THE ARMOURER OF MUNSTER A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF PANATICISM. (Continued.)

XXI.—THE MISSIONARIES. movement of expectation through the crowd, it horred the man, but it was impossible not to renovement of expectation into an order to the cognise in him great intellectual power and con- murmured broken words in her sleep: "Tyrant!---

occasion to make a grand impression upon the on other grounds. I need not speak of that; but spectators. Standing with one hand resting on I show you what confidence I place in your zeal the happiness that lies before thee; now let me the hilt of his sword, and with the other uplifted and integrity by placing you in an office which show thee the price at which thou must purchase

"Children of Zion! are you willing and ready, thee to this post. Thou art appointed Colonel of which, in thy secret soul, thou desirest to posvoice. It was a single interrogatory. one and all, to live and die for the faith?" The response was like the roar of the surging)

When this shout had died away, a new prophet, or, but the king interrupted him:sea ... "We are ready!"

lugubrious less, "whosoever refuseth to obey wilt be true to me to the death, and I am satisthis word at the mouth of the prophet, let him die | fied."

a preconcerted plan, but the people accepted it as mind.

names of the missionaries. Taiskoschirer drew so recently seen stained with blood. his most formidable rivals and personal enemies. ouard, conduct the colonel of the Life Guards to This was the very thing he desired; and if he the presence of the queens."

on the king with the scorching glance of a renomous reptile, he muttered between his teeth,-

"I, too, deceived! He shall rue it!" Having thus discharged his gall, he turned upon Wahrendorf, his features lapsing into a beguiling

"Thou errest, brother," he exclaimed; "thou hast listened to the voice of men, not to the voice of the Spirit. Even in the past night, at the first) turn of the morning watch, I saw a vision which commanded me to remain in Zion." "Silence!" thundered the voice of Johannes;

"a solemn duty hath even now been laid upon us.

At a signal from the king, the Trabants led from) the ranks a soldier of the king's own troop of mercenaries, heavily fettered, but still wearing his uniform. It stemed essential to every ceremony still partly-" lie stopped abruptly. of late that it should be marked by bloodshed. "This man," said the king, like a second Judes,

plotted a treason, and would have surrendered us, bound hand and foot, to the enemy, if we had not | rushed to her brow. thrown open the gates, where he was placed as | lent," replied Franz, with a look imploring forsentry, to the enemy. It is a great crime a bearance. The king's sword glitteredin the light. It was her hand to Franz, as an Intimation that the auheavy sin. His blood be upon his own head." Tike a flash, so vivid and so fleeting. The next dience was ended.

said to him,-"Brother, what hast thou to say to the congre-

"That I obey the voice of the prophet in the name of the Lord!" XXII.—PROMOTION.

On the evening of that eventful day, Franz,) seated beside Klara in the soft moonlight, related 1 to her all the circumstances which had occurred at) the meeting of the congregation. In the midst of their conversation, Hanslein, with his usual abruptness, suddenly broke into the room. "Good evening to you!" he cried, in a voice of

the most comical mock-heroic dignity; "your scapegrace is the true gentleman after all,—the only man that has a chance of rising to rank and

quired Franz. ture, you will address me by my dignities in full. stream of light glared upon his face. He awoke, Duke, if you please, -no less!"

"Duke!" reiterated Franz. "Dukel" echoed Klara. They could not believe their ears; but after a long-drawn breath,) and a natural look of incredulity, they concluded, that it was only one of Hanslein's jests.

"Ay, duke!" returned Hanslein-"his grace the duke?" surveying his own shadow as it moonlight. "But I must tell you how it was .- obedience to the commands of the king?" restlessly o'nights latterly. Horrible things, they "the king! He has grown into a great king, and say, happen to him in his dreams, which cannot has hurled down the ladder by which he scrambe much wondered at; if they are anything like bled up to the throne. Yes-I will obey his comwhat happens to him when he is wide awake.— mands! He gave me twelve hours to prepare for lie is so overwhelmed with fears, and the ghosts my journey, and a wise man can do a good day's TT of the good Germans he has slain, that he is work in twelve hours." enough. He doubts the people from the highest king." ployed and diverting their attention, he has di- "while he sleeps he slavs not. I would rather to the lowest, and by way of keeping them emvided the city into twelve duchies, and appointed prolong this blessed slumber that Eternity, not to each division a duke, selected from the few Time, should await his waking." trustworthy adherents upon whom he fancies he can depend. Each duke has a mercenary force wouldst thou with me?" demanded Frant.

