of the Netherlands, who has just scandalized Amsterdam by revoking her order for her gay dresses, lest the sick King should die and she have to wear black. The King of Corea has asked to be allowed to quit. The royalty of earth is sick, and the sickness is unto death. - Cincinnati Post.

HAPPINESS OF FLIGHT.

The Pure Enjoyment Which Birds Take in Their Aerial Excursions May we not infer that all animals

whose muscular development is great-

er in proportion to their bulk than that of man should derive from its exercise a greater intensity of pleasure. greater absolutely in proportion to the attainments and less interfered with by the greater muscular ease with which they are accomplished. If this is so the majority of the mammalia and are unable to ride for five consecutive almost all birds should in their powers of speedy movements on earth or lofty flight in the air possess resources of mental pleasure intense beyond ours and less subject to be dimmed by the pain of overstrained muscles. The power of flight is without doubt associated with pleasures which we can not directly gauge or estimate, but of the value of which our desires can give us some idea. That birds distinctly can be no manner of doubt. Having once acquired the power of flight or inherited it from their sauropsidan ancestor, they have developed it far beyoud all the requirements of their in dividual or specific life. If it were not pleasurable, then flight would be discontinued when it was no longer necessary. But, as a fact, bird life presents innumerable instances of the maintenance of the powers of flight in species to whose existence it is by no means essential. The skylark does not soar from mercenary motives; pigeons, domesticated for generations, fly about all day long, though they need to seek neither food nor shelter. It is not necessary to watch birds on the wing for very long to convince one's self that the act of flight is one of pure enjoyment, that it is cultivated and adorned with the refinements which characterize an "accomplishment." Such is the evolution of the tumbler pigeon, such the more refined and masterly hovering States Court. It is not likely that they of some birds who possess the power of so balancing themselves on a slanting has been a decision of the matter in breeze as to remain motionless with respect to the earth, without apparently moving a wing or a feather, floating all the time, still and calm. - Nineteenth Century.

-A stout, red-nosed man offered to wager a tendollar bill that he could close his eyes, and, simply by taste, name any kind of liquor in the house. The bet was taken. 'This is genuine port,' said the fat man, tasting from a wine glass; "and this is whisky," and so on. A wag then poured a few drops of water into a glass, and handed it to the taster. "This is-ah-ah-this is (tasting it several times)-by Jupiter! gentlemen, I lose the bet. I never Demorest's Monthly. tasted this liquor before."-N. Y. Ledger.

-The volcanoes Popocatepetl and Ixtaccibutl, says a Mexican exchange, present a grand spectacle on clear mornings. They are covered with ice and snow from their tops to within a few hundred feet of their bases. This is a regular phenomenon of the summer months.

-Colonel William T. Shaw, a wellknown lowa volunteer officer of the war, is writing a history of the battle beor form.

READING FOR BOYS.

Burdette Discourses on the Funny Side of a Pathetic Little Story.

No, oh no; we are not going to pitch of the world? It is all broken up and into the five cent blood and thunder novelette; not right directly at any rate. We were just looking over a story in a most excellent and highly at \$2,000,000. respectable juvenile magazine; a good magazine, that doubtless views with alarm, as do all the rest of us, the poisonous literature of the news stand. This story is about a boy, fifteen years old, who, while standing alone on his William has one foot in the grave, and father's engine on a lonely siding, saw has noted the hour and minute of death a runaway train of cars, started by the wind, sweep past him down the grade. Czar of all the Russias has faced three Usual thing-the lightning express who died suddenly by accident nearly due; the train dispatcher always manages to have a lightning express about due when any thing of this kind happens. There is "no telegraph wire awaiting him will prove fatal. His either;" this is also usual; a road witheldest son and heir apparent is incom- out a wire is apt to run lightning expresses and limited expresses every Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria lifteen minutes. The boy thinks and Hungary, is beloved and honored quickly; boys of fifteen are always quick thinkers; he runs his engine out on the main line, setting the switches which unite Austria and Hungary are for himself, for his father has gone to likely to snap asunder. The Crown supper, miles away in the country, presumably, as it is quite customary mother, the fearless horsewoman, Em- for railway engineers to take all their press Elizabeth, is almost hated. Spain meals on distant ranches, leaving their engines in charge of chilclouted baby to grow up into a Queen. dren. The runaway cars "are miles Servia does not know whether it has a away;" and he has "less than hour" to catch them. He an caught the runaways, which were flying cellent judgment"-we should think so -crept along the side of his flying engine, got on the pilot, lifted the "coupling bar with one hand" and reached over as he "made the coupling and dropped the pin in with the other;" had a struggle with the flying cars but at last checked them; got them started baw of Burmah knocked out of his job back, he making thirty-five miles an at Mandalay by General Pendergast hour, and the "Lightning" in sight making sixty-on a road without a wire- he had ten miles to run in this shape, but he made it, got in on the siding, time to turn the switch, and the "Lightning" thundered by. Then "the boy fainted dead away." No wonder; it was enough to make a man faint to read it; it was high time somebody fainted. Now the question is just this: does the boy get any thing better out of such nonsense than he does out of "Kid, the Sleuth Hound, or The Boy Terror of Gory Canyon." Between ourselves and the comma we really find "The Boy Terror" quite as easy to believe and much more interesting reading. We haven't the least objection to fiction; we rather like it, but great Scott, even fiction for boys should have some sense in it. Not much, perhaps, but just some. - Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle. COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

The Supreme Court Decides That They Car Sell Goods Without License.

