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What is the cost of a car between demo-

The watch on the Missouri just now is keep-

ing time all the time. Some parts of Nebraska seem to be wet

enough to suit anybody. If Chicago can stand "Big Bill" for another

four years, the rest of the country will have to. Milwaukee routed the Bergerites at the polls, a sign that sanity is slowly returning up there.

United States army camps will continue to he as dry as bones, at least so far as surface appearances go.

Nebraska women tried out the ballot in the town elections on Monday, and it seems to have

Wisconsin towns also switched from dry to wet, evidently bent on enjoying the next three months to the limit.

No American troops are to be sent into central Europe. The Allies will provide all the force that is needed to stem the red wave.

Fremont elected a mayor said to be pledged to an "open" town; now, just what sort of town do you take that to mean in Nebraska these

Clarence Mackay insists that Mr. Burleson merely put a \$16,000,000 fine on American business for no reason other than that he had

Another revolution is reported from Petrograd. Can not say off hand how many this is, but the Russian merry-go-round is getting near the speed limit.

Holding up wheat exports may prevent the price from soaring in America, but if it does we suggest that something of the kind be tried on other food supplies.

Midvale Steel and Ordnance also takes note of the fact that the war is over and reduces its dividend by 33 1-3 per cent. Readjustment of price level is progressing.

Some of the democratic clacouers who are what is going on in Paris.

Increased pay for firemen and policemen presented a nice little financial problem for Omaha, which has been neatly solved, but the taxpayers will settle the bill in the end.

German schemers, who stimulated bolshevism to frighten the world, are about to reap the harvest they sowed. Bavaria is furnishing a good example of socialism gone to seed.

Failure of the bill designed to require the redistricting of all counties for school purposes is to be regretted, for it was intended to aid and not to hinder the common schools of the state.

Mr. Taft had to walk a mile and a half in Detroit to reach a man he knew could cash a check for him. In Omaha he would merely have asked the first man he met, for they all know him.

The president realizes that home affairs are getting to where they need some attention, and, therefore, he asks that the peace delegates quit monkeying around and get down to brass tacks. It is time.

Filipino emissaries, passing through, say they are not seeking independence, but closer political and economic relations with the United States. As enlightenment and reason spread among the islanders they are coming to know a good thing.

Nebraska might well have spent that \$25,000 to keep up state headquarters for returning soldiers at New York. The boys may not all get ashore there, but those who do certainly would feel a little better if they were met with the glad hand from the home folks.

## A Vast Effort

Only by degrees can details be gathered of the mighty exertions required to overcome the combinations of force that Germany powerfully organized through so many years. The world did not realize what was coming. There could something worse than to have lost the war. and that would be a failure to render another like it absolutely impossible. Official reports as they accumulate make more clear the desperate danger of that colossal offensive. The defense also had to be colossal, and by a greater margin. before the tide could be turned. It is not generally known that in 1917 Great Britain transnorted to France 130,000 Chinese laborers, nearly all from farms, to build the roads so urgently lemanded in the rear of the allied lines. The British furnished the ships for the operation and financed it throughout. President Wilson published his peace basis of 14 principles in January, 1918. It was two months later when the Germans began their tremendous offensive, before which the allies fell back, often hastily, so strenuous were the successive waves of attack on a front of more than 200 miles. The drives have been called a military gamble, but it was

for months a prodigious task to stop them. So much were fresh men needed at one time that the British tried to drill the Chinese, but they could not be taught to march, for the curious reason that they wear shoes with noise-less soles and so lack the sense of rhythm common in other parts of the world. The German line was smashed at last, but more than 2,000,000 Americans were hurried across the ocean to help meet the world-peril, and they were not there a day too soon.

Another such war must never occur. A peace without the firmest assurance on this would be an inconceivable catastrophe.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat

#### SPEEDING UP PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

President Wilson's warning to the Peace conference, that too much time has already been spent in talk, and that action soon must follow, certainly ought to produce results. It is not the purpose of the American delegation to undertake to dominate the conference, nor to drive through a treaty without mature deliberation. But its members realize how impatient the world is becoming for definite determination of the problems, how much depends on the issue, and the anxiety of everybody concerned to be about the tasks of rebuilding the world. Germany alone can profit through delay, and already has, for that matter.

