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A theory frequently advanced among minds who give physiological subjects some thought is that if a human being should be of an operator who does not work well; but flourish better than during the reign of his son; Albert Flanders, and Warren bidding of their Caliph, the Saltan Abdul ings in future store for him the shock resuiting would produce instant death.

"The law of self-preservation is powerful and continuous in its action," said a well known and very skilful surgeon to a reporter recently "and the dread of physical pain in some cases of apoplexy is now recognized game; for this there must still be the darkis intense among highly organized animals.

"If injury has followed an accident on the railroad, for instance," continued the the pain of an operation for ingrowing nail, effect of causing simply a moment's delay hostess. "a man is hurt, perhaps, in such a way until ligatures have been applied. Other One of the oddest Kentish sports of old of safety. The patient did not dread the injury because he did not know that the accident was going to happen, but the consequences of the wounding are disturbing to a high degree."

The surgeon's attention was devoted a moment to seeing that the cocaine was in sufficient quantity to cover his patient's toe, so that all the part to be removed would be anæsthetized.

"If the man in later years developes a tumor," resumed the doctor, looking up from the foot, "he will fear that he must suffer as much from operative procedures as he did from the immediate effects of the accident, unite again, and the functional activity of mas." and that the consequences must be as dis- the organ is renewed. turbing as they were then. It is a popular fallacy to suppose that, at this date in our movement of the knife can result in harm to merry Christmas-tide; but some of them century, physical pain is to be expected in the patient, and patients are seldom sent to enjoyed one practice which they called connection with operative work. The man surgeons who are apt to make accidental "burning the Christmas candle." This by the swinging of a boom. His son, too, volving a perpetual exhaustion of the rewill not suffer at the time of the operation, incisions. because he will either be asleep or his norves will be rendered locally insensitive through the agency of cocaine. Pardon me for digressing. Do you feel that?"

The surgeon pricked the patient's toe with a needle, and receiving an affirmative answer to his question said he would need to let the cocaine remain longer.

The after results of the operation," said the surgeon, picking up a knife with an ivory handle whose edge was like that of a razor, "will not be distressing, because each step of injury to the tissues is taken with the exercise of judgment on the part of the surgeon, and the procesa is very different indeed from the rude injury which occurred at the time of the accident."

A basin of water and a large sponge, an antiseptic solution with icdoform and protective oiled silk and bichloride cotton and bandages of gauze prepared with bichloride of mercury solution were drawn near. -

WAR METHODS OUT OF DATE.

the matter in its proper light because our emotional and wholly irresponsible acnew surgery has not yet had its opportunity quaintances frightened her to such an exto be generally appreciated," added the tent that she was unable to allow the work surgeon as he prodded the toe with the to be done until it was too late. The friends point of his scalpel, discovering that the proved fatal to her, and the case as a whole cocai ie had done its work well and that all is a pretty common one. sensation in the toe had departed. "And | "I wish it were possible to impress people it is a fact that a proposal by the surgeon with the fact that the family physician, to perform an operation is apt to rouse the sheet anchor of the home, is the one fantastic ideas in the mind of the patient. who should be asked to make the decision After the accomplishment of a successful for the patient. There are at this day many piece of work the patient and his friends are | self styled specialists who are really charlainclined to express emotional sentiments, tans, but who are nevertheless able to atand to say that the operator was gifted with | tract to themselves business men whose coolness and courage, with mechanical ta- judgment on other matters is sound. The lent and with a steady hand and a clear successful specialist-reckoning success by eye: Just what amount of comparative professional achievements—is usually a man value the people ascribe to each of these ac | of broad education, who has devoted many complishments and gifts it is hard to say; years to academic, scientific and medical but certain it is that the importance of some training, and has followed a special line of birds, and six pigeons. It measured nearly of them is pretty regularly exaggerated in the study because he has found himself to be public mind. Knowledge of the subject of particularly well equipped for such work. surgery, general information and common He has not taken up a specialty for mercen sense are the matters of primary importance ary ends, but he has found that he is that for the operator, and other points are of part of Emerson's fragmentary man which comparatively little worth.