per respect as becomes our relative positions."

will this accursed man do next with this wretched and listen to me." not conferred an order of nobility upon you! But of his own thoughts, and the mysterious manner cheer up, I have a little crumb of comfort for you of his midnight visitor, held him in a sort of wonin my wallet! His majesty has appointed you dering suspense. and more tempting fascinations than all the duke- | dwarf; "I know thy thoughts-I see thy heart, Colonel of the Life Guards, a post of higher rank doms heaped up into one; and he has ordered within thee fluttering like a caged bird, and beatyou to attend him to-night at the palace, when of | ing its weary wings for an escape. I am come to course it will become your colonelcy's duty to help thee to it. Be wise, and follow me." protect the sacred tailor from midnight assassination and ugly dreams.

Franz. "Tis true, on the word of a soldier !" rejoined)

the other. "and kept as much out of the way of his majesty's Osnabruck. I am here—my life is in peril for it movements as I could. Colonel of the Guards! I have staked it for you."

How has this been done?" "Done !" reiterated Hanslein; "it has been done as such things are usually done,—by a little pri- not; come, see, and decide for yourself." gether well enough, but you will discover it in Franz, shrinking with a sensation of mortal terror good time, and I won't spoil the pleasure of letting | from the tempter. your colonelcy have drawn a better lot than I and koschirer, hending his weird head, and looking my duchy. But Franz, a word in your ear. En- up with a glittering smile into the eyes of Franz. opportunity betray you into danger. So now go spoken, and Franz followed the tempter with a to the devil,—to the tailor, I mean,—I beg pardon, to the king, and I will go in like manner to serve Satan in my duchy. And now, having discharge It

ed my functions here, I wish you both a prosperous good night!" corslet once more, and took up his sword and its a slight movement of hesitation he drew aside the white silk each. There was a single stain of wine hanging, and crossing a small antechamber, openupon the sash. Instantly the queen, the Circe ed a door on the opposite side. Advancing nosewith her flashing eyes and brimming cup, stood lissly into the room, he motioned Frank to follow before his imagination; and the suspicion that it him. They stood in the chamber of Queen Gerwas she, perhaps, who had secretly procured his trude. appointment called up a flush of blood to his cheek.

which he selected as being the most befitting his sleeping queen. Franz started back; his first incommission, and pressing Klara's hand with some- stinct was to quit the spartment, but the spell thing more than common agitation, he hurried to subdued and riveted him to the spot. the palace, formerly the proud residence of the lux-

urious prince-bishons of Munster. there, and received him with a dignity which suf- was gracefully knotted on her head, but some rich fered nothing from the tone of cordiality and cunremained to be transacted; and from a sudden fidence with which he addressed him. Franz ab- luxuriant clusters over her neck.

"The attack on the bishop's camp," said the thou king ! the congregation, arrayed in his robes of state, and loyal man; and beyond your claims in that disguised astonishment. in the sir, he addressed the people in a loud, clear | will keep you about our person. Trusty friends, | it. | Be a man—expel all fears and weaknesses from