The multiplicity of problems presented to the conferees, some of them entirely unrelated, or at best only remotely connected with the war, and the ardor with which the inconsequentials have been pressed, is responsible for most of the waiting. America, asking for nothing, seeking no advantage, striving only to formulate a basis for enduring peace, has listened with patience to the special pleadings of the conflicting interests, and has striven to bring about concord between elements at variance. But there is a limit even to America's patience, and action can not be longer postponed without setting up irritation.

In this connection, it is worthy of notice that the American delegates report they had the Root amendments to the league covenant under consideration for several days before they were published in this country; also that they are regarded as helpful because constructive, and that efforts will be made to incorporate the senator's suggestions in the document as finally adopted. The distinction between the representatives of the United States in Paris and the "swallow it whole" shouters at home is thus very sharply

#### Do Not Use the Soft Pedal.

It was a happy thought, undoubtedly, to turn the dispute between the building material men and the builders over to the good fellowship committee of the Chamber of Commerce. That devoted group ought to be able to pour oil on troubled water, to get at basic facts, and to set everything straight. It is admitted that Chairman Wilhelm approaches the point with an open mind, and that the committee he has selected to assist him is composed of men competent and capable of dealing with the important business referred to it.

But with all this agreed upon, another thing must not be lost sight of. It is an investigating and not a whitewashing committee. The people do not want the soft pedal used. They want to know all the facts, and who, if any there be, is responsible for the situation that is holding up a building program in Omaha. Architects and others familiar with the local situation say the 1,300 buildings Mr. Wilhelm scarcely a start on what is needed, and that with a little encouragement such a campaign as never was witnessed in the city will be set

One leading architect says we are practically four years behind in our building needs. If this is true, Omaha requires 10,000 structures of various types. If any approach to this is possible we should have it. If prices are fair, disturbing the air with shouts for the League we should know it; if profiteering causes delay, of Nations ought to get into closer touch with the fact should be made public. No innuendoes, no generalizations and no soft pedal | individual treating a limited number of cases in should mark the inquiry.

### Chicago's Municipal Election.

The result of the municipal election in Chicago was foreshadowed at the primary. William Hale Thompson was named as the republican candidate because of divided opposition, and was re-elected as mayor for the same reason. This is unfortunate, because of the unsavory war record made by Mayor Thompson, who showed pro-German sympathies all the way through. Had the patriotic elements of the Windy City united in support of any one of several good men who were suggested, victory might easily have been theirs.

As to the national significance of the result, t scarcely can have any effect on the country at large. One year ago such a result might have been held to reflect a grade of public sentiment opposed to the course along which the nation was moving. At this time it has no such value, and indicates only the complications of affairs local to Chicago's city politics, and nothing more. Thompson already has been rejected by the voters of Illinois as a candidate for United States senator, and this verdict must be accepted as disposing of him as a factor outside his own bailiwick.

Some little interest may be found in viewing the position of the candidate of the newly organized labor party. Out of a possible 240,-000 union labor votes he secured 50,000, or about one in five. This does not indicate a lack of solidarity among the labor unions on economic questions, but does show, they are not ready to confound their labor problems with political aspirations.

### Mr. Compton and the County Car.

Here's a pretty state of affairs, indeed, when the right of the chairman of the road committee to drive to and fro between the court house and his country home in a car owned by the county is questioned. What, one might ask, is left of the privileges and prerogatives of a democratic county commissioner if this is to be denied him? Mr. Compton rather naively suggests it would be silly for him, after a hard day's work on the roads in western Douglas county, to drive all the way into the city, just to park the county's car, and then take his own to drive home in. Is it not so? Besides, he saves much time for himself, not to speak of the gasoline, oil, tires and incidentals. It is a truism of auto-owning that it is not the initial cost, but the upkeep, that counts. By the present arrangement Mr. Compton escapes both through the easy process of allowing the county to foot the bills. In the case brought by an Omaha taxpayer against the mayor it was held that a city official had no right to drive a cityowned car on his private business, or even to transport himself between his home and his office. Such a decision might without violence be stretched to include a county official. But the democrats have a majority on the county board, and it is not likely they will interfere with the perquisites one of their number so pleasantly enjoys.

