A THANKSGIVING HYMN

For flowers that bloom about our feet, For tender grass so fresh, so sweet, For song of bird and hum of bee, For all things fair we hear or see. Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky. For pleasant shade of branches high, For fragrant air and cooling breeze, For beauty of the blooming trees. Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

or mother love and father care. or brothers strong and sisters fair, For love at home and here each day. For guidance lest we go astray, Father in Heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night. For health and food, for love and For everything His goodness sends, Father in Heaven, we Thank Thee.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

OLD DEACON BALDWIN

Changes came in the little old church in Hillsboro, but Deacon Baldwin survived them all for three-quarters of a century, during two-thirds of which he bore his title and its attendant honors. But for a longer period I can stand your city well enough that while still a lad of fifteen, and by

Not to speak of the rest of the church, what changes those years had Deepens upon my hillside there her do-re-mi, and he had sung his own first tenor against a full score of bassyears. New hymn-books came, and new sheet music from the oratories. The His fingers chilled in the cufting blast. old-fashioned fugue went out, and the classic anthem came in. Even his tuning-fork became obsolete. But, although he had never had occasion to use it, he always carried it, and it was years before he overcame the habit of reaching toward his waistcoat pocket And dream, as I watch, of south hil when the minister announced the

Then the high old pulpit was discarded, and a brass lectern and rail were substituted. The gallery was re- At the call of the first north-flying modeled, and the church was fitted with new pews. And now the choirloft came in for consideration. It must be changed, and a new pipe-organ pur-

Deacon Baldwin had lived through very much, but this seemed too much Gasps in the clutch of the deadly heat. for the conservative old man. He was And my brain is too weary and dazed counted among the opposition. He was Of the northern river, cool and still, grieved, indignant, that such a change Where the lilies open along the sedge should be considered without his approval, and even without his knowledge of its inception.

most in urging the change. If Deacon Baldwin did not like the changes he And the tyy reddens against the wall could resign, and let some one else lead the choir. He was getting old. Of dying leaves, like a faint, far call, His voice was no longer resonant. It Wafts to my sharpened senses' ken often broke on high notes. It was A summons I may not well withstand,

The organ was built and added to the other improvements, and the day approached when the rejuvenated church edifice was to be ready for occupancy and rededication, for during the changes the congregation had worshipped in the school room. But there was no one in the village who could play a pipe-organ, till Deacon Baldwin's granddaughter came back from Boston, where she had been studying

"We didn't know you were studying the organ," said her friends. "Wes thought you were studying the voice

"So I, was," said she: "but I heard that the new organ was to be built and I was intending to come home and take music pupils, and I couldn't think who else there would be to play the new organ, and I put in the last six months on the organ. I thought how nice it would be with grandfather

leading and me to play." voice was broken, his beat was true; burden of the talk. Mary began, of and the organ, played by the young course, telling her visitor that Robert's girl, put new life into him. His son, no longer a regular member of the her a good time. They're kind-heart-

"What a splendid rehearsal!" said! the members of the choir, as they went and gazed at Mrs. McDonald with eyes home on Saturday night before the re- that shone with injury and triumph. dedication. "How the old descon! "It's always been just the same," she loomed on that Te Deum! He may be said, "and it did seem as if some time old-fashioned, but his time is as true some one would have a glimmer of

when he hears it." mixed evil in the choir, and the rest | we was going. I was int'rested hearin' regarded him with a certain pride, him talk, and when I did take notice. some of them trembled lest his voice we was right out among the fields and should break in the Te Deum, and pastures that looked a good deal like who was to preach the opening sor-

The preacher spoke of the glory of preclate, he says. And he went on the former, and the greater glory of about them farms, and about the men the latter; of the mingled sorrow and that run tem. We went over the farm and told of the necessity of adapting so the afternoon wasn't quite wasted.

The next day his father took me down town, and we went into a place the neworder of things. Speaking of fairs, but he went on and explained the great things which had been done all the uses they could be put to .in the old building, and looking for- got 'em about all wrong, the, but I door, and had not always come out an inspiring thing to learn that this tack to the house. I count that afterfine choir, gathered about this new noon about all wasted.

was choking him.

as it seems. The Cincinnti Enquirer be some very interesting scenes gives an instance in which a man farm life in tableaux." named Smith, came out second best in a passage at repartee with a boy saw that something had to be done. named Claude, who looks after the begun on my nephew, Robert. Says hat-rack in a well-known restaurant. Mr. Smith started out of the rest - summers, what do you come for?" aurant after enjoying his meal, and was seized, as Claude handed him he gethered himself in a minute, and his hat, with the impulse to quis the he says:

"Is this my hat?" he asked. "I don't know, sir," was the mas-

"Well, then, why do you hand it to hat or not?" asked Mr. Smith, sharply. "Because it's the one you handed to me when you came in," answered

HE WAS NOT UNREASONABLE

stitute and asked for a course of and I've been to see a lot of farmin' and lowered it, open, into the well. limit to suggest that a local newspaper lets—sugar coated and as easy to take treatment. The professor, who ac- tools that I've seen so many times that. Then he drew-it up, carried it a few should wait from July 14 to October as candy. cording to the Independent, had an the sight of 'em almost makes me sick.' feet from the well, and upset it. This 14 before publishing the perfectly in-"A p-p-partial c-c-course."

"Enough s-so that w-when I go to to ride in the cars that go over the Before going down to his work, he dealt with the recent articles on "My back-and only 60 cents for 60 tablets. a f-f-fl-florists' and ask for a c-c-t- viaduct. I want to go down and see explained to those who had been mak- Religion," which prominent novelists Ask any live pharmacist anywhere in chr-shry-s-s-anth- (whistle here) .e- the big steamers come in-I'd like to ing fun of him that the gas in the contributed to the "Daily Express." North or South America.



AN EXILE'S CALENDAR

he was in the choir; for he entered In the winter-time, when the winds the time he was twenty he was its I can bear to think how the dazgling With its clean blue shadows, its shine

wrought in the choir! He had taught | And flings its wreath to the frosty air: the grandmother of his leading soprano | While here in your streets the slushy Spatters my garments, and soaks es who passed in procession with the Of the sharp-faced newsboy scudding

> Of the wall by the Jewish synagogue Push swelling buds into leaf again, And waken to life in the warm spring

Then, in April, I watch the tree in th

And the sap leaps up But in August the asphalt pavement Grows soft in the sun to the horses

And the helpless city, night and day,

'Neath the guard of the shaggy, spruce-Very well, said those who were fore- But oh, in the fall, when the nights

time the deacon made way for a A summons come, to the forest hills, All glory-clad, of my northern land.

> VISITING THE FOLKS-IN THE CITY bach" while Mary went to visit Robert's folks down in the city. I got along pretty well, but I declare to you was glad to see her back again, managing the kitchen and cooking end of this home of ours. I didn't think was cating more hearty than usual, but the batch of home-made bread she left was all gone and I'd started n baker's bread, which I never did hanker after; and then there was only one piece of pumpkin pie left, and the cooky far was about empty. I'd managed to wash the dishes, while Mary

was away, but I never could scour the pots to please her, so I left them until The day after Mary got back home Mrs. McDonald ran in to-have a chat although," he added, seeing that the day were well attended, especially in with her about her visit, and Mary un- stranger was staring at him in un- the evening. The opposition to Deacon Baldwin burdened her heart to her. In this disguished amazement, "if you really was silent for the time, for the word fashion. I couldn't belp overhearing wish to know my name, I-will give you mittee approved of the plans of 77 and presently returned with a saucer went round as his granddaughter had her, as I sat across the room, polishspoken it. And Deacon Baldwin was ing up a new walking stick. In fact, busy training a chorus of twenty I'd heard the most of what she said voices for the rededication. He was a to Mrs. McDonald the night she got away to sit down and to try to regood drill-master, and although his back from the city. And this is the

folks always lay themselves out to give choir, came in with the basses for the ed, but they ain't thoughtful, she said "Now you listen," she continued as she settled herself firmly on the settee as a clock, and he knows a dissord sense. The first day after I got there this time, Phil-that's the oldest boy, And so the opposing members of and as nice a young feller as you ever

the choir began to feel that the pres- took me off for a ride on the filled both satchels with rice, and when and disorderly in High-street, Actor cover the choir with humiliation in our own, except I don't think they she had ever been in her life before. money will be spent on a second wireand show you somethin' you could

joy in the old days when the changes buildings of one place, and I saw a brought memories as well as hopes, hog that weighed risin leven hundred. ance of conserving all vital elements where there was every kind of a farm in the old, and carrying them on into tool. I'd seen 'em all before, at the ward to the new, he said, "To me it is never let on,-and about dark we got

organ, represents three generations of The next night was when I had my those who have consecrated their gift say," continued Mary. "Phyllis she's of the brothers to come into the house Phil's twin, you know .- was goin' to crying. One day when this happene After that it was no wonder that the take me to an entertainment, and his aunt stopped him in the ball. deacon's voice broke a little on the she was telling me all about it at the To Deum; but it was not sorrow that supper-table-dinner, they call it, at not make any noise." seven at night!" Mrs. McDonald made

a pitying sniff. " You'll enjoy it ever so much, Aunt Mary, she says. 'Mr. Smithers is going to read some of his inimitable Quizzing a boy is not always so easy stories of rural life, and there are to

"Right then," said Mary, firmly, When you come down to our place "He looked a mite took back, but

"Why, says he, we come to see you and Uncle.' "'Of course,' I says, 'but what else?' "Why, the change,' he says. "The with very simple and homely contrilife there is so different from what we vances.

eyes openly at the recollection.

eye to the main chance asked him if I says, and to-night Phyllis is going operation was repeated twenty or nocuous figures of the traffic census of or they are if to drag me off to somethin' that's goin' thirty times.... to be more farmish than the rest. I After this he let down another candle At Acton Hill Wesleyan Church on pounds in 30 days your druggist to

to an entertainment, too, but I want Weekly Fashion Hint of before, and not the same thing I can see every day of my life right near home. It don't seem as if I could

stand it!' and right then I began to "I don't know how Phil got around that table so quick. He just put his arms round me, and he says, 'Don't let me ketch you cryin' in this house. Aunt Mary.' "And then he says to all hands, 'We

tro a bunch of idlots, I guess, and I'm the worst. You walt till to-more r. he says to me. "And from that time till the day ome home," went on Mary, happilly, "I had the most eplendid visit that an old woman could want. They all did for me especially Phil. When they come down here next summer that boy is going to have things Just about as he wants 'em, if his old a int can fix 'em."

Mrs. McDonald said she thought Mary's visit ended all right after all. In leaving she said to Mary: "Next summer when your folks come up for their visit let them spend an afternoon with our young folks out on Fairy Lake. We can get a couple of boats from Billy Landsborough. They can have a pic-nic on 'The Breezes.' I think they'd like that fine." So, you see, Mary can stand up for herself, all right, and she had a real

CIVIL AND MILITARY SERVICE A somewhat dramatic conversation is that which the Hon. George S. Boutwell reports as having passed in 1866 between President Johnson and Gener-

al Grant, of the United States. "I may wish to send you on a mission to Mexico," said the President. "It will not be convenient for me to go to Mexico," returned the general. Some time after this Grant was invited to a Cabinet meeting, at which Mr. Seward read a paper of instructions to him as minister of some degree to Mexico. The contents of the paper could not have made a very strong impression on General Grant for he said afterward, in speaking of the incident: *The instructions came out very

near where they went in." But at the end of the reading he remarked, "You recollect, Mr. President. I said that it would not be convenient for me to go to Mexico." Some discussion followed, and ther the President rose from his seat and struck the table with some force.

"Is there," said he, "an officer of the

army who will not obey my instruc-General Grant took-his hat in hi hand, and remarked quietly: "I am an officer of the army, but am a citizen also; and this is a civil service that you require of me. I de-

He left the meeting. It happened

finally that General Sherman was sent

Etiquette is after all so intangible s placed, and there are often instances where there is a strong temptation

ravelled much, and has acquired the £4,000. habit—which certainly is a questionable one-of calling every waiter John, chanced to be in a parlor car between New York and Boston, and to wish to ask some service of the porter. "Look here, John!" he began,

But the porter interrupted him with lane, Acton, was charged at Acton ries," said the doctor, who had been the utmost gravity of manner. "On this car, sir," he said, "it is ering for the purpose of betting in suited for a convalescent patient's etiquette to call me 'porter,' and that Bollo-lane. I will answer to. You have not an Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Dunmy card."

The passenger muttered something cover his moral balance.

- NOT REASSURING

who were about to take a trip to the city, decided that, as it was the beinvest in some new clothes. Their ness, H. A. Baldwin would not again grown-up children made fun of their be a parliamentary candidate for "new" clothes, but it was not until the Acton, and last week he confirmed parents were safely settled in their sents and had opened their bags that been played upon them.

father and mother opened their bags on Saturday night. the grains were scattered broadcast. Of course there was at once amused has given £2 to the Acton Isolation panion will come to you next year at She was made no more comfortable by less loud speaker. a fat German woman sitting opposite: who leaned over and said, quite aud-

"Ach, never mind! I'm a vidder vo

TIMELY REINFORCEMENT

It would be interesting to know th later feelings of the boy whose troubles are related here. The brothers had more or less trouble with the boy next victors. In fact, the boy next door was so much bigger that he seemed to have the best of it invariably. So it was not an unusual thing for one

"Hush, Wille," she said. "You mus "What-what's the ma-matter?" asked between sobs. "You may disturb your new brother

said his aunt, soothingly. He dried his eyes in a minute. "Hav got a new brother?" he asked. His aunt nodded. "One besides Jim?" She nodded again.

"Bully!" he exclaimed. "You are glad of it?" she asked. "You bet!" he fairly shouted. Hm and me and the new one can't

SIMPLE, MEANS

A good workman likes good tools,

A well was to be cleaned, but the "'Just so,' says I, 'and that's what man who had undertaken the task was pinafore, a doll, a glass of water, and you all about are putting flesh on I would like, if I could get it. I don't afraid to go down until he had test- other familiar acticles of everyday use hosts of skinny folks every day. like to find fault, but I'm an old wo- ed the quality of the air at the bot- were carried in thanksgiving proces- One woman, tired, weak and disman, and I don't know as I'll ever tom. He let down a lighted candle, sion at the children's harvest festival couraged, gained 15 pounds in five get down here again. I'd reely relish and when it was within about six feet service in All Saints', South Acton, on weeks and now feels fine. something different." Mary wiped her of the bottom, it went out suddenly. That gave the man exactly the in-

want to see the big buildings. I want which burned clearly, at the bottom. Sanday evening, the Rev. J. E. Bolam authorized to give you your money m-mum the th-thing won't w-wilt b- so aboard one of 'em if it could be well was carbonic acid gas, which was What greatly impressed him, said Mr. Be sure to get McCoy's, the original



FOR TOWN OR COUNTRY

Interesting Items Gleaned from th Acton Gazette of October 16 .

green in Acton Park.

Acton, on Sunday. ndecent language. mentary candidate in succession to

Peter McCormish, a baker, o Sheldon-road, Fulham, was fined 5s. at Acton Police Court on Tuesday, for to fill their places, and make no effort

The two Acton fire engines had what ting into your work that which a mahappily proved to be an unnecessary chine cannot give.

dwelling houses, mostly of the villa type and mostly in North Acton. Plans incoherent, and then went meekly for garages were almost as numerous

> reported by the secretary. For some time it has been under-

that impression at a public meeting. they discovered the joke that had Petersfield-road, Acton, was fixed 5s. old, and the event is going to be made and the doctor's fee at Acton Police a memorable one for the Companion's One of the grown-up children had Court on Monday, for being drunk many friends. So, although the date

smiles on everyone's face, and the Hospital as a mark of appreciation for the new low price of \$2. It will be mother felt herself getting redder than kindness while a patient, and the dressed in its party clothes, with new "Perhaps you are not so loving and kind as you used to be in the old

days," said the Chairman at Acton Police Court on Friday, to a young wife who complained of her-husband' neglect and violent ways. As the railway company are going to

lay two additional tracks, the Actonlane bridge, near Chiswick Park Stawidened. The company will pay for the lengthening, but the widening is Town Council responsibility. The Acton Labor Party held a suc-

cessful meeting in Acton Market-place on Saturday when the principal speaker was Mr. E. R. Hay, of Ealing. Mr. Hay is a young propagandist with considerable knowledge of politics. the scouts of the 5th Acton Troop have completed the hut which is to serve as A public debate, will be held the auspices of the Acton Branch of

will be on Socialism. Of the fifty-one fires attended by the Acton Fire Brigade during the year recently closed, thirteen were caused by foul chimneys. There were seven false alarms. The value of property at risk was £25,070, but the actual less was only £1,671. No large fire congurred.

adequate were the writers' statements n religion

pleasure ground.

attention.

Council.

The most important business be-

fore the Acton Town Council at its

meeting on Tuesday night was the

consideration of reports of meetings by the Acton and Ealing representatives

with regard to the proposed purchase of Gunnersbury Park as a public

The Town Clerk, Mr. W. Hodson, has

written to the Town Council express-

ing regret that he would not be able to

take up his duties at present in con-

sequence of shock following his opera-

tion, and stating that he much ap-

preclated the consideration that had

Acton is doing so well that it is now

suggested that it should have a drill

hall of its own. To a lotter from the

Town Clerk on the subject, the late

Lord Cheylesmore replied that the

Territorial Association greatly appre-

clated what was being done in Acton,

and that the question of providing i

with a hall of its own was receiving

Mr. Haviland G. T. de Sausmarez,

Royal Artillery, son of the Rev. G. S.

de Sausmarez, formerly Rector of

Acton, and Mrs. de Sausmarez of Chig-

well Row, Essex, and Miss Ada Howell,

A private meeting of the Acton Town

Council was held this week "to select a

fit and proper person to be nominated

as Mayor of Acton for the ensuing

year." After explanations and an inter-

change of opinions, the nomination of

Ald. R. J. Hewett by the Conservative

side of the house was confirmed by a

substantial majority of the whole

HE LOVED SAUSAGES

A correspondent sends from Michi-

gan a true story of a farmer's dog

who had been found guilty of obtain

He is extremely fond of Bausages,

and has been taught by his master

to go after them for himself, carrying

Day after day he appeared at the

butcher's shop, bringing his master's

came careless about reading the docu-

ment. Finally, when settlement day

came, the farmer complained that he

was charged with more sausages than

The butcher was surprised, and the

next time Lion came in with a slip of

blank, and further investigations all

showed that whenever the dog felt a

craving for sausage, he looked round

for a piece of paper, and trotted off

The farmer is something out o

pocket, but squares the account by

BE MORE THAN A MACHINE

If you go through the routine of

daily diet. "The seeds are good for

"What is it?" asked the invalid, with

"Jolly with little glass beads in it

Birthdays are always-important oc-

3. Or include McCall's Magizine, the

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION

S. N. Dept., Boston Mass.

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Every Day

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Getting Skinnier

Something Must Be Done

Done Right Now-Quick

Hollows in Cheeks and Neck Growing

Deeper Each Week

Tens of thousands of thin, run-down

now for McCoy's Cod Liver Extract

publication, only \$2.50.

fixed it for you."

Young people who are satisfied just

boasting of his dog's intelligence.

to the butcher's.

ng goods under false pretences.

writtesorder in his mouth.

been shown him by the Council.



daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. E. A. R. Howell and Mrs. Howell, were married in London last week. A number Actonians attended the ceremony.

The sports frock is worm almost everywhere, and it is especially smart developed in balbriggan in brown, tan, dark green or navy blue. This model consists of a blouse and a four-piece skirt attached to a longwaisted bodice. The slip-on blouse has long raglan sleeves finished with turn-back cuffs, the U-shaped opening in front being filled in with a vestee that is cut in one with the collar. Medium size requires 23/2 yards 54-inch material and 1/4 yard

NEWS FROM THE HOME LAND

Councillor Mrs. Barnes has presented five putters for use on the putting

Persons responsible for seven recent he had ordered. omissions to notify births in Acton have been warned. Frederick Morse, a laborer of no fix- paper in his mouth, he took the ed abode, was fined 7s. 6d. for being trouble to look at it. The paper was

drunk and incapable at Horn-lane, George Hunt, of Osborne-road. Acton, was fined 10s. at Acton Police Court on Wednesday week for using The Acton Labor Party will at an early date select a prospective parlia-Mr. H. A. Baldwin.

being drunk and incapable at Acton to be bigger than their jobs, are likely at almost any time to find themselves without work. The purely mechanical

Oldfield's Estate new factory area, employee is continually being replaced Acton Vale, for fire precaution, will by a mechanical contrivance. No thing that it is necessary to learn cost £250, and the owners are asked it anew for each situation in which one to contribute two-thirds of the amount. sight, enterprise or loyalty. machine, however, can ever show fore-The widening of East Acton-lane is to be carried out as a relief scheme your work mechanically, a day will to hugh at the whole scheme of social during the winter, and the Unemploy- come when some one will invent a mament Committee will be asked to conchine that will do that work more Not long since a gentleman who has tribute towards the estimated cost of quickly and better than you can do it. Therefore your safely lies in put-

> journey to Messrs. Nevill's bakery, Winchester-street, at 10 a.m. on Friday. A burned batch of rusks caused Charles Groom, a laborer, of Bollo-Police Court on Wednesday with loit- asked to furnish a list of articles

acquaintance with me that warrants stan's, East Acton, took place on Sunyour calling me by my Christian name, day, and the services throughout the little girl of the family heard her mother lamenting because there were

The annual general meeting of the

Acton Central Old Girls' Association was held on Friday, the chair being If you eat it with your eyes thut, you taken by Mr. Edward J. Rayns (presi- | Will never know it isn't whole rasp-A middle-aged man and his wife, dent). A successful year's work was berries. -I tried it, and it was just ginning of the season, they had better stood that, owing to pressure of bust- IN HONOR OF A GREAT EVENT. casions, especially if one is very young or very old. Before long The Youth's

Charles H. Walker, a lather, of Companion will be a hundred years

cover designs, enlarged illustrations, new brilliant clear type, and over 200

pages more than last year. It will contain 9 book-length serial stories, fascingting mystery stories, tales of adventure on land and sea, the new "Make-It-and-Do-It" Pages, radio,

games, books and puzzles, interested special articles and the ever-delightful Children's Page. Don't miss this great year of The Youth's Companion; Subscribe now and receive: I. The Youth's Companion-52 issues in 1926, and-2. The remaining issues of 1925. A for only \$2.

After many months of hard work their headquarters. The new building is prettily situated in the Long Drive. the National Union of Citizens and the Acton Labor Party, at the Acton Baths

at 8 p.m. next Tuesday. The debate

On Saturday afternoon an Acton boy of stealing an article from his shop, of ever being able to take on flesh and The tradesman detained the boy and looks healthy and strong. but in an exigency he can get along sent for a constable, but after being admonished for his wrong-doing the and start to smile and enjoy life right A lump of coal, bread, shoes, a child's Tablets' which any druggist will tell

The Acton Town Council is much Fish are full of vitalizing flosh prowas about ready to cry," she confess- formation he wanted. The well was more inclined than the average public ducing vitamines and these same vitafull of polsonous gas. He took a small body to make a mystery of quite hum- mines of the highest class are found "Tve been out to a farm,' I says umbrella, tied a string to the handle, drum business, but it does seem the in McCoy's Cod Liver Extract Tab-

Making Life Brighter for the Blind



The lives of the blind inmates of Clarkwood House, on Sherbourne Street, Toronto, are brightened by many acts of kindness, but there are perhaps, no visits which they appreciate more than those of a group of telephone operators. These girls have made the unfortunate ones of Clarkwood House their special care. On the occasion of their periodical visits, the chief entertainment is dancing in which they tenderly guide their blind friends to the music of the gramophone. Then a dainty lunch is served, and the tired but delighted inmates vow that blindness



Christmas Cards are Here

Maybe you think it is a trifle early to be considering Christmas yet, but it is only a few weeks away, now that November is here, and the first orders will receive the best selection.

This year the range of cards we have stocked for you to choose from is the finest and largest we have ever had. They are entirely "different" and the designs are limited in each style so that the early comers will be the ones to receive the best choice. Many of the designs have handsome lined envelopes.

The prices are very reasonable considering the quality and range from \$1.75 per dozen to \$2.80 per dozen with plenty to choose from at all prices. We invite your inspection of these cards.

Of course, the prices include your name, address, etc., printed in engravers' script or a type suitable to the design of the card.

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