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A GREAT MAN'S LIFE.

STEPHEN J. FIELD THE SUBJECT OF others do. Sometimes the majority are DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

His Religious Training Laid the Foundation of His Sterling Characa Departed Friend. [Copyright, Louis Klopsch, 1899.] WASHINGTON, April 23.—One of the

nost notable characters of our time is the subject of Dr. Talmage's discourse, and the lessons drawn are inspiring; text, II Samuel iii, 38, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this lay in Israel?" Here is a plumed catafalque, followed by King David and a funeral oration which he delivers at the tomb. Concerning Abner, the great, David weeps out the

originally uttered we may now utter this resounding lamentation, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" It was 30 minutes after 6, the exact hour of sunset of the Sabbath day, and while the evening lights were being kindled, that the soul of Stephen J. Field, the lawyer, the judge, the patriot, the statesman, the Christian, ascended. It was sundown in the home on yonder Capitol hill, as it was sundown on all the sur rounding hills, but in both cases the sun set to be followed by a glorious saurise Hear the Easter anthems still lingering in

the air, "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall rise.' Our departed friend came forth a box from a minister's home in New England. He knelt with father and mother at morning and evening prayer, learned from maternal lips lessons of piety which lasted him and controlled him amid all the varied and exciting scenes of a lifetime and helped him to die in peace an octogenarian. Blot out from American history the names of those ministers' sons who have done honor to judicial bench and commercial circle and national legislature and presidential chair, and you would obliterate many of the grandest chapters of that history. It is no small advantage to have started from a home where God is honored and the subject of a world's emancipation from sin and sorrow is under constant discussion. The Ten Commandments, which are the foundation of all good law-Roman law, German law, English law, American law-are the best foundation upon which to build character, and those which the boy, Stephen J. Field, so often heard in the parsonage at Stockbridge were his guidance when, a half century after, as a gowned justice of the supreme court of the United States, he unrolled his opinions. Bibles, hymnbooks, catechisms, family prayers, atmosphere sanctified, are good surroundings for boys and girls to start from, and if our laxer ideas of religion and Sabbath days and home training produce as splendid men and women as the much derided Puritanic Sabbath and

Do not pass by the fact that I have not yet seen emphasized that Stephen J. Field vas a minister's son. Notwithstanding that there are conspicuous exceptions to the rule-and the exceptions have built up a stereotyped defamation on the subject-statistics plain and undeniable prove turn out well than are to be found in any other genealogical table. Let all the par sonages of all denominations of Christian where children are growing up take the

consolation. See the star of hope pointing down to that manger! Notice also that our departed friend was a member of a royal family. There were no crowns or scepters or thrones in that ancestral line, but the family of the Fields, like the family of the New York Primes, like the family of the Princeton Alexanders, like a score of families that I night mention, if it were best to mention them, were "the children of the King," and had put on them honors brighter than crowns and wielded influence longer and wider than scepters. That family of Fields traces an honorable lineage back 800 years to Hubertus de la Feld, condjutor of William the Conqueror. Let us thank God for such families, generation after generation on the side of that which is right and good. Four sons of that country minis ter. known the world over for extraordi nary usefulness in their spheres, legal, commercial, literary and theological, and a daughter, the mother of one of the assoclate justices of the supreme court. Such

families counterbalance for good those families all wrong from generation to generation-families that stand for wealth, unrighteously got and stingily kept or wickedly squandered; families that stand for fraud or impurity or malevolence; family names that immediately come to every mind, though through sense of propriety they do not come to the lip. The name of Field will survive centuries and be a synonym for religion, for great jurisprudence, for able Christian journalism, as the names of the Pharaohs and the Cæsars stand for cruelty and oppression

and vice. While parents cannot aspire to have such conspicuous households as the one the name of whose son we now celebrate. all parents may by fidelity in prayer and holy example have their sons and daughters become kings and queens unto God, to reign forever and ever. But the work has already been done, and I could go through this country and find a thousand households which have by the grace of God and blessing upon paternal and maternal excellence become the royal families

Honor the Home.