"The value of experience is relative. The for the benefits of his fellow fragments. necessity for courage on the part of the surgeon is small. Operative work is plain and matter of fact in character, and it requires not courage but understanding for its prop. er management. A timid man possesses enough nerve to do the most dangerous operative work if he is simply familiar with the subject, and although recklessness is sometimes mistaken for courage it is well to remember that the surgeon in good professional standing is not the reckless man."

EXTRA DELICACY OF TOUCH NOT REQUISITE.

At this point of his remarks the surgeon had cut away more than one slice of toe antiseptic methods for avoiding inflamwithout causing the patient to wince, inci- mation and blood poisoning afterward, dentally remarking that the old fashioned the surgeon of to-day sees very little way of tre ting an ingrowing nail was brutal. physical pain. Speaking of anæsthetic, the The old fashioned way, he says, was to run point is brought to mind that patients are a lance down to the bone and cut through inclined to be timid about taking ether, the nail from back to front, afterward ex but it is consoling to them to know that tracting the detached portion of nail by ether is very much safer than chloroform means of a pair of forceps or nippers.

surgery," said the surgeon, after dressing tered for his patients five thousand times the toe and sending his patient home with no more discomfort than that produced by the clumsiness of a bandaged foot, "and quick is dependent upon the gratefulness of the perception of the mechanical points involv- patient. And the stern, determined operaed must determine the direction of almost for who carries his point against a multievery step of the performance of everyday | tude of objections raised by the patient is operations. Coolness is sometimes desirable. sometimes called hard hearted when he Perhaps in ninety-nine consecutive opera- should be congratulated on his masterly tions there would be no call for the exercise kindness instead. The notion that operaof an unusual degree of this mental feature, tions are performed for the pleasure which but in the hundredth case a quick, well-di- the work gives the surgeons or for the sake

fort of the patient afterward. to be an acquirement for which there is fre- the question to trouble .hem. quent need, but the ordinary degree of delicacy of touch which the majority of men possess is quite sufficient for most operative purposes, and the boy who had learned to set muskrat traps without getting his fingers pinched could successfully operate on the eye if he were fortified with the requisite amount of information. Here and there a certain amount of trained delicacy is adventageous, and the tactus eruditus is of the utmost importance in making some

diagnoses. "THE SLIGHEST DEVIATION OF THE KNIFE.

"A steady hand is a good thing for the surgeon, and a pleasing sight for spectators, makes very little difference whether the financial resources the hospital has to be enoperator's hand is an exceptionally steady one or not. An awkward hand would certainly be out of place in some operations, but awkward hands are rare among men who newspaper report of an operation is quite leg had been mangled by a street car, "it sure to state that the slightest deviation of the knife would have done the patient a ed?" exclaimed the Irishman, scornfully, harm, and that nothing so much as delicacy "I'd rather it ud be cut off.

of execution made the work a success. This news reassures the people in their previous belief that the slightest slips of lancets are dangerous and that a great deal of some in re-

surgeon reads the report with a smile. do not often find their way into the hands slipper, charades, and masqueradings supposing that such an operator should ac- jolly King Holly and his pale Queen Miscidentaly cut the brain! Portions of the tletoe. brain are nowadays removed purposely by Oi all sports, however, snap-dragon has ure of the brain for the purpose of removing pedigree, while fate snap-dragon is as a regularly safe procedure.

cavity by mistake? Abdominal cavities are With this curious object, parties of children of the best sailor that ever pulled a rope. opened daily for nothing more than purposes in fantastic costumes proceeded from house of diagnosis, and any of the abdominal or- to house singing songs and carols, and re-

gans may be cut without much danger.

THE SHEET ANCHOR OF THE HOME.

" No one dreads lack of success any more than the surgeon himself, and after an operation which has failed to accomplish the end sought for it is frequently the operator who should first receive consolation from the patient and his friends.

"When making arrangements for a diff cult operation the surgeon feels that the entire responsibility of the case rests upon him, but unwise friends of the patient sometimes assume an attitude of responsibility, and fearlessly venture to give advice. This is only one of the manifestations of egotism which is constantly bursting the hoops of human nature, but his demonstration may be more unfortunate in its results than any other one can be.

"A case is in my mind at present in which a reliable surgeon knew that a certain operation would save the life of a young patient without exposing her to danger or to pain. The patient gladly set about "The laity has not yet learned to look at making preparations, but two or three

can accomplish something unusually good

VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL PAIN.