Walker D. Hines wants to buy coal for his railroads, but not at the market price, thus proving that even a railroad dictator is human.

#### Science's Latest on the Flu

London Times, March 14.

The third wave of the influenza epidemic has now ended. The deaths from the disease recorded for the 96 great towns of England and Wales last week numbered 3,218, compared with ,889 the previous week. In London the deaths numbered 597, as against 808. What is more t has ended to date. The mysterious periodcity which the mysterious disease seems to

The Bee: In the morning issue of the end of August—a two months' course. Twelve weeks after the beginning of the first wave—at the beginning of October—the second wave began to flow. The wave was spent by the last of the second wave began to flow. The wave was spent by the last of the second wave began to flow. The wave was spent by the last of the las wave—at the beginning of October—the second division never was in the front line wave began to flow. The wave was spent by the middle of December. Again, 12 weeks after the Seventh division never was in the front line trenches. As I was a member of the Fifth engineers, attached to the Seventh divisions I attached to the beginning of the second wave, i. e., in January, the third wave appeared. It had begun to spend itself in the first days of March.

Meanwhile the evidence that the causative organism of the epidemic is the filter-passing when the armistice was signed. The germ described by the late Major Graeme Gib- were on and also by Captain Wilson accumulates, outfit operated. I do not write this It is a very strong body of evidence, and to a in a sense of bragging, but feel it is great extent satisfies the requirements of proof an injustice to the boys of the Sevlaid down by Koch. That is to say, the germ enth who lost their lives there. If can be recovered from patients affected by the diesease; it can be cultivated outside the body; can, when inoculated into animals, reproduce the phenomena of the disease; and it can be recovered again from the inoculated animals, and again grown.

It is just the failure to understand the neces- exception of the Fifth engineers. ity of proof of this sort which has led so many observers to describe "germs of influenza" these last weeks. This is, perhaps, especially true of the much debated Pfeiffer's bacillus, which was originally discovered in the 'eighties, and has been discussed a hundred times since The bacillus is one of the many which are very does not mention the Seventh dicommonly present in the human nasopharynx. Other bacilli very frequently found in healthy throats and noses are the pneumonia bacillus, the streptococcus and the staphylococcus.) This by no means establishes the Pfeiffer hacillus as the cause of a disease. Were such an argument admitted, there would be no limit to the number of things which might be suspected in the same connection, e. g., baldness, soft corns-all of which occur frequently in persons suffering from influenze. We should be back again in the dark ages.

We do not think that it has been established of the Pfeiffer bacillus or any other bacillus or coccus, except the one mentioned above, that it will produce influenza when inoculated into animals, or that it can be recovered from these animals after infection.

In the absence of proof of this kind, the statement that the bacillus is present in the throats early convoy. Inmates of embarkaof all influenza patients does not carry us much | tion hospital No. 3 were transferred farther. It is in all probability. So are other bacilli. Admittedly these "residents" may and do afflict severe illness once the resistance which normally holds them at bay is broken down. It is exceedingly improbable that they themselves are the agents which initiate the at-

This is the reason why vaccination against influenza is not generally advised. You cannot vaccinate against a disease the exact cause of which is in doubt (though now that Major Graeme Gibson's discovery has been announced, vaccine of a new kind may possibly be availrefers to as being under way in Omaha are able soon.) The best use that can be made of vaccination at present is to inoculate against the service of supply, and on March 25 "residents," the germs which lie constantly in Washington announced that it has wait for their host, and visit pneumonia and blood-poisoning upon him when he is weak And there are, as has been pointed out before in these columns, objections even to this course