Let young men beware lest they by their behavior blot such family records with some misdeed. We can all think of households the names of which meant everything honorable and consecrated for a long while, but by the deed of one son sacrificed, disgraced and blasted. Look out how you rob your consecrated ancestry of the name they handed to you unsullied! Better as trustee to that name add something worthy. Do something to honor the old homestead, whether a mountain cabin or a city mansion or a country parsonage. Rev. David Dudley Field, though 32 years passed upward, is honored today by the Christian life, the service, the death of his

Among the most absorbing books of the Bible is the book of Kings, which again and again illustrates that though plety is not hereditary the style of parentage has much to do with the style of descendant It declares of King Abijam, "He walked in all the sins of his father which he had done before him," and of King Azariah. 'He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done " We owe a debt to those who have gone before in our line as certainly as we have obligations to those who subsequently appear in the household. Not so sacred is your old fether's walking staff, which you keep in his memory, or the eyeglasses through which your mother studied the Bible in her old age as the name they bore, the name which you inherited. Keep it bright, I charge you. Keep it suggestive of something elevated in character. Tramed your cradle. Family coat of arms escutcheons, ensigns armorial, lion couchant, or lion dormant, or lion rampant, or lion combatant, may attract attention, but better than all heraldic inscription is a family name which means from generation to generation faith in God, self sacrifice duty performed, a life well lived and death happily died, and a heaven glorious y won. That was the kind of name that

close of the eighteenth century, more honored now at the close of the nineteenth. A Grent Dissenter. Notice also that our illustrious friend was great in reasonable and genial dissent. Of the 1,042 opinions he rendered none was more potent or memorable than those rendered while he was in small minority and sometimes in a minerity of one. A learned and distinguished lawyer of this country said he would rather be the author of Judge Field's dissenting ons than to be the author of the con-

Justice Field augmented and adorned and

perpetuated—a name honorable at the

stitution of the United States. The tendency is to go with the multitude, to think what others think, to say and do what wrong, and it requires heroics to take the negative, but to do that logically and in good humor requires some elements of make up not often found in judicial dissenters or, indeed, in any class of men. There are so many people in the world opposed to everything and who display their opposition in rancorous and obnoxious ways that a Judge Field was needed to make the negative respected and genial and right. Minorities under God save the world and save the church. An unthink ing and precipitate "yes" may be stopped

Numbers are no mark that men will right be found: few were saved in Noah's ark to many mil- lions drowned. The Declaration of American Independtext. More appropriately than when ence was a dissenting opinion. The Free Church of Scotland, under Chalmers and his compeers was a dissenting movement The Bible itself, Old Testament and New Testament, is a protest against the the ories that would have destroyed the world and is a dissenting as well as a divinely inspired book. The Decalogue on Sinal repeated tentimes "Thou shalt not." For ages to come will be quoted from lawbooks in courtrooms Justice Field's magnificent dissenting opinions.

by a righteous and heroic "no." The ma-

jorities are not always right. The old gos-

pel hymn declares it:

Tempered by Hardships. Notice that our ascended friend had such character as assault and peril alone can develop. He had not come to the soft cushions of the supreme court bench stepping on cloth of gold and saluted all along he line by handclapping of applause. Country parsonages do not rock their pabes in satin lined cradle or afterward send them out into the world with enough in their hand to purchase place and power. Pastors' salaries in the early part of this century hardly ever reached \$700 a year. Economies that sometimes cut into the bone characterized many of the homes of the New England clergymen. The young lawyer of whom we speak today arrived in San Francisco in 1849 with only \$10 in his pocket. Williamstown college was only ntroductory to a postgraduate course which our illustrious friend took while administering justice and halting ruffianism amid the mining camps of California. Oh, those "forty niners," as they were called, through what privations, through what narrow escapes, amid what exposures they moved! Administering and executing law among outlaws never has been an easy undertaking. Among mountaineers, many of whom had no regard for human life, and where the snap of pistol and bang of gun were not unusual responses, re quired courage of the highest metal. Behind a dry goods box, surmounted by allow candles, Judge Field began his j dicial career. What exciting scenes passed through! An infernal machine was handed to him, and inside the lid of the box was pasted his decision in the Pueblo case, the decision that had balked Puritanic teachings have produced it will be a matter of congratulation and thanksunprincipled speculators. Ten years ago his life would have passed out had not an officer of the law shot down his assailant. It took a long training of hardship and abuse and misinterpretation and threat of violence and flash of assassin's knife to fit him for the high place where he could defy legislatures and congresses and presidents and the world when he knew he was right. Hardship is the grindstone that sharpens intellectual faculties and the swords with