With the present method of employing anæsthetic for the purpose of preventing pain during an operation, and scientific (eight times safer according to Morton's es-"Mechani al ingenuity is constantly timate), and that a well-known surgeon brought into play in the different lines of states that he has had chloroform adminisconsecutively without an accident.

"The pleasure derived from surgical work rected movement might conduce to the com- of the fee would hardly seem to demand serious consideration, and yet there are "Delicacy of touch is popularly believed many persons of gentle gender who allow

ACCIDENTAL INJURIES RARE.

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compassionately at a poor Irishman whose no desire for it.

Chips From A Yule-Log-CHRISTMAS SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

quired in order to avoid vital parts. The of the year that gives a charm to the feetivity of Christmas," says Washington Irving; "Cases requising extensive surgical work and never do blindman's buff, hunt-the-

the most conservative surgeons, and expos- come down to us with the longest Christmas tumors, missiles and extravasations of blood modern improvement upon the old English ened room and the blazing platter, but in "What happens if the operator uninten- place of raisins in the burning alcohol, figs tionally cuts a large blood vessel? Large are substituted, in each of which is concealed surgeon as he sprayed a man's great toe bleed vessels are divided without hesitation a slip of paper containing a funny rhyme the Cape light and to pass the famous debt which Turkey owed to Great Britain with cocaine in order to deaden it against by surgeons in common operations with the or prediction prepared beforehand by the Trundy's reef where the ill fated Bohemian for British support in the Crimes was paid

that a surgeon finds it a difficult matter to blood vessels are ready to do the work of was called "hodening" the "hoden" begive him ease or to place him in a position | the occluded ones, and the patient does not | ing the stuffed head of a horse fastened to a know the difference. The surgeon cares lit- pole and clad in a long horse-cloth, beneath the for hemorrhage from any vessel that he which a small boy was hidden to pull a In an instant the sails were torn to shreds World the religious sentiment of nations is can get his fingers on, the aorta excepted. string attached to the creature's lower and to navigate the little craft on the no longer considered an important factor in "Does the operator open the abdominal jaw, thus keeping up a loud snapping noise. ceiving small gifts of money, cakes, and "A deviation of the lancet opens a joint truit. One would perhaps figure as Dame cavity, but to-day joint cavities are opened Mince Pie, another as Roast Beef, and without hesitation by the men who work another as Plum Pudding. St. George, the into the harlar in safety, and the lives of full daily toil—the religious zeal that has according to scientific antiseptic methods. Dragon, a Turkish Knight, and an Egypt-"An important nerve is cut, but the ends | ian King, had their representatives, while of a severed nerve when sutured together | the leader was known as "Ancient Christ-

> We are inclined to pity the Puritan little "It is not often then that an untoward ones of New England, who knew nothing of was concealed a quill well filled with gun- decks. powder. On Christmas Eve it was lighted, and the quaint little Puritan folks sat round chestnuts and apples, until suddenly the explosion, making a delightful excitement, and giving the children of the colonies their things scattering in all directions. only taste of uproarious holiday fun.

> > The hearty Christmas cheer of old was doubt, plenty of Little Jack Horners eager the very sea a edge they hurried. enough to pop their thumbs into the savory contents, for we find in a very ancient book that "every familye against Christmass makes a famous pye. It is a great nostrum the composition of the pasty, which is a away. learned mixture of neat's (cow's) tongue, chicken, eggs, sugar, raisins, lemon and orange peel, and various kinds of spicery." They were baked in long deep dishes, representing the manger in which the infant Jesus was laid, while the rich ingredients were supposed to have some reference to the offerings of the Wise Men.

CHRISTMAS PIES.

Some of these pies were of such enormous size as to make our modern pastry sink into insignificance, while the substantial portion seems to have been more thought of than sugar, plums, and spice. One that in 1769 was concocted by Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, a house-keeper at Howick, and sent to her master, Sir Henry Grey, is said to have contained two bushels of flour, twenty pounds of butter, four geese, two turkeys, two rabbits, four wild-ducks, two woodcocks, six snipes, and four partridges, two neats' torgues, two curlews, seven blacknine feet in circumference at the bottom, and weighed one hundred and sixty-eight pounds. To be serve i at table it was fitted into a case on four wheels, and two men pushed it around from guest to guest.