> Many announcements of "cures" of the disease have been made. The public should realize that probably upwards of 80 per cent of all demic have got well by themselves—when pneumonia has supervened it has, of course, company is assigned to early convoy, but no date fixed for its sailing.
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> The First agree squadron time, you know how easy it is, if he cases of uncomplicated influenza in this episome particular way, by some particular serum is part of the Third army corps, follows this plan assiduously for drug, might easily have recoveries in 100 headquarters at Kilburg; A. P. O. some years to raise a fine, healthy

disappointment must result. That means pitting a large number of treated cases against an equal number of untreated cases or cases treated by other methods. Only then can conclusions worth talking about be drawn. Bacteriologists and others who publish statements of results without having sufficiently controlled their work

do no good service to science or to humanity. A standardized vaccine is now available against the pneumonia complications, and the first authentic statistics are hopeful-no more. Sera (a serum differs from a vaccine. It is an antidote; a vaccine if a "hair of the tail of the dog that bit you" or is likely to bite you) of all sorts have been tried during the pneumonia attacks. Good and bad results are spoken of, but perhaps on the whole the good outweigh the bad, especially as regards antidiptheria serum. which does seem to exercise some beneficial effect in early cases.

### Shift of Political Power

The west is avenged. Iowa has ousted North Carolina from the proud position of holder of the largest number of important chairmanships in the house of representatives. Three of the 10 are now hers-those on appropriations, rivers and harbors, and agriculture. In addition, Iowans have places on five of the remaining seven major committees, and the chairmanship of two of the minor ones. The other major chairmanships are held by representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. New York has as many chairmanships as Iowa, but none of her five is of the first rank. In mere number, Pennsylvania leads all the rest, but her eight are of minor committees. So are the seven of Illinois. Even the triumph of Massachusetts in the speakership contest is somewhat offset by the fact that the republican floor leader comes from Wyoming. Just how the standing of Illinois is affected by Mann's peculiar posi-tion is a question that happily for their peace mind the compilers of the "Congressional Directory" will not have to answer. The geographical effect of the republican victory last November is graphically shown by the south's retention of but two chairmanships, minor ones at that, and held by a couple of representatives Kentucky and Tennessee.-New York

The Day We Celebrate. Paul B. Burleigh, banker and broker, born

Richard W. Jepson, grocer, born 1892. John Burroughs, most famous of American naturalists, born at Roxbury, N. Y., 82 years

Margaret Anglin, widely celebrated as an actress, born at Ottawa, Ont., 43 years ago. Andrew J. Peters, former assistant secrery of the treasury, now mayor of Boston, born Jamaica Plain, Mass., 47 years ago. "Budd" Fisher, eelebrated cartoonist and comic artist, born in San Francisco 34 years ago.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago.

"Fascination" fascinated an audience at the Boyd with Cora Tanner in the title role. Rev. J. M. French of Cleveland who has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of this city is to preach his first sermon here

next Sunday. The contract for grading Bemis Park has been let to B. P. Knight and company at 10.9 cents per yard and there are 50,000 yards to be

Rev. P. S. Henson of Chicago will deliver a lecture on "Fools" at the First Baptist church. Fifteenth and Davenport streets, for the benefit of the Omaha Baptist Missionary union,

# Friend of the Soldier

Replies will be given in this column to questions relating to the soldier and his problems, in and out of the army. Names will not be printed.

Ask The Bee to Answer.

# Seventh Division in Line.

Seventh division, I wish to correct this statement. We took over a sector on the night of October 9, 1918, called the "Puvenelle sector." directly in front of Metz, and held that sector until November 11, 1918, when the armistice was signed. The the regiments with which my you will kindly correct this I will consider it a great favor. Yours

sincerely, SERGT, ED C. GRIMES, 812 North Forty-second St., City. P. S .- The Seventh division is now in the army of occupation with the

We gladly print the foregoing letter, as an act of justice to the boys the Seventh division; the statement complained of was made on the strength of the report of General Pershing on the battle operations of the American army, which vision as having been engaged at any time.-Friend of the Soldier. Many Questions Answered

Worried Mother-The 58th infantry is in the army of occupation, and no time has been set for its return from Germany. Helen—The 313th engineers is part of the 88th division; aero squadron 803 is in the service of supply; address, A. P. O. 713-A; no

to when base hospital 202 will sail.

orders for its return. A Reader-The 16th balloon com pany is in the service of supply with the Fourth army corps, A. P. O. 775 the 30th balloon company is in the service of supply, A. P. O. 722, located at La Courtine (Creuse); no order for immediate return of either. The 16th engineers is assigned to States when the hospital was de-

mobilized. A Reader-See answer to A Reader, foregoing. Write to the adjutant general of the army for information regarding any particular soldier. Mr. J. T. R .- The 56th engineers

is scheduled for early convoy home Letters to this department are answered in order of receipt. A Brother-The present address of the 408th telegraph battalion is P. S. via A. P. O. 702; it is in the

been assigned to early convoy home.

B. E. C.—No orders have been issued for return of ambulance com pany No. 1, now in Germany; field remount squadron No. 2 is attached to headquarters of the Second army; no orders for its return. Anxious—The 24th balloon company is attached to the Second army;

A. P. O. 784; no orders for its early right.

mobile hospital 101 is at Joinville (Haute-Marne); no orders for its farmer tried it last year, worked by early return; can give you no infor- sun time instead of clock time, and

fantry is part of the 28th division. which is under schedule to sail for 744: evacuation ambulance company No. 33 is at Bordeaux, A. P. O. 705. before, and is not under sailing orders at present; evacuation hospital No. is at Helppes (Meuse), A. P. O. 914, and no orders have been issued for its return.

A Sister of Two Soldiers-The 165th infantry is part of the 42d di-vision, which is under schedule to sail for home in April.

Miss R. C. A.—Transportation company No. 3 is at Saumur (Maine-et-Loire), A. P. O. 718; it is not in the army of occupation, nor have any orders been issued for its works and has no business it is a immediate return. Mrs. L. M .- The 134th infantry is

France; its present address is A. P. him think he has lost a good hour 0. 912; all the units of this division and a game or two of "Kelly" or were ordered returned in January, but several were left behind. A Soldier's Sister-Transportation company 48 (attached to transporta-

tion company 51), is not part of a division; its station is at Bordeaux: no orders yet for its return. H. A. M.—We regret we are un able to give you any information as to a photograph made at a detention camp at Camp Funston; unless you an get in touch with some member of the company you have in mind and so learn the address of the photographer, would suggest that you write to the officer commanding

at Camp Funston Soldier's Mother-The 115th enineers is attached to the Sixth army orps, A. P. O. 783; no orders for its early return.

Mrs. E. M. A.—The Seventh engi-

neers is part of the Fifth division, Seventh corps, Third army; its ad-dress is A. P. O. 745; it is not assigned to early convoy home. DAILY CARTOONETTE



# Little Folks' Corner DREAMLAND

**ADVENTURE** By DADDY

Johnny Bull Goes Hunting. HAT are you growling about. milk.'

Belgium. I never did like cows, and now I like them less than ever," answered Johnny Bull in a gruff bark.

"I think cows are lovely-they venture." give us nice milk," declared Peggy. "Milk!" exclaimed Johnny Bull or I'll bite your tail, I answered. peevishly. "That's the only reason I that I did try it, and then what do beefsteak when she spoiled my good you think that crazy cow did? She deed today." "How did she spoil it?" asked Peg-

child from drowning. But not a a bog, and in a minute she was child could I find in any of the riv-struggling for dear life. The more ers or lakes which I passed.

dren crying 'Hurrah,' I thought.



"Her forefeet sank into a bog." Here are children in trouble. I'll

bet there's a pond in that woods and youngsters are drowning in it." "Eoldly I dashed through the woods to become a hero, but, alas! my hopes were vain. No pond was there and the crying children were safe on dry land-right in their own home, a tiny cottage tucked away "Safe as they were, the children

were weeping bitterly. mother, we are starving. Give us bread and milk,' they cried. "'Our cow is lost! You must go nungry, my poor little ones,' sobbed



Omaha, April 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice some are raising roars of righteous remonstrance against this scheme of monkeying the clock an hour ahead. They are "Then I suppose their marriage is what might be called a labor union. more American.

C. B. B.—The First aero squadron time, you know how easy it is, if he per cent of his patients. He would ascribe this good result to his drug or serum. In point of fact his patients would have recovered in any at 15th Jean-de-Monts (Vendee); no like early return home:

| Total not under return. | Mrs. L. V. S.—Aero squadron No. 341 is in the service of supply, at St. Jean-de-Monts (Vendee); no like early return home: tending that course. mation concerning the dental service right in the middle of the busy sea-unit you mention. A Soldier's Mother-The 110th in- the best hound, a team of mouse colored mules and a wagon contain ing a feather bed, the home in May; its address is A. P. O. and a jug of fine old whisky that had been given the farmer the da

The neighbors said it was goo enough for him, though it was ould drink the brand of whisky h

had always used. Of course the man who works or salary has to go by clock time be cause there must be a system. Now he gets home so long before at his usual time and finds it is 12 part of the 34th division still in noon instead of 11 a.m. it makes France; its present address is A. P. him think he has lost a good hour

> We hear that the Lama be declared any time now.