The "gentlemen of the road" have become a numerous and important class of late years. A decade or two age they were few and far between & chants visited the cities and made their own selections. The drummer would often meet them at their respective hotels, show them the town, and attend to their wants at the store or warehouse; but in latter times country merchants need not leave their stores; the commercial traveler will fill his order for every thing to be wanted. For a few years back many States have endeavored to increase their revenues and at the same time to protect their manufacturers and wholesale merchants by imposing a tax on travelers offering to sell by sample or on delivery, who come from other States. The amount of the tax was very considerable, in the form of a license, in some cases fifty dollars and in others less. This tax almost precluded the traveling drummer. The Supreme Court of the United States has recently made a decision that "legislation by States or municipalities imposing taxes on commercial travelers engaged in Inter-State commerce was not warranted by the Constitution." The legislation acted on in this case was that of Tennessee, entitled the "Robbins Case." Another case arose in Maryland with similar results. While some of the States continue to impose penalties for selling without license as provided by the local statutes, the drummer will thus be required either to pay or appeal to the United will continue to impose it after there each respective State. It would seem a most unjust discrimination to make because of a drummer representing goods grown or made in another State. If the States can restrict the passage and business of residents of other States through their respective territories, it would be the most emphatic phase of the principle of "state's rights" that has yet been promulgated. Every resident of the United States must be glad that the Supreme Court has taken that very sound view of the case. Let us be a united people, and as far as possible destroy every barrier to our unity-let self-interest yield to the public good .-

-An extraordinary sight at the seashore is presented by the girls dressed in one of the largest, most startling plaids in fashion, and driving on a high seat, while the young man sits humbly below her in modest demureness. As she flourishes the whip he is probably blushing with timidity lest the horse should start suddenly. -Boston Journal

-Rural Item-New Yorker-"What fresh air you have out here. It's so much fresher than in New York." Firmer-"Jess so! That's jest what I was saying to my old woman. Why of Shiloh, which will be published in ain't all these big cities built out in the country?" - Texas Siftings.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

-There are 2,000,000 men engaged in the building trades in the United States.

-The cost of the recent coke strike to the men and operators is estimated

-There are 108 cotton mills in the South. Georgia heads the list with 36, Tennessee comes next with 27, and Ala-

-A physician living near the sea says that during the past five years he in ninety-three patients, and every one has gone out with the tide, save four

-It is reported that a rich American is about to establish a paper factory at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, with a capital of at least \$500,000. The principal material used will be "lechugilla," a fibrous plant which grows abundantly in that section.

-About midway between St. Petersburg and Moscow, Prince Putiatin has made the important archælogical discovery of an image of the constellation of Ursa Major engraved on a grindstone of the Stone Age. A similar discovery had already been made near Wellmar in Germany.

-What is termed flexible glass is a useful product just introduced. Paper of proper thickness is rendered transparent by soaking in copal varnish, and when dry, is polished, rubbed with pumice stone, and a layer of soluble glass is applied and rubbed with salt. The surface is as perfect as glass .-Boston Budget.

-Though electrical storage batteries have attracted attention only within the past seven years, the discovery of the principle is as old as the century. Gausherot having first noticed in 1801 that platinum or silver wires gave off a current after being disconnected from a voltaic battery with which they had been used for decomposing saline water. The first secondary cell of Plante was made in 1860. - Arkansaw Traveler.

-A universal competitive exhibition of science and industry will open at Brussels, Belgium, May 1, 1888, and continue six months. Fifty-six committees representing all industries and various specialties, have framed questions whose solution forms the basis of competition. Medals, diplomas and \$100,000 in cash will be awarded to exhibitors, who are given special inducements by the Belgian government in the way of transportation, management and duties.

-la nearly every department of legitimate industry greater or less improvement is observed in comparison with the like number of many preceding years. Lumber, coal, petroleum, and cotton fabrics are conspicuous for their steadiness through the usual season of mid-summer dullness. Railroad earnings gained fifteen per cent. in June, and fifty roads show an increase of 12.8 per cent for the first week of July. Money has become more plentiful at the metropolis, but the daily dealings in Wall street are small and quotations sag upon the slightest provocations. -Chicago Inter Ocean.

-Those who have a conscience and put it into their work and never swervefrom the plain path of duty achieve certain triumph. - Christian Advocate. -The communistic colony at Port-

Angeles, on Puget Sound, now numbers 150 persons. They own two thousand acres of land, and expect to build and operate a saw-mill soon. Unlike other successful colonies, they profess no religious basis, and east aside creed.

-The Amateurs : Suburban Roscius -"Ah, I saw you were at our 'Theatricals' the other night. How did you like my assumption of Hamlet?" Candid Friend-"My dear f'llar, great'st piece of assumption I ever saw i' m' life!"-Punch.

-"I don't know what you mean by not being an Irishman," said a gentleman who was about hiring a boy; "but you were born in Ireland." "Och, your honor, if that's all," said the boy, small blame to that. Suppose your cat was to have kittens in the oven, would they

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