A still larger Christmas pie, however, was presented by James, Earl of Lonsdale, to King George III.; for that contained two "Surgeons are popularly supposed to be geese, two tame ducks, two turkeys, four able to bear the eight of pain easily, but fowls, six pigeons, six wild cucks, three that they are quickly moved by suffering is teals, twelve partridges, three starlings, sufficiently well proven by the fact that fifteen woodcocks, two guinea fowls, three their greatest efforts are made to obviate snipes. six plovers, three water-hens, one it. The ones who are most successful in de- wild goose, one curlew, forty-six yellow vising means for giving the patient ease re- hammers, fifteen sparrows, sixteen chaffinceive more thanks from the profession than ches, two larks, four thrushes, fifteen fieldthe ones who solve intricate operative prob- tares, six blackbirds, twenty rabbits, one leg of veal, and half a ham, while the crust required three bushels of flour and twentyeight pounds of butter. This huge specimen of cookery weighed three hundred and eight pounds, and had to be borne through London on a two-horse wagon, and I am sure all will agree that it was a "dainty dish to set before a King.

Borneo.

the most un-European scene I know of, I cept disappointment and inaction. think I should ask him to take a seat with me in a native cance and paddle up the graceful windings of the Meimbun River. At its mouth the huts, built on seaweed covered piles, form each a separate island. The floors are raised a bare three feet above the level of the water, and one needs not better evidence of the fact that here at least we are in stormless seas. On the palm-stem platforms in front of the entrance the natives squat, while around are playing half a dozen naked little Capids, now plunging into the water, now paddling races in miniature canoes. A little futher and we enter the river, whose water is so clear and pure and bright that one longs to tumble in, clothes and all. Close to the banks lies southern California, whitner she went, failed the marketplace, a picturesque jumble of to stay the wasting disease, so she was again "The word surgeon is to many minds ponies, ripe bananas, red sarongs, palm-leaf suggestive of broken bones and other wounds, stalls, and flashing spears. Beyond, the but cases of accidental injury are compara- sea-going praus are hauled up on shore, tively rare, if we use the word accidental in their unwieldy sterns a mass of quaint carvits common meaning, and men who perform ing. Then through a tiny reach bordered two or three operations daily may not be by the rips pain, whose gradient from lover's hand in hers, was solemnly wedded, are alded six parts of either red lead, white called upon to treat a case of accidental inof upper town, where the houses are built with a happy heart the large cities the men who are exposed to accidents are usually one ones who with seeming manner and of the water. The place is the absolute slowly to her death, which occurred early ready for use. The marks are easily rubbed vesterday morning many cases they could get skilled surgical perfection of beauty and untidiness. Overattendance at their houses at small cost if head the eye rests on a wealth of verdure they knew how to obtain it, but being as bamboo, banana, durian, jack-fruit, and like nuts. In these happy climes man's needs grow at his very door. Cold and hunger, misery and want, are words without a meaning. Civilization is far off in-Poor fellow !" said a bystander, looking deed, and for the moment, at least, we have

The way of the transgressor may be hard,

THE STORY OF A WRECK.

the Most Remarkable Rescues Ever The schooner D. W. Ham nond, Capt

races upon whom England must chiefly rely Flanders, of Bockland, a small coaster of to roll back the tide of Russian aggression : sixfy tons, left Portsmouth Wednesday and England is not likely to forget that it morning, manned, besides the captain, by was these very reges who in 1857, at the McFadden of Rockland. The cargo consist- Medjid, gave their united support to the ed of twenty barrels of flour, twenty barrels | British connection at that supreme moment of clay, 500 fire bricks, several packages when their defection might have cost the of sugar, and other articles. life of every white man and woman in India.

Just before Cape Etizabeth was neared My late father frequently assured me that the wind was so vehement that it was like the whole influence of the Caliphate was a tornado. The Captain knew that he could used most unremittingly from Constantinonever weather the tearful blow, an he deple to check the spread of the mutiny, to termined to put into Portland harbor.

vessel was put a little further out to sea.

rampant sea was a master beyond the skill politics, but it would not be wise to regard Captain saw that a bit of his jib was left, gions in the world keep for an entire month and with this ray of hope he set about each year the fast of Ramadan-entire abturning it to the best advantage. If that stinence from all food and water between would only last the vessel might be guided sunrise and sunset while continuing their the crew would be spared.

and hope was lost.

they reached Portland light it would require to compel their subjects to make war on one telling stories and riddles, and roasting a long time to tell. First high on a mount- another; this so called "liberty" is denied ainous wave, then deep down in valleys of powder-candle went off with a tremendous billow, on-shoreward they dashed-with now the right to live our own lives on what ropes flying, timbers cracking, and all It was 7 o'clock when Assistant Light

Keepers Joseph aud Gilman Strout, sons of John F. Strout, heard cries for help off never shown more beautifully than in the the rocks. They rushed out, and beheld the wonderful pies that were the pride of every | Hammond coming straight in toward the good housewife's heart, and there were, no worst cliff on the Maine coast. Down to

For a moment it seemed as though there was not the slightest chance to save the men. "Throw us a line," shouted they. The little schooner was not one hundred feet

The line was thrown, and then came the terrible emergency.

The breakers ran many feet high, and for men to attempt to come ashore it seemed utterly out of the question. Should they ever reach the land alive?

Time settled all this. They did reach land. They managed, with the aid of the line and urged on by the words of cheer from the brave keepers, to get to the rocks.

When very near the shore it at one time seemed as if they were to be dashed to rescued, almost frozen by the chilling waters and half dead with exhaustion.

They were fairly lifted from fate, in the arms of the keepers. It was one of the most remarkable rescues ever heard of on the Maine coast.

Waverers.

Buried in her Wedding Gown.

For many years Miss Nellie Yale, daughter of the late Gregory Yale, one of California's most eminent attorneys, had been the cocks with Shanghai hens. This is a proaffianced of G. P. Vance, and longingly the gressive age. Rope walks will yet be made two awaited a day when a wedding would to trot. crown their happiness. Vance drifted off to Denver, and during a visit to friends in the South and East something over a year ago Miss Yale contracted a cold which culminated in quick consumption. Returning to her home in San Fransisco she grew feebler daily, and even the dry atmosphere of

her lover was sent for. He reached San Francisco or Friday. On Sunday Miss Yale is to be noted. The composition consists was dressed in the wedding gown which had of melting together four parts of spermaceti, been ordered over a year before, and, her three of tallow, and two of wax, to which

attired in her bridal dress, was borne from St. Stephen's Church, San Francisco, to the thing of a sensation. The singers wear quiet home of the dead.

in which a bridal party passed down the Liddon heartily disapproved of it, and pro church aisle, says: "The bride walked on nounces it irreverent and grotesque. An the arm of her father." This may be all unprejudiced looker on, however, finds it right, but it seems to us that a shurch was difficult to see why there should not be girl hardly the proper place to display her some choristers, and wherein lies the objection to

England and Her Mussulman Subjects. England has in India some 50,000,000 of

the most warlike of the native races, the

rally to the English standards the Mussul-The exertions that were made to round man races of India, and that in this way the went ashore were superhuman. It was the in full. And the time may again come when merest chance the hardy sailors had before the devotion of the Mussulmans to their them. But the flight was made and the Caliph and the shrine of St Sofia may be not less necessary to Great Britian than in Then came the tearing wind of destruction. | 1857. I am aware that in the Western any such maxim as applicable to the East. What could be done to save her? The The myriads who to-day in the hottest reendured this trial steadfastly for more than Crash ! Then most everthing seemed to 1,000 years at the bidding of the Prophet is go off the schooner on the winds. The not likely to look on unmoved when his "traveller" had yielded to the mighty strain | shrine at Mecca and his tomb at Medina have become the objective points of foreign Just then, to add to the perils of the aggressi n. The enlightened classes in India moment, the Captain struggling to do his recognize that the rule of England has securbest, was struck to the decks almost dead ed us against incessant internal strife, intaper was a home-made affair, and differed was hit and fairly hurled over the rails, sources of our community, and also that by from other tallow dips only in being larger which, with singular fortune, he happened a just administration of equal laws a very and having the wick divided at the lower to grasp. This saved him, but his father sufficient measure of individual liberty is end to form three legs, while at its heart was insensible, and there he lay on the icy now our birthright. We have lost, as some think, our national liberties, which after all What those three men went through before were merely the liberties enjoyed by despots us; but more than 240,000,000 of us have lines we please, and to be subject only to the control of a known, a written law; and this being so, the one further inducement needed to keep the Mohammedan millions forever steadfast in the British connection is the bond of a religious faith and a cherished conviction that, being the loyal subjects of the Great White Empress, we are therefore the strongest link in the natural alliance between

A Monster of the Deep.

our Queen and our Caliph, between the tem-

poral power in India and the spiritual power

that radiates from the Bosphorus.