which to strike effectively for God and The reason that life to so many is a failure is because they do not have opposition enough and trials enough or because they ignominiously lie down to be run over by them instead of using them for stairs on which to put their foot and mount. Those "born with a gold spoon in their mouths" are apt to take their last medicine out of a pewter mug. Have brave heart in all departments, ve men of many obstacles! There is no brawn or character without them. The roughs glaring and growling around about the shed of a courtroom in Marysville, Cal., had as much to do with Judge Field's development as Mark Hopkins, the great Williamstown college president. Opposition develops courage. I like the ring of Martin Luther's defiance when he said to the Duke of Saxony, "Things are otherwise

ordered in heaven than they are at Augs-Notice also how much our friend did for the honor of the judiciary. What momentous scenes have been witnessed in our United States supreme court, on the bench and before the bench, whether far back it place where for many years the Congresbooks were buried alive, the hole called by John Randolph "the Cave of Tropho nius!" What mighty men stood before that bar pleading in immortal eloquence on questions of national import! Edmund Randolph and Alexander Hamilton and Pinkney and Jeremiah Mason and Caleb Cushing and the weird and irresistible Rufus Choate and George Wood and Charles O'Conor and James T. Brady and Francis B. Cutting and men now living just as powerful. How suggestive the invitation which William Wirt, the great Virginian, wrote his friend inviting him to yonder supreme court room: "Tomorrow a week will come on the great steamboat question from New York. Emmett and Oakley on one wide, Webster and myself on the other. Come down and hear it. Emmett's whole toul is in the case, and he will stretch all his powers. Oakley is said to be one of the finest logicians of the age, as much a Phocion as Emmett is a Themistocles. and Webster is as ambitious as Cæsar. He will not be outdone by any man if it is church in which he was born and the within the compass of his power to avoid it. Come to Washington. It will be a combat worth witnessing." The supreme court has stood so high in England and the United States that the vices of a few who have occupied that important place

have not been able to disgrace it, neither the corruption of Francis Bacon, nor the cruelty of Sir George Mackenzie, nor the Sabbath desceration of Lord Castlereagh. Field Was Never Profane. To that highest of all tribunals Abra ham Lincoln called our friend, but he liv ed long enough to honor the supreme cour more than it had ever honored him. For more than 34 years he sat in the presenc of this nation and of all nations a mode judge. Fearlessness, integrity, devotion to principle, characterized him. No bribe ever touched his hand. No profane word ever scalded his tongue. No blemish of wrong ever marred his character. Fully qualified was he to have his name associ ated in the history of this country with he greatest of the judiciary. As at 12 o'clock day by day on yonder hill the gavel falls in the supreme court room, and it is announced that the chief justice of the United States and the associate justices are about to enter, and all counselors at the bar and all spectators rise to greet them, and the officer with the words, "Oyez, oyez, oyez!" announces that all is now ready for a hearing and exclaims, "God save the United States of America," so I wish we could in imagination gather together those who have occu-

demanded attention we could look upon jurisprudence, and John Jay, of whom Daniel Webster sald in commemoration, "When the spotless ermine of the judicial robe fell on John Jay, it touched nothing less spotless than itself," and Rutledge and Cushing and Ellsworth and Joseph Storey, called the Walter Scott of common law, and Sir Matthew Hale and Lord Eldon and Lord Tenterden and Sir James McIntosh and Mansfield and the long line of lord chancellors and the great judges

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from both sides the sea, and after they had taken their places in our quickened imagination the distinguished cases of centuries which they decided might again be called on, after the assembled nations had ejaculated, "God save the United States of America," "God save Great Britain," God save the nations.

A Tribute to Law.

Ab, how the law honors and sanctifles everything it touches! Natural law. Civil aw. Social law. Commercial law. Comnon law. Moral law. Ecclesiastical law. International law. Oh, the dignity, the mpressiveness, the power of law! It is he only thing before which Jehovah bows, but he bows before that, although the law s of his own making. The law! By it worlds swing. By it the fate of centuries s decided. By it all the affairs of time and all the cycles of eternity will be governed. We cannot soar so high, or sink so leep, or reach out so far, or live so long as to escape it. It is the throne on which he Almighty sits. To interpret law, what a profession! What a responsibility! What an execration when the judge be a Lord Jeffreys! What a benediction if he oe a Chancellor Kent! In passing let me say that for this chief ribunal of our country congress should soon provide a better place. Let some of

he moneys voted for the improvement of rivers which are nothing but dry creeks and for harbors which will never have any shipping and for monuments to some peo ple whom it is not at all important for as to remember be voted for the erection of a building worthy of our United States supreme court. John Ruskin in "Stones of Venice," calls attention to the pleasing fact that in the year 813 the doge of Venice devoted himself to putting up two great ouildings-St. Mark's, for the worship of God, and a palace for the administration of justice to man. In its appreciation of what is best let not 1899 be behind 813. With such granite in our quarries and such architects capable of drafting sublime tructure and such magnificent sites on which to build let not another year pass before we hear the trowel ring on the cornerstone of a temple to be occupied by the highest court of the land. Justice Will Plead.

Have you ever realized how much God has honored law in the fact that all up and down the Bible he makes the judge a type of himself and employs the scene of a ourtroom to set forth the grandeurs of the great judgment day? Book of Genesis, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" Book of Deuteronomy, "The Lord shall judge his people." Book of Psalms, "God is Judge himself." Book of the Acts, "Judge of quick and dead." Book of Timothy, "The Lord the righteous Judge." Never will it be understood how God honors judges and courtrooms until the thunderbolt of the last day shall pound the opening of the great assizethe day of trial, the day of clearance, the day of doom, the day of judgment. The law of the case on that occasion will be read, and the indictment of ten counts, which are the Ten Commandments. Justice will plead the case against us, but our glorious advocate will plead in our behalf, for "we have an advocate with the Father-Jesus Christ, the righteous." Then the case will be decided in our clearance, as the Judge announces, "There is now, therefore, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." Under the crowded galleries of cloud on that last day and under the swaying upholstery of a burning heavens and while the Alps and Himalayas and Mount Washington able to understand the significance o

are falling flat on their faces we will be those Scripture passages which speak of God as Judge and employ the courtroom of earth as typical of the scene when all nations shall be brought into tribunal. To have done well, all that such a profession could ask of him, and to have made that profession still more honorable by his brilliant and sublime life, is enough for national and international, terrestrial and celestial congratulation. And then to expire beautifully while the prayers of his church were being offered at his bedside, the door of heaven opening for his entrance as the door of earth opened for his departure, the sob of the earthly farewell caught up into raptures that never Yes, he lived and died in the faith of the old fashioned Christian religion.

Believed In the Bible. Young man, I want to tell you that Jusice Field believed in the Bible from lid to lid, a book all true either as doctrine or history, much of it the history of events that neither God nor man approves. Our friend drank the wine of the holy sacrament and ate the bread of which "if a man eat he shall never hunger." He was held its sessions in the upper room of the the up and down, out and out friend of exchange at New York or afterward for the church of Christ. If there had been ten years in the city hall at Philadelphia anything illogical in our religion, he or later in the cellar of yonder capitol, the | would have scouted it, for he was a logician. If there had been in it anything sional library was kept, a sepulcher where unreasonable, he would have rejected it, because he was a great reasoner. If there had been in it anything that would not stand research, he would have exploded the fallacy, for his life was a life of research. Young men of Washington, young men of America, young men of the round world, a religion that would stand the test of Justice Field's penetrating and all ransacking intellect must have in it something worthy of your confidence. I tell you now that Christianity has not only the heart of the world on its side, but the brain of the world also. Ye who have tried to represent the religion of the Bible as something pusillanimous, how do you account for the Christian faith of Stephen J. Field, whole shelves of the law library occupied with his magnificent decisions? And now may the God of all comfort speak to the bereft, especially to her who was the queen of his life, from the day when as a stranger he was shown to her pew in the Episcopal church, to this time of the broken heart. He changed churches, but did not change religions, for the church in which he died alike believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heav en and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, and in the communion of

saints, and in the life everlasting. Amen. Where He Should Sleep. The body of our friend sleeps in temporary resting place. Hearts overwhelmed with grief cannot just now decide where that sacred and silent form shall hear the trumpet that wakes the dead. Three places are proposed, and all appropriate. Some say let it be in some God's acre near this capital, where the pillows of dust are already embroidered with spring flowers. How appropriate some cemetery near this city, which was so long his residence, and so near the place where he sat in judgment, holding evenly the balances that God put in his hand! It would be well for us sometimes to go out and read his epitaph and recall his virtues. Some say let him rest on the Pacific slope, where he achieved so much for the new state and fitted himself for so great eminence, and it would be beautiful to let the whole nation bow at his passing catafalque, a funeral reaching from ocean to ocean and 3.000 miles long, the Alleghanies and the Rockies and the Sierra Nevadas echoing the thunders of the rail train taking him to his last earthly home.

But equally appropriate is another proposal that he be put to rest amid the graves of father and mother and renowned brothers and the New England friends | If the people of this city would stop eating ple not underfoot that which to your father and mother was dearer than life itself. Defend their graves as they defended your cradle. Family coat of arms.

tion gather together those who have occupied that high judicial place in this and other lands, and they might enter, and after the falling of some mighty gavel had after the falling of some mighty gavel had we will always have typhoid with us." them—Marshall, the giant of American he was brought through the gates of the lean heavily upon the staff and watch as place in which they also will soon lie down voirs and in the bed of the Schuylkill rivto rest. Far away from the jostle and contention and rush and activities of the great alternating currents of electricity should cities he would sleep the calm sleep of the be run through them. By this method. just. The hyacinths and calla lilles of the writer argued, all fever microbes and the spring planted there would typify the germs would be shocked to death. resurrection, and the snows of winter banked there would suggest the robes made white in the blood of the Lamb. Farewell!

> Goodby, my dear old friend of mor than 30 years. Your words of personal encouragement and good cheer give mo the right to offer words of commemoration. But I must leave to others his place of burial. This city might choose Rock Creek and Oak Hill, and San Francisco might choose Lone Mountain, yet if I had my choice I would say let it be the cemetery at Stockbridge. He would be at home there, and it would be a family reunited. | Bignature But, whatever he the place, let me sprinkle

over the newly made grave this handful of heather from the Scotch highlands, in the hymn which the people of that land of Andrew Melville and John Knox are apt to sing on their way to the grave of some one greatly beloved:

Neighbor, accept our parting song. The road is short, the rest is long. The Lord brought here, the Lord takes henc

On bread of mirth and bread of tears The pilgrim fed these checkered years; Now, landlord world, shut to the door; Thy guest is gone forever more.

Gone to the land of sweet repose. His comrades bless him as he goes. Of toil and moil the day was full. A good sleep now-the night is cool. Yea, village bells, ring softly, ring, And in the blessed Sabbath bring Which from this weary workday tryst Awaits God's folk through Jesus Christ

Got the Right Change. On a Western avenue car in Alleghany last night the conductor received 5 pennies from one passenger as a fare and turning around, handed them in change to a young man who was sitting in a corner by the door. The young man said he did not wish them, but the conductor insisted that they were coin of the realm and must be taken. The passenger got mad. His face was red, his collar tight, while the conductor smiled pleasantly and seemed happy to get rid of the pennies. Finally, to end the matter, the angry young man threw the pennies out of the door, and the other passengers laughed. This made the man who had money to throw away mad-

he jumped off the car before it reached the next corner. "That fellow reminds me of a passenger I used to have," said the conductor. "Every morning when he got on he offered me a \$10 bill. I could not change it and let him ride free. Finally I scraped together 995 pennies and put them in two sacks, 500 in one and 495 in the other. The next time my \$10 man got on I gave him the sacks. He started to kick, but I told him to count the change. Then he began to see that the joke was on him, and after that he always had the right change."--

der than ever. He glared around the car

but as he saw he could not whip the crowd

Pittsburg Dispatch. Aaron Burr's Trick. The Bank of Manhattan, in New York city, has decided to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment next month, and the old story of how it was founded by Aaron Burr will undoubtedly be retold with many details. The Bank of New York was doing a flourishing business, which tempted Burr to enter the field as a rival. He knew that he could not obtain a charter for a bank from the legislature, so he drew up a charter for a water company with a little joker in it empowering the company to employ its surplus capital in the purchase of public or other stocks or in "any other moneyed transactions or operations not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the state.' and the legislature granted it.

The company did build a waterworks. and its old wooden pipes turn up occasion ally when excavations are made on Park row, but it also opened a bank which has long outlived the waterworks. The diminutive reservoir, which the company still maintains in order to preserve its charter, is surrounded by the walls of a building at Chambers street, where New Elm street begins, and is visible from the street.

Here is the Lord's Prayer in the English of former times, the best example of how the language has changed: A. D. 1258.—Fader ure in heune, haleeweide beoth thi neune, cumen thi kueneriche, thi wille beoth don in heune and in erthe. The sucrysh dawe bried gif ous nought into temptation, but delivor of ing. evel. Amen. A. D. 1300.—Fader our in hevene. Halewyd be thi name, thi kingdom come. Thi wille be done as in hevene and in erthe. Oure urche days bred give us to day. And forgive us oure dettes, as we

forgive our dettoures. And lede us not into temptation, bote delyvere us of yvel. A. D. 1582.—Ovr Father which art in heaven, sanctified be thy name. Let thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, in earth also. Guie vs today our super substantial bread. And lead vs not

into temptation. But delieurs us from evil. Amen. A. D. 1611.—Our Father which is in heaven, hallowed be they name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dayly bread. And forgine us our debts as we forgine our debtors. And lede vs not into temptation, but deliver vs from evil. For thine is the kingdome and the power and the glory foreuer

The Fire Hose In Church. The fire department was called upon the other night to fill the baptismal pool at the First Baptist church. The hose wagon from No. 8 went to the church, and a line of hose was run to the pool from the plug on the corner of Poplar and Forsyth streets. There were nine candidates for admis sion to the church that night, but when the flooring of the pulpit above the pool was removed it was discovered that there was no water in it. The janitor had ei-

ther failed to fill the pool or had not been notified. The candidates were waiting to be baptized, and the janitor, who had the key to the water spout, could not be found Chief Joyner was informed of the prelicament of the church folks and sent Foreman Butler from No. 8 engine house to the church. The pool was filled in a few moments, the hose being run through Dr. Landrum's study and up the rear

stairway. - Atlanta Constitution. Smoking Before Tobacco. There is some reason to think that peole smoked before tobacco was introduced. n several old books of housewifery certain nerbs named are to be "smoked," which means perhaps inhaling, as we should say, but the other signification is by no means impossible. A vast number of clay pipes have been found under conditions which seem to prove that they were deposited long before Raleigh's birth, and a pipe of early date is so utterly unlike the modern form that these could not have been dropped by laborers of the present day. If people were already familiar with the practice of smoking herbs, we should have an explanation of the astonishing rapidity with which they took to tobacco. It may be noted that Cartier found the Indians of Hochelaga, on the St. Lawrence, smoking a herb which we recognize from his decription as lobelia as well as tobacco. His sailors did not care for the latter, but he former met with their approval from the first, for it was "as good as drink" to them. The medicine men smoked lobelia before prophesying, and under its effect they raved.-London Evening Standard.

Two Crank Suggestions. A crank wrote thus to Mayor Ashbridge of Philadelphia the other day: "I would. like to say a few words on typhoid fever. Another crank suggested that electric light wires should be placed in the reserer, and at stated periods every day heavy

A Satisfactory Outlook. "I done had two sons what had two legs shot off in de war," said the old colored citizen, "en two mo' has des 'listed ter go yander en fight de Philistines, en ef deze las' two kin des be lucky 'nuff ter lose a leg apiece dey'll be four big pensions in de fambly, en I'll be able ter quit work en go ter preachin."-Atlanta Constitution.

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