The Balla-hoo of Timbuctoo also resents it but from a slightly different reason. He claims that if we have power to set the sun one way that and he is preparing a plank for the league of nations and will insist on its adoption, making us set the clock back an hour so he will have more time to sleep the morning after

> a few of us unimportant old fogies who believe, with Rev. John Jas-per, that "the sun do move," and is not affected in any way what-ever by the clock, and will rise and set "clock or no clock," and that we can go to work or to bed just the same as before.
> HITTY McGINN.

### SURE SIGN OF SPRING.

Huge flocks of ducks may come and go A thousand rebins sing. Still there's but one sign that I know Announces certain spring.
Tis not the singing of the birds,
Nor mother hen's soft cluck t they were it I'd happy be At having such good luck.

Nor lawns aturning green.

Does not mean anything.
That happens in the fall, you see,
As oft as in the spring. But there's one sign that never falls And of it you'll take note That threaten your life's boat

When wife begins to rubber at The rug there in the hall, And in the curtains finds holes that You cannot see at all, Ans says the varnish is cracked off

SAID IN FUN.

cow, getting lost or stolen? Of course, when I saw in what trouble this family was I couldn't go searching a child that was drowning. I had to search for that cow instead.

"Fortunately. I found her trail, and my nose helped me follow it. Through the woods, across the mead-

"'Go back home, quickly,' I told The children are starving for "'I'm never going home again."

she mooed. I'm a wild cow, now. own meadow, and am going out into the world to find romance and ad-"You start for home this minute

of mud and laughed at my struggles Johnny Bull, scowling darkly, to get out sat down to tell his story.
"I set out, as you know, to save a she kicked me her forefeet sank into

she struggled the deeper she sank. "After I had walked and walked, until it seemed certain she would finally came to a woods, and from this woods came the sound of chil- that, so I ran for help. A covered wagon was coming down the road and I stopped it. I made dog signs so plain that the driver got down from his seat and followed me to where Nan the cow was drowning." "'Ha, what a nice fat cow,' he cried. Then he threw a rope around her horns, hitched his horses to the other end and dragged her out. But when she was on solid earth a new danger arose. In my haste to get help for Nan I never noticed what

> was a butcher. "'I've saved the cow from the bog, now I'll turn her into meat to feed hungry people,' he said, pulling a large knife from his belt and starting for Nan. \

the man was. Now I found that he

"But I wasn't going to let her get butchered while those poor children cried for milk. Quick as a wink, I grabbed the butcher by the leg and gave him a hard nip. My, how he yelled! He gave a great jump and landed right in the mud. While he was getting out I jerked the rope from Nan's horns and started her kiting for home. The butcher never caught us. I tell you those children were glad to see their dinner coming, and Nan was so glad to get safely home; she promised she'd never run away again. But as for me-my good deed has gone to smash." "Hee-haw! Are you awfully cross, Judge Peggy?" There stood Balky Sam with ears drooping, the picture

eir mother.
"Wasn't that just like a stupid Balky Sam makes sad hearts gay.)

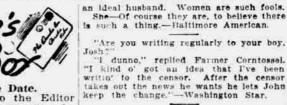
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the night before. The only persons not affected are

Tis not the bursting of the buds Nor soft spring rains that wash things off.
And beautify the scene;
Tis not the first bluebottle fly
Asinging in my ear,
That tells me that the spring is nigh,
Ah, yes, that spring is here.

The smell of fresh turned earth to me you'd avoid quick, hot apring gales

Some spindle legged thing, ou need no longer laugh or scoff For you have with you spring. —CLAY COUNTY SUN

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.55 52.

Daily Dot Puzzle



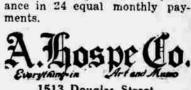
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