Those who have seen a diving-suit are aware of the frightful appearance of a man arrayed in it. The front of the headpiece is a large circular pane of glass, giving the wearer the appearance of a hideous Cyclops. From the top of the head runs a rubber tube for supplying air to the diver, and there is also a rope for hawling him up. . In the early days of the gold excitement in California, a Mr. Potts and his partner, both miners, decided that there was gold at eternity, but they were most gallantly the headwaters, of the San Joaquin. They discovered a deep hole in the bed of one of the forks, and concluded that, if there was gold anywhere in the bed of the stream, it was in that hole. They tried diving to the bottom but the water was too deep, and they found themselves in a dilemma. Mr. Pott's partner bethought himself of a diving-suit in San Francisco which he could procure, and the decision was reached that he should Among the practical moralities of life the go and bring it. This he did, arriving habit of prompt decision should hold no with it after some time. Mr. Potts's partmean rank. But few persons fully appre- ner arrayed himself in the suit. Lying ciate how much saving of time, how much across the hole was a fallen tree, and Mr. personal comfort, how much actual success | Potts and his partner walked out upon the and happiness is involved in it; indeed it is log, and the partner slipped down into chiefly through the evil effects of its neglect | water and was instantly out of sight. Mr. that we estimate its value. It is not uncom. Potts held the rope by which to pull him mon to meet with people who seem to be up. The signal agreed upon was a jerk of nearly destitute of this quality. On the the rope. While Mr. Potts was thus sitmost trivial question they will pause to con- ting on the log and holding the rope, he sider and to make qualifications. If asked appeared to be fishing with a stout their opinion of some new book or new en- line for big fish. He was thus engaged terprice, of the prospects of business or the when Chief Keweah and his squaws came harvest, or a candidate for office, they tire down from the mountains, where they had out the most patient listener. If any one been gathering nuts. He stopped, and thus asks of them a favour, they cannot decide addressed Mr. Potts: "You ketchum fish?" whether to grant or to refuse it; and so "No, not yet," was the reply; "but I exlong do they hesitate that the petitioner pect a bite pretty scon." The old chief was would often be glad to withdraw the re- evidently much interested and awaited develquest. Two different courses are open to opments, his equaws following his example. them, and they spend so much time in com- Prettysoon there came a jerk of the rope that paring them that they can follow neither to rippled the surface of the water. Keweah advantage. Those who value their time became greatly excited when he saw Mr. cannot waste it in waiting for them, and, Potts pulling heavily on the line; and the old after much delay and irritation, they leave chief raised himself to his feet and watched such indecisives to themselves. In fact, the procedure with the deepest interest. their whole lives seem to be a series of Presently the monster of the deep came to Had I to introduce my readers to waverings that end in no definite result ex- the surface, with its hideous Cyclopean eye turned in Keweah's direction. "Ugh shouted the old warrior; and he and his squaws turned suddenly and fled panicstricken over the plains.

> A chicken fancier is trying to get up a new race of pullets by crossing weather-

"Aw, Miss Wealestate, weally, I should like to get bettah acquainted with you. Er, aw, may I escote you to the wefweshment woom?" Miss Realestate-" Now, Mr. Forinhand, you are kind indeed. Here I have just been dying to join the muffin struggle in the next room and you are the first to come to my rescue,"

The recent introduction by Faber, in So feeble had she become last week that Germany, of pencils for writing upon glass, porcelain, and metals, in red, white, or blue,

in an English church that is creating somesurplices not unlike an M. A. gown, and purple velvet caps. There is a choir of the same kind in Melbourne, Australia, whence A society paper, in describing the order the freak was imported to England. Canon their wearing surplices.

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