Franz expressed some doubts of his qualifica-

and Wharendorf had already acquired a sort of and when thou art installed, the head that wears looked upon the young man, with just such an exlocal influence which attracted attention to his the crown of Zion may at last hope to rest in safe- pression as a demon might be supposed to cast ty, and I have much need of it. They say I am | upon a soul he was conducting into the regions of "Thus saith the Spirit," he exclaimed, strain- cruel, sanguinary, capricious. Well, let them eternal torture. Entering the ante-mom, the door ing his naturally shrill voice to its height, "thus key what it pleases them to say; I must proceed of which he locked inside, he held the lantern to spake the Spirit—Choose out men from amongst in my appointed course, and difficulties are on the floor, as a precaution for safe and noiseless the sanctified people, and send them forth to preach | my path they have little thought of. He who is footing; then passing on into the king's sleeping | the word, and to obtain from the brethren in other | born a king inherits a system, which is responsi- | chamber, he peered scrutinisingly around on tipregions a host to deliver Zion from the hands of ble for his acts; I must make mine, and abide the toe, with outstretched neck. A perfect stillness scheen the Philistines. He who refuseth," continued the responsibility myself. I ask no oath from thee. perraded the room, and he signed to Franz to folprophet, deepening his roice to a most solemn and Give me thy hand and thy manly word that thou low him.

among the first names on the list those of two of ing a page from the antechamber, he said, "Ed- and foam gathered round the corners of his mouth. The proposal action of the antechamber, he said, "Ed- and foam gathered round the corners of his mouth. The proposal action of the antechamber, he said, "Ed- and foam gathered round the corners of his mouth.

exactly suited his policy. In the meanwhile the bed-chamber woman, who waited in the queens' that take retributive vengeance upon him in his half to accepted. prophet continued to read aloud the names of the anteroom. Approaching a low doorway covered dreams. It is the anticipation of the doom that

> beside her; all three were engaged embroidering a silken banner by the light of a lamp. "You are he, then," said the syren, with an eration.

reans bowed, but spoke not.

"Beware," said the queen, with playful earnestness, "that you do not destroy the peace of the not refuse them again. Thy good angel will not

away her embroidery, and, springing from her her destroyer. Strike!" The heart of Franz and I must perform it here in the face of the seat, turned to an open window to look out on bounded at the idea. "Strike, Colonel Kippens and I must perform it here in the face of the seat, turned to an open window to look out on bounded at the idea. "Strike, Colonel Kippens ap 22 the calm moonlight that fell in chequered streams brock; it is a deed of virtue. I will bruit abroad ap 22 through the trees. "Are you married?" demanded the queen.

"Partly?" and how?" Inquired the queen maliciously, Elise leaned against the window, and turned away her face to conceal the blood that

"I beseech your majesty's permission to be si- i "You are generous." said Gertrude, extending i

paremens. With the bloody sword in his right touched it with his quivering lips. He funcied he over the conflict of passion, ambition and revenge. hand, the king drew near to Taiskoschirer, and felt a slight pressure of the fingers as he resigned it, and, utterly bewildered, he remained kneeling l to court fashions, and not only misunderstood the my immortal soul. from the queen recalled him to his senses, and he serted passages of the palace, and cast him roughly

I started to his feet. "We shall soon command your attendance again," said Gertrude, as, for the second time, she signed to him to retire.

Bewildered by these strange incidents, and i he left the palace and wandered along the walls away under the old walls in darkness of the night. of the city, hoping that the utter solitude of the scene and the stillness of the night might restore the tranquility of his mind.

XXIII.-THE TEMPTATION. It was deep midnight. Franzlay, fully armed, on a camp hed at the door of the king's apart "What new freak now abroad, Hanslein?" in- ment. His sword and helmet were at hand, and he slept with an uneasy feverishness which indi-"Hanslein!" returned the other; "I beg, in fu- cated the agitation of his spirit. Suddenly a was dark again around him.

"Brother, hold!" muttered a hissing voice close | U in his ear. The light flashed once more from a dark-lantern, which was now turned full upon Frank, revealing at the same time the hideous features of the dwarf Taiskoschirer.

"Thou here?" demanded Franz. "Why art stretched darkly athwart the floor in the sheeted | thou not already on the road to Osnabruck, in' "The king!" retorted the other, with a sneer;

"But your business here?" inquired Franz;

"Heaven forbid!" whispered Taiskoschirer;

"Devil or man, I have that to say to thee which i peace of his own quarter. I was patented about thou wilt be worse than idiot to despise. Reten minutes ago, so you must treat me with pro- member, that you once treated my offers with contempt. Hast thou not had reason to repent) "Dukes! duchies!" muttered Franz. "What thy folly? Do not be a fool again. Be silent,

There was a strange fascination about the dwarf "Sheer envy," said Hanslein, "because he has which enchained Franz's attention. The tumult

"I have watched thee closely," continued the

"To happiness—to the consummation of an "Do not jest with me, lianslein!" exclaimed ambition brighter and more glorious than ever rose to thee in thy most extravagant dreams. have taken my life in my hand, and have ven- Old Monongahela Rye Whiskies. tured into the tiger's den to offer thee this glori-"I have of late avoided the palace," said Franz, ous prize. You say I ought to be on the road to

"Go on," cried Franz, impatiently. "Follow me, then," replied the dwarf: "resist "Whither wouldst thou lead me?" demanded |

"Doth not thine heart tell thee?" asked Tais-The effect was magical. No more words were throbbing heart through the dark corridors of the palace. All was as silent as the grave, except the

low dull sound of their stealthy steps. "Now!" exclaimed the dwarf, as he shopped ! before a doorway hung over with thick tapestry. "Marvellous !" said Franz, as he buckled on his Looking round him carefully for a moment, with "See !" exclaimed the demon, raised the lantern | able terms, neat and expeditions.

liastily putting on the plumed beliest of the knight, on high and revealing in full light the form of the

A flickering amile played about the mouth of the queen; the warm summer night gave a deeper A page conducted him to the audience-cham- crimson to her glowing cheek, which was pillowed) ber, a large apartment, splendidly furnished, and on an arm of snow, and shaded by the long lashes The king was already which fringed her deep blue eyes. Her dark hair tresses had escaped from their net and fallen

> "She utters my name !" cried Franz. with unbe provided with good and sufficient bemp ened to here and the

tions, and would have willingly declined the hon- who moved before him like Bestiny. Cautiously as they had entered they retired. Taiskoerhirer bottom (of circular form) and dap to be of good starting louther, Thou art the most worthy of all my subjects led the colonel back to the spartment of the king. malifitude, and stood in front of the king and the for this appointment. It requires courage, fideli- A fiendish smile lurked upon his lip, and a lurid people. Every day brought forth new prophets, ty, and watchfulness. These qualities thou hast; joy scintillated in his sharp sunken eyes, as he

They stood by the couch of the king. The gorgeous roles which he had worn in the morning Franz hesitated. The king penetrated his lay scattered about. A low table was placed near) It might have been easily seen that all this was thoughts as rapidly as they passed through his the bed, and upon it stood a golden goblet and a flask of wine drained nearly to the dregs. Upon like that described for the larger sized peaches. "What! does your faith in our institutions wa- a velvet cushion close to the table, the crown I sparkled in the light of the lantern. Taiskouch. The prophet having delivered himself of his mission, drew from his breast a roll of parchment

"Not yet," said the dwarf: "sleep flies from the

and a survey voice. He obeyed.—

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And a survey voice and the struck by a manufer of the materials (canvas or leather) of which it is clearly and then turning his small eyes

The Queen Gertrude sat on a raised chair of state sleeper, making a vain effort with his clenched made. All specimens demained by hidden which are with This was very horrible, and inspired Franz with | said for at the private specified in the proposals relating to the a mixed feeling of loathing and profound commis-

> ladies whom it should be your duty to protect!" visit thee a third time. Here is the sword of the muches 200 leather mail near-hear and 30 have mail bearing to the more of the protect of that he died by his own hand. Thine shall be DROPOSALS FOR PRINTING POSTOFFICE the beautiful Gertrude; thine the faithless Elise; i "I was betrothed," replied Franz, "and am thine the crown of Zion. May Heaven reject my

Franz stood on the verge of an abyss. The remembrance of his accumulated wrongs made his | Fost Bills, 15 on a sheet.

"Strikel" repeated Taiskoschirer. "On thy thead be the guilt of the innocent blood this wretch will shed if thy false pity spare his life." There was a struggle in the sorely tempted brain of Franz; but it was only for a moment, the natural honor and magnanimity of his character saved him in that moment of trial-he triumphed

at the feet of the enchantress. He was not used lay down to sleep. Fiend! thou wouldst peril; Suddenly turning to the dwarf he seized him by his breast, and making a sign of submission reneath a mask of ceremonies. A warning glance and snarling cur, he swung him through the de-

on the pavement of the outer court. "There lies thy way, dog! assassin!" he ex-| claimed; "if the rising sun find thee in Munster. 'I will denounce thee to the king.' Gasping for breath, and moaning with anguish.

thrown into a state of commotion and excitement, the shattered dwarf gathered himself up, and slank [To be Continued.]

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must be marked on the outside of the envelope with the name of the article or articles proposed for, and the package ; untaining the proposals addressed to the "Chief of the Aptointment Bureau," Montgomery, Ala. JOHN H. REAGAN, Postmanter General. DROPOSALS FOR CIRCULAR MARKING AND RATING STAMPS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MONTGORERY, March 27th, 1861. REALED PROPOSALS will be received at this department mull the first day of May next, until 12 o'clock, M., for farmish. ing for the postomices of the Confederate States, for four years from the first day of July next, Marking and Rating Stamps of the following descriptions, vis: Class 1. Circular Marking Stamps of steel, or other metal of equal durability, of a circumference and to exceed 3% inches. but no much less no convenience and good taste may dictate; with the name of the office and State, with type for the years,

months and days, in block of like metal, with sufficient thumb beary word, of a moviel most convenient for use. In proposals for this class of Ntamps, the bidder will state the additional charge, jet letter or figure, for inserting, within the circle when required, such mords and heures as Pabl, Paid & and 10, Bhip, (Ram 2. Circular Murking Stamps of tron or other mater) equal thereta, for the use of postudice and rouse agrees on the failrends and steambout mail lines; with the name of the office and State, or the name of the rational or river line; with type for months and dates, in blocks of the same material, with sultable thumb screw, and bandles of black walnut or cherry tree, of a model best adapted for une; the circumference of the stamp to the same as described in class No. 1. Class 3. Circular marking stamps of box word, or other materials of equal durability, of the same pire as Class No. 1,
with the name of the office and State; with type for months and
days, of printers' type metal, in blocks or single letters and 8. gures, with thumb screw and handles the same as described to on reason. Class 4. Marking stamps for foreign mails similar to those ap 22. New in use in the Postediose at New York, Philadelphia and

The right to change or alive the off he of the to either class, upon equitable terms, reserved to the Pustinas-Propusals will be received for furnishing the whole of the above named circular stamps, or for EACH CLASS organizely. Blamps will be ordered for the different clames of others accurding to such rules and regulations as may bereather be adop and by the department. Madels of the stamps must across pury the proposals. Kach bidder must furnish with his programmic existence of his ability to comply with his bid. Hallictent surkies will be required to a contract, and the I stamps must be delivered at this department at the expenses of with "Proposals for Postetion Marking Stamps," and addressed to the "Chief of the Appendment Barous," Mentgemery, Ala.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MOSTCOMERY, March 27th, 1861. ARALED PROPORALE will be received at this Depart-I spent until 12 o'clock M., the let day of May next, for furnish. ing for four years from the date of contract, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the juntal

perstre of the Contederate States, MAIL LANCES of the following description, with KRTH in triplicate, viz: Brann Mail Lords, with Keys of the same metal. The Locks and Keys must be of superior manufacture, and durability, and fromdom from liability to get out at order, and | RECEIVED AT THE must be promptly delivered to the dejurtment without adapthemal expense to the government. Find Mail look and Key manut be stamped thus; TC. S. Mail." Biddern are required to furnish ramples of lacks and Keyn, and natiofactory evidence of their ability to execute their contract to case their programal be arrested. The samples must be delivered at this department on or before the lat day of May next, and those which shall have accompanied the accepted prepenals will, in connection with such programmia, form the busis of

The contract to be made. A derision on the title will be made on or before the lith day of May well, and the arregard bolder or bidders will be to quired to enter into continct with authorient bond and securities on or before the lat day of July nest. Bidders will state the curiscut period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the article bid for, in the event of the contract from an arded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which has period beyond the lat of July for the delivery of The number of the different kinds of Mall Lacks and Keys ! which will probably be required but been calibrated at 1,000 of , the Brain Lincks and 4,000 of the from, with triplicate Keys for the entire number, but the Pusimenter General reserves the ight to increase or diminish the number of such kind, arounding to the extremeles of the postal service, without change in

the cont of supply or delivery. The Proposely about be addressed "Chief of Chatract Beread," Pusiodice Department, Montgomery, Ala. URUPOSALS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, A POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MONTGONERY, March 27th, Incl.

until 3 o'clock, P. M., of the lot day of May next, for furnishing for the use of the Pentosine in the Construerate States pusings I stamps, of the denominations of 2 & 10 and 30 rests. The puntage stamps, must be performed around their edges, and well gummed, but up in packages of litt sheets each, and delivered to the Department free of charge, and in such quantities as may be required to all the orders of postmanters. Proposale are also invited for farminhing strantuard buses, for purking purcels of postage statups of from Its to 200 shorts ench, and of tin boxes of equal capacity, to be delivered at the Department. The dies for embouning the postage stamps are to newed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Bond and security will be required for the faithful perform Each beider must submit samples of the justings statiful firejumed to be furnished, and also furnish evidence of his stilling to comply with his bid. The price, quality of samples and the sufficiency of the telder will be considered together in awarding the contract, and the Postmaster General reserves to himself the right to annul it who ever he shall discover that the same. or any part of it, is offered for male in the market for the justime of speculation, and he will in no case annothen a transfer of the contract to any party who shall be, in his opinion, less able and

qualified than the original bedder or contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a failure is perform takkfully any of its stipulations. Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be which is a period beyond the lot of July next for the delivery | IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE LATEST NEWS The bids abould be marked "Prefuncis for Postage Stamps," and addressed "Chief of the Flance Bureau," Postotice De partment, Montgomery, Ale. JOHN II. REAGAN.

DROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT. Montconzay, March 27, 1961 BRALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department would be check P. M. of the lat day of May next for turnishing all the stamped envelopes this Department may require for a period of four years, Tist No. 1, or more size, 1% by 4% inches of white imper. No. 2, or letter size, No by Sig inches, of built or white imper.

in such proportions of either as may be required. No. 3, or official size, 3% by 8% inches, of bull or white paper, or in such proportions of either as may be required Proposals are also invited for furnishing HTHAW BOARD BOIES, for packing parcels of envelopes of 100 to 50 each, and for WOODEN CASES, for packing parrels of 10,000 to 25,000. The envelopes to be made in the best manter, of paper of approved quality, manufactured specially for the purpose, and having such water marks as the Postmuster General may direct They must be gummed for smaling, at least 2% inches on the polat, banded in jurcels of 25, jucked without charge for juck ing, and furnished encupiete and ready for use, in such quantither as may be required to fill the orders of mutinasters. An agent of the department will faruble the address for each parcel, which is to be pasted on the tora by the manufacturer The data for embracing the puntage stamps on the excelopes ! are to be executed in the best style, and they are to be provided, renewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Bidders are requested to furnish samples of juger, with their blile of the quality they intend to use in the manufacture of the envelopes they propose to furnish. Roads and security will be required for the faithful perform ance of the contract, and payments under it will be made quarterly. Price, quality of samples, and the sufficiency of the bidder, will be considered, together in awarding the contract. and the Protmoster General reserves to himself the right to amend it whenever he shall discover that the same, or any part of it, is offered for sale in the market for the purpose of specu lation; and he will, in no case, sanction a transfer of the con-

tract to any party who shall be, to his opinion, less able and qualified than the original bedder or contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a fallure to perform falthfully any of his stipulations. Bilders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event of the contract bring awarded to them, as it will have an import ant bearing upon the award. But bids will not be entertained which as a period beyond the lat of July next for the delivery All stamped envelopes that may be required by the department to fill the orders of Postmaners are to be promptly deliv ered at this department without additional charge. The rates of printage to be stamped upon the envelopes are two cents, fire cents, ton cents, and twenty cents. The bids should be marked, "Proposals for humped Entelopen," and addressed to the "Third of the Pissance Bureau," Fostoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala.

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