

Wood floors can add elegance

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Wood floors can add a unique warmth and elegance to any room in your home, but they need to be tough as well as attractive if they're to serve you well for many years.

When you consider what your floors go through every day, you'll see why durability is an essential quality. Think of it, floors are walked on, jumped on, have furniture and toys dragged over them. They take spills, burns, gouges, ground in dirt and grit, and yet still manage to add something special to a room.

"Hardwood floors" can be oak, maple, birch or beech, although softwoods like pine and fir are often used. The most common types of flooring include thin strip flooring, plank flooring, which is thicker and can be bored and plugged to simulate an old "wooden-pegged" look, and parquet or block flooring, make of short strips of wood glued into square or rectangular shapes.

Some companies custom-design beautiful but expensive flooring inlaid with brass and exotic woods,

or make sections that are scoured with wooden blocks and chains to give the popular "distressed" look. You can also buy standard hardwood flooring in ready-to-lay packages.

With a urethane or polyurethane finish, your floor will need only an occasional cleaning with a slightly damp mop to remove accumulated dirt. A wax floor in good shape can be cleaned and waxed with one coat of floor-cleaning wax, then polished or buffed to keep the surface smooth and dirt resistant. Small scratches can be fixed with wax putty sticks or even a child's wax crayon in the right shade.

Let's say you've just discovered that the reason the previous tenant laid wall-to-wall carpeting was the awful state of the floors. You may consider sanding and refinishing them to remove unsightly scratches, stains and ground-in dirt.

Be warned — it's a messy and time-consuming job. You have to be absolutely thorough about vacuuming up all the tiny particles

of sawdust. They can ruin a floor's finish if they become trapped between coats of varnish.

Once the floor is sanded, keep in mind the kind of service you expect from it when it comes to choosing a finish. All varnishes, particularly the urethanes and polyurethanes, form a hard, durable surface that gives wood a glossy glow and resists most spots and stains.

A high-gloss varnish resists wear best, and may be more suitable for hallways and kitchen, for example, than a softer, more satiny finish. If you decide on a wax finish for your floor, apply two or three thin coats.

For the floor that's in really poor shape and too expensive to replace right away, opaque paint comes in a myriad of colors and can cover a multitude of stains. It provides a good base for stenciling, or colours can be mixed and matched for dramatic designs and special effects that work particularly well in children's rooms. A varnish will add durability to a finish that has a warmth all of its own.

Plans are underway for 1996 Garden Show

Plans are already well under way to ensure visitors to the 1996 Spring International Home & Garden Show at the International Centre will be treated to the greatest array of summer related exhibits and special features.

The seventh annual event is Canada's fastest growing spring home show and garden products marketplace. Close to 500 exhibitors displaying their products and services in 1,000

booths will great more than 100,000 visitors.

Landscape Ontario, the Horticultural Trades Association, and the Toronto chapter of the National Spa and Pool Institute have thrown their support behind the International Home & Garden Show, encouraging their members to exhibit at the event.

The show offers something for everyone, from the gardener to the do-it-yourself renovator, with a

focus on interior design and professional renovation products and services, environmental ideas, pools, spas, patios and backyard leisure living, and city and country furnishings.

The 1996 International Home & Garden Show Thursday, March 14 — noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 15 — noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 16 — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, March 17 — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



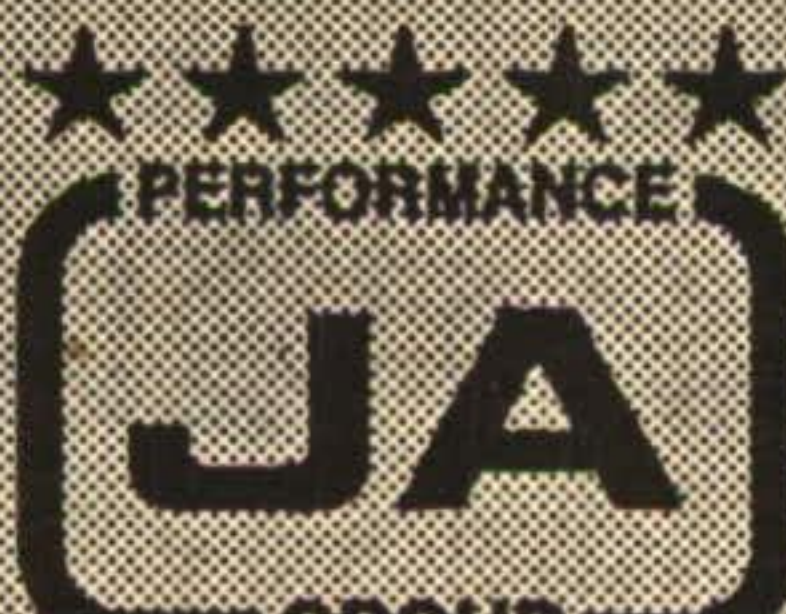
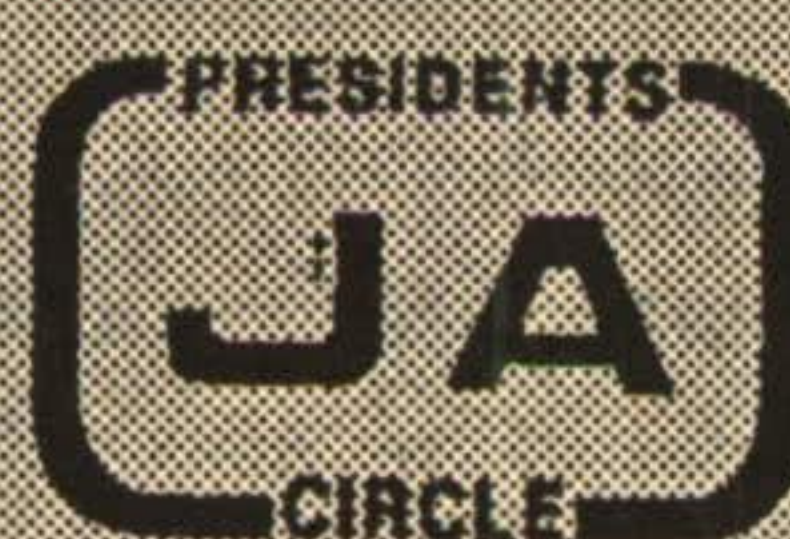
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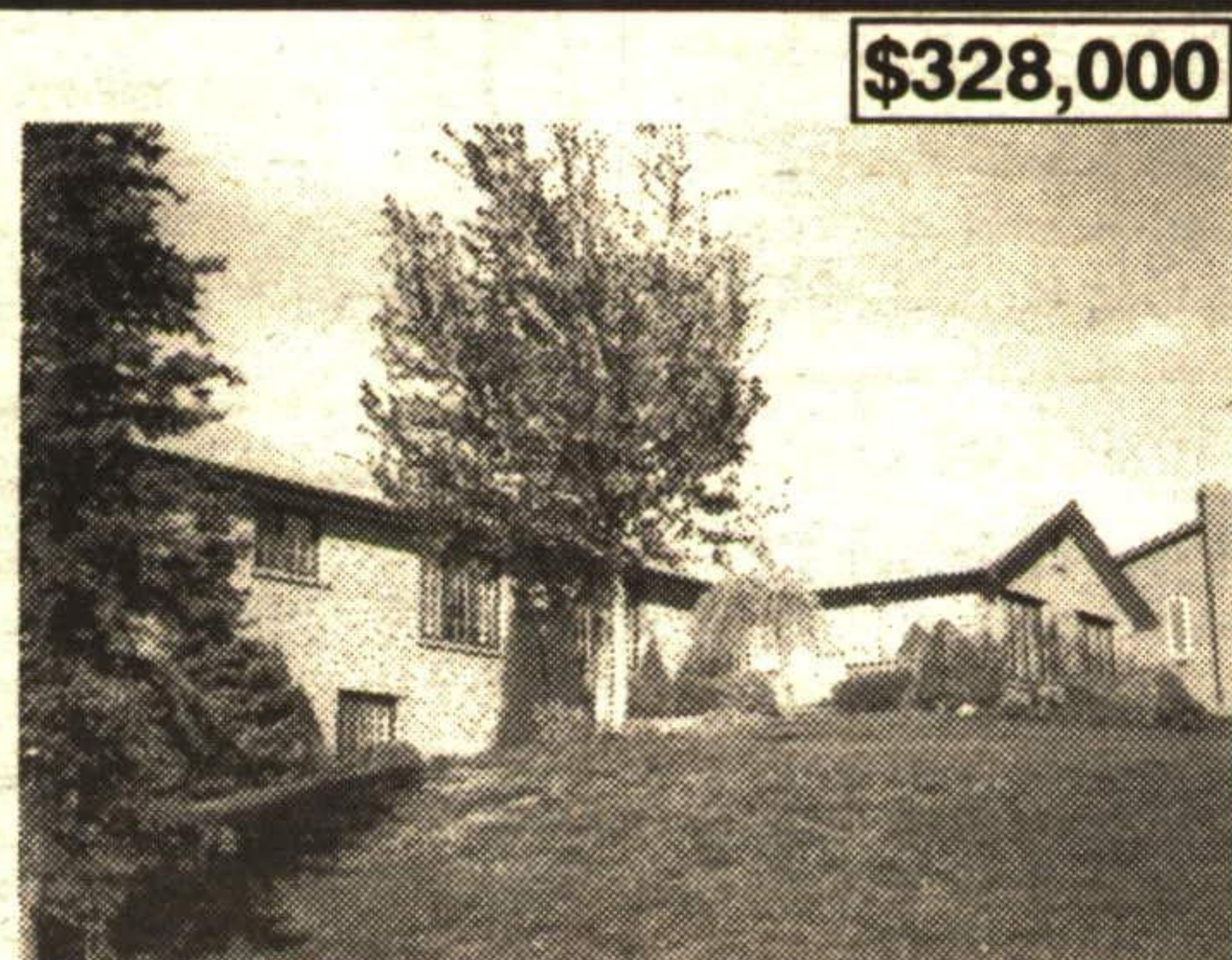
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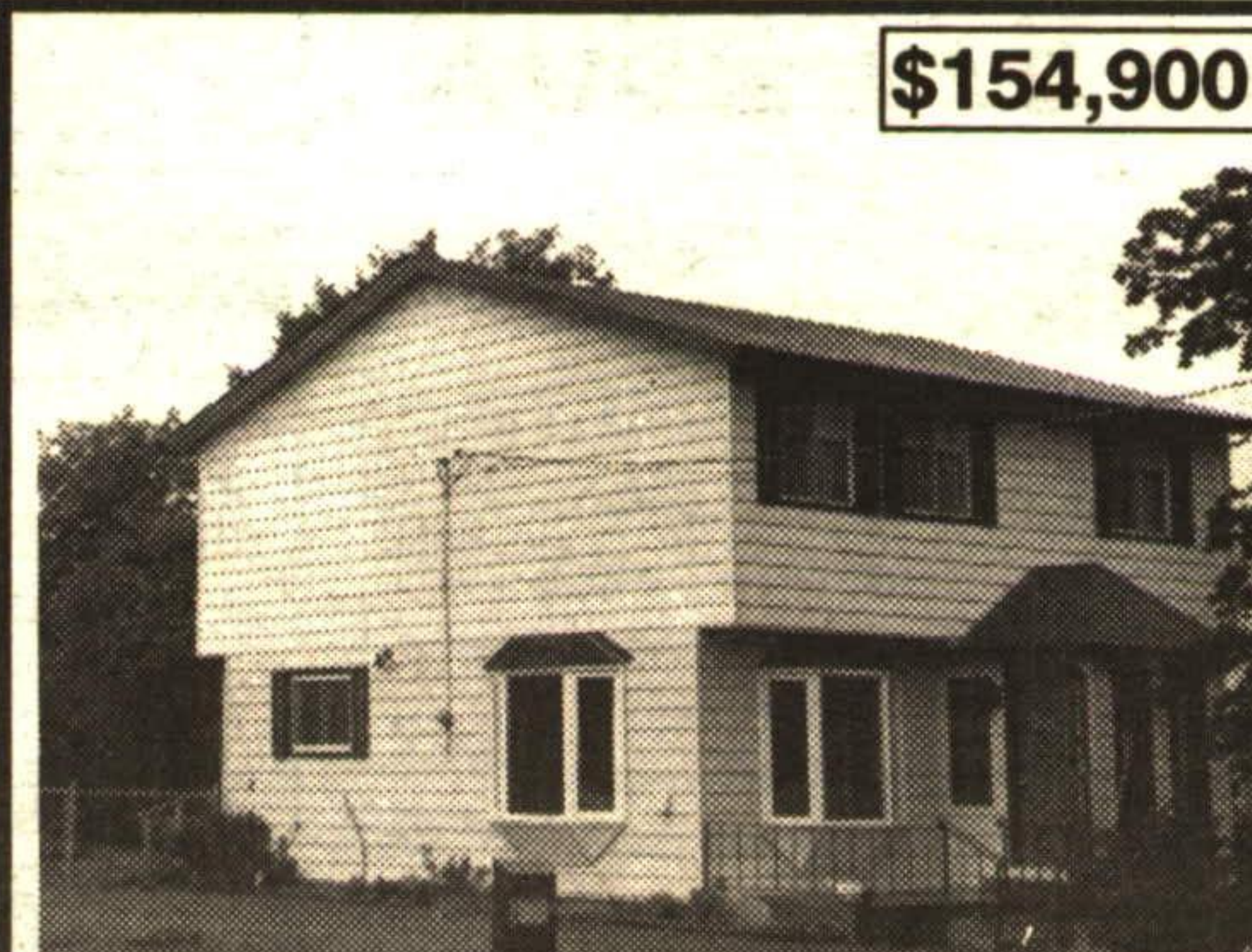
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