



PRINCESS OF WALES.

How the Future Queen of England Looks at the Spinning Wheel.

The princess of Wales had the fortune to be reared in homely simplicity. Her father, when she was born, was duke of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, a younger son of a not very rich house, and without a private fortune. His family was brought up economically, like that of any country gentleman. It is not strange, therefore, that the princess, his daughter, should be especially marked among the royal personages of Europe for her domestic tastes. It is well known that in her girlhood she made and remodeled her own simple frocks and trimmed herself her own hair. Her mother was a German, and she herself received the excellent training in the needle and housewifely arts that German matrons deem essential for their daughters. Among these is the use of the spinning-wheel, and the princess recurs with a never-ceasing affection to that homely but picturesque implement, in the use of which she is as skillful as any German country girl of the time when she was one herself. Though the princess of Wales no longer is obliged to do spin-



PRINCESS AT THE SPINNING WHEEL. ning or even sewing, still, simple and unpretentious though she is, she may not be insensible to the effectiveness the spinning-wheel lends as an accessory in the portrait of a graceful and beautiful woman.

The art of being a grandmother comes pleasantly to this lady, and she never seems more charming than when she tends the pretty little girls and boys of the third generation. She is loving, but strict, too, and there is no danger that Prince Edward and his brother and the little Duffs will be spoiled. No royal lady ever had more good, practical common sense than this princess.

MIRRORS IN GLOVES.

Novelty That Promotes to Become Dear to the Feminine Heart.

A mirror in the palm of the glove is the latest novelty. With its assistance its owner is enabled to be sure that her bonnet is on straight and also that her curls are in perfect order. She can likewise ascertain if her bow is at the most becoming angle at the proper time.

All these things and a hundred others, important from a feminine point of view, she can find out on the street without attracting the attention of passers-by, with the aid of this simple contrivance.

The inventor of this device has so arranged the little looking-glass in the palm of the glove as not to interfere with the shutting of the hand. He has likewise taken the precaution of putting it in the left-hand glove, so that when its owner shakes hands with a friend it will not be observed.

It is not the fair sex alone that will find this ingenious contrivance useful. Men are quite as vain as women, so the latter claim, and will be seen by any observer to look at themselves in every mirror they pass on the street.—N. Y. Journal.

How to Clean Straw Hats.

A last season's straw hat that has become discolored may be cleaned with very little trouble. Procure at the drug-gist's two cents' worth of powdered yellow sulphur and mix it with the juice of a lemon. With a soft brush or piece of white cloth rub this mixture into the straw; take a fresh piece of cloth, slightly dampened with cold water, and rub the straw well. Put the hat aside for 24 hours, then brush thoroughly with a clean brush to remove any powder that may remain. The straw should be fresh, clean and creamy in color.

The Latest Health Aid.

The latest health aid is paper pillows. The paper is torn into very small pieces and then put into a pillow sack of drilling or light ticking. The pillows are very cooling in hot weather, and are said to be superior to feather ones. Newspapers are not nice to use, as they have a disagreeable odor of printer's ink, but brown or white paper and old letters and envelopes are the best. The finer the paper is cut or torn the lighter it makes the pillow.

Proper Adjustment of Sashes.

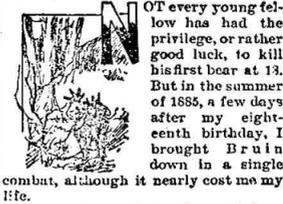
The deep sash of ribbon is much worn by fashionable women. It is slightly pointed in front and is fully a quarter of a yard high. It is, in fact, one of the recent borrowings from the Marie Antoinette period. Skillfully adjusted it is pretty and becoming, but put on by one who doesn't know how it is stiff and ugly to the last degree. It should have the look of easily swathing and suggesting the lines of the figure.

The Carina's Private Car.

One of the carina's newest possessions is a railway car of her own, exquisitely upholstered in rose satin and lighted by electricity. The wheels of the compartments are covered with India rubber tires.

MY FOREST ADVENTURE.

BY GEORGE E. WALSH.



NOT every young fellow has had the privilege, or rather good luck, to kill his first bear at 13. But in the summer of 1885, a few days after my eighteenth birthday, I brought Bruin down in a single combat, although it nearly cost me my life.

This incident of itself would have been sufficient excitement and glory for one day, but circumstances made my desperate encounter with the bear only a prelude to dangers that capped the climax of a most eventful day's experience.

Consequently this is not so much of a bear story as the introduction might suggest. I lived on a farm in the northern part of Maine in that year, and spent what time I could in the woods, hunting game and setting traps for all kinds of furry animals. My experience in woodcraft dated back several years, and, though merely a youth, I knew a good deal about hunting wild game. I was passionately fond of the sport, and an expert with the rifle.

Bears abound in the Maine woods at certain seasons of the year, but generally they are small brown and black bears, not much larger than a big dog. I had the utmost contempt for many of these creatures. But one hot day, late in the summer, I discovered one that commanded my respect and made me very anxious to kill him.

I was seated on a fallen tree in the thickest part of the woods, eating my lunch and cooling my parched lips with the water from a gurgling stream near by. Suddenly a crash among the bushes about a dozen rods away attracted my attention.

Looking in the direction whence the noise proceeded, I saw an enormous black bear standing upon his haunches, eating blackberries. He was scooping them in by the quart, stripping the bushes with his huge claws, and cramming them into his mouth as if half starved. As I watched the animal a desire to bring him down took possession of me. I felt sure that I could send a bullet through his heart from my position.

My rifle was loaded and stood against a neighboring tree. I took it cautiously, cocked it without attracting the attention of the bear, and aimed it at



I SWUNG MYSELF ONTO HIS BACK.

the creature's heart. I could hear a low growl almost simultaneously with the report of the rifle, and then I realized that I had injured danger.

The bear was only wounded and was rushing toward me with the most savage expression upon his face that I ever saw on any animal. I just had time to take aim again and send another bullet at the infuriated beast. But even this did not check his headway. He came staggering along with blood in his eyes and with a heavy paw upraised. I dropped my gun and took out my long hunting knife. I realized that I had only one chance in ten, but I would fight hard for that one chance.

Everything seemed blurred for an instant. I saw the black body of the bear towering over me, ready to strike me with his knife. In my right hand I held the knife firmly, ready to give a violent lunge at the right moment.

But the blow never fell. The bear stopped and tottered before me, and dropped at my feet in its death agonies. The two heavy bullets had performed their mission satisfactorily.

All would have been well with me had I been active in moving beyond the reach of the struggling animal, but in his violent movements Bruin's heavy paw came in contact with my left leg, and, as if realizing that he had caught his murderer, he began to claw and tear the skin and flesh. He lived only half a minute after falling, but in that time he had given me flesh wounds that I would remember for several months. The flesh was torn in places almost to the bone, and the whole leg rendered almost useless.

My pleasure at killing the big bear was partly cooled down by my sad plight. I was five miles from home and my journey through the woods would be slow and laborious. The pain soon became excruciating, and I started up to get home before my leg grew stiff and cramped.

SEED DISTRIBUTION.

One of Nature's Most Wonderful and Mysterious Operations.

In the hedgerows and along the country highways, so infinitely varied in their peaceful beauty, what wonderful and diverse operations and designs are taking place to secure the distribution of the ripened seed—winged seeds of suitable shape for the wind to carry and let drop here and there in cleared space; seeds that hook themselves to the passer-by, so that perchance they may be conveyed to a bit of ground not overcropped.

The wild geranium that grows here and there so abundantly, when its pink petals have fallen and the seed within its seed-case are ripe, by a simple mechanism shoots its seeds some little distance.

The capsule of the common poppy has little doors in the top, and when it is agitated by the wind, the seeds are ejected one by one through these small apertures. The little doors are protected from rain by an overhanging roof, and close themselves in wet weather.

In the autumn, a dry, bristly, roundish thing about the size of a large marble (the burr of the burdock) gets attached to our clothes or entangled in the long hair of our dog, and can be only got rid of with some difficulty.

The burdock, wild parsley and enchanter's nightshade, so common to our woodlands, by means of hooks cling to any passer-by who may chance to knock against them, using this method of distributing their seed.

Seeds by adhering to the wool of sheep have been conveyed in the fleece to other countries, and a new and vigorous growth has resulted therefrom. In the plants I have named the hooks are so arranged as to provide for the removal of the seed, and, although beautifully formed, are small, but in some foreign species they are truly formidable. If the fruits of the martynia, found in Louisiana, get hold of an animal they are most difficult to remove.

A kind of grass grows in Australia, in which the mass of inflorescence forms a large round head, and is thus driven for miles over the dry sands till it comes to a damp place, when it expands and soon takes root.

A small annual, with rounded pods, is met with in the sandy places in Egypt, Syria and Arabia, which, when dry, curls itself up into a ball or round cushion, and is then driven by the wind till it finds a damp place, when it uncurls the pods open and the seeds drop out.—Golden Days.

I crouched down in the bushes and waited for the animal to reach my side. It swept within a foot of me, lumbering along like an old schooner at sea, clumsy, yet powerful and heavy. When abreast of me, I used all my strength to spring toward the huge antlers. I caught them with my hands close to the head, and then with a sudden powerful lurch I drew my whole body upon the back of the moose.

For an instant the animal appeared more frightened at my presence than at the fire, and it swung its heavy head

angrily from side to side. But the roar and crackling of the fire were ringing close behind us, and death awaited us if we hesitated. The moose appeared to realize this as well as myself, and accepting the inevitable it trotted forward through the woods, carrying me securely upon its back.

The race for the lake was a close and wild one. The fire was gaining rapidly upon us, and the moose strained every nerve to get ahead of it. The heavy weight upon its back retarded its movements and made the poor beast pant and blow.

Through the bushes we crashed, heavy branches frequently knocking me on the head, while twigs and switches constantly struck me in the face. When the edge of the lake was finally reached I was as much relieved as the moose, for the ride through the woods on the back of the animal was anything but agreeable. With a wild plunge forward the brute carried me far out into the cool waters of the lake.

The lake was not deep, and I slid off the back of my moose as soon as we were free from the fire. The great hulking monster turned deliberately around then and gazed at me.

The fire came raging through the forest, and burned the woods down to the very edge of the lake, but I was safe from its fiery blasts.

I staid in the water all that night, and the next day crawled home, with the worst-looking leg that you ever saw outside of a hospital.

But I had little to grumble at, for my life had been barely saved by the bull moose, and I was thankful enough for that to forget all minor complaints.—N. Y. Ledger.

—In the Latin alphabet, as modified from the Greeks, the third letter, C, was pronounced as G, like the Greek Gamma.

THE MONSTER "PRACTICING."

Wherever I may go, Whatever I may do, That dreadful monster, "Practicing," Looms up before my view.

And in a voice I must obey He calls me from my pleasant play. Each day, at half-past three, When I come home from school, In sternest voice he summons me Straight to the piano stool: There while my chords and scales I try, I count the moments passing by.

If I am out of sorts And crossly strike a key, With discord most unbearable He then does punish me. He'll worry me with all his might Until my exercise goes right. They tell me that in time More beautiful he'll grow: There'll be a smile upon that face That now does scare me so; His ugliness will flee, and I Will grow to love him—by and by.

And so, perhaps, if I Am good and persevering, And do my lessons right and try Not to offend his ear, Oh "Practicing" will grow to me As pleasant as they say he'll be.—Margaret F. Mauro (aged 12), in St. Nicholas.

FROGS AS BAROMETERS. The Little Amphibians Are More Reliable Than the Weather Office.

Hans was in the garden making mud pies. Suddenly he heard his father call: "Hans, come here; I want to speak to you."

"What is it, father?" cried Hans, getting up from the ground where he had been playing and going over to the window where his father was.

"Hans," said he, "I want you to find a tree-frog for me—like those you hear in the evenings."

"I'll show you," replied his father; "but get me the tree-frog first."

So Hans ran off wonderingly to the back of the yard, where there were a great number of fruit trees growing. Here he searched for some time unsuccessfully.

"It's always the way," said he to himself. "If I didn't want one I could find a couple of dozen in quick time."

At last, as he was about to give up the search, he found one—a big green fellow—sitting quietly in an old hollow stump, its coat so mingling with



A FROG BAROMETER.

the color of the wood that he would have passed it by had it not uttered a croak of displeasure at being disturbed.

With a cry of delight the boy picked it up by the hind legs, for, though Hans was not a cruel boy, he was sometimes thoughtless, and then he was a little afraid of frogs. He carried it to his father who stood waiting for him on the porch.

Myneer Voost took the frog from his son and went into the house, closely followed by the boy, who was anxious to see what his father was about to do. When he reached the work-room he saw on the table a jar which, to him, looked suspiciously like one of his mother's preserve jars; and beside it lay a small ladder, about eight inches long, made of wood, and having four steps, each an inch wide.

His father took this ladder and placed it in the jar, the top and bottom resting against the opposite sides. He then put the frog in the jar, and screwed the top down, making the unfortunate frog a prisoner.

"Now," explained his father, when he had finished, "I have a barometer. When the weather is to be clear and fine Herr Frog will go up the ladder, step by step, till he gets to the top; but if a storm threatens or the clouds are lowering, he will gradually descend to the bottom and remain there till the storm or rain is past. His position on the ladder, you see, will show the kind of weather we are liable to have for the next 24 hours."

This style of barometer is much used in the lowlands of Germany, and, strange as it may seem, they are said to be better forecasters of the weather than any barometer that can be bought, as the frogs seldom make a mistake in their indications.—Leslie's Popular Monthly.

The First Baseball Game.

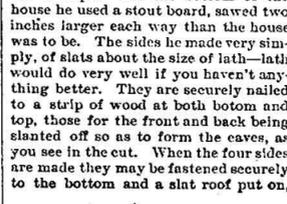
The game of baseball was 50 years old in June, the first match game having been played at Hoboken, N. J., on June 19, 1846, between the Knickerbocker and New York clubs. Previous to that time townball had been the great game, but some of the devotees got their heads together and evolved a series of rules which changed the sport so materially that they decided to call it baseball. The first team was organized on September 2, 1845, but it was not until the following June that a match game was played.

The Peppermint Betrayed Him. Burglars make a mistake when they tackle a physician's office. One broke into a London doctor's consulting-room, and the doctor, who happened to be taking a nap, awoke, and threw at the intruder the first thing he could lay his hands on. It happened to be a bottle of peppermint, which struck the thief on the neck and broke. The thief got away, but the next day the police sniffed at every suspicious character they met, and soon bagged their man. Twenty-four hours later, when he was arraigned in court, he still reeked of peppermint.

BERT'S BIRD HOUSE.

He Drew All the Plans Himself and Did Every Bit of the Work.

Bert Wallace has been building a bird house. He drew the plans all himself and did every bit of the work, even to setting up the house in the corner of the yard, where some wrens have since taken possession of it. It is very nicely made, and you can, if you care to follow his example. For the bottom of the house he used a stout board, sawed two inches larger each way than the house was to be. The sides he made very simply, of slats about the size of lath—lath would do very well if you haven't anything better. They are securely nailed to a strip of wood at both bottom and top, those for the front and back being slanted off so as to form the eaves, as you see in the cut. When the four sides are made they may be fastened securely to the bottom and a slat roof put on,



BERT'S BIRD HOUSE.

with good, liberal projecting eaves. Or, if you have some large shingles, they will do very well for roofing. At the top you will have to put on some ridge caps so that the house will not leak. Now cut a hole in front for the bird to enter, put a little perch over it and a perching stick or two for the birds to rest upon and your house is complete.

The best support for the house is a small, stout limb of a tree with projecting branches, and you can obtain it in any woods. The branches should be sawed off as shown in the cut, so as to form a base for the house. You may paint the house almost any color and plant vines around it. In a year or two it will be an attractive addition to almost any yard.—Chicago Record.

Little Girl's Wonderful Nerve.

A wonderful exhibition of nerve and coolness in the face of deadly peril was shown by Jennie Sheets, aged eight years, recently near Kansas City. A heavily loaded passenger train left Cabool, Mo. A small trestle terminates a sharp curve a few miles east of the town, and the train was making 40 miles an hour when the curve was reached. The engineer saw two women and two little girls on the trestle. To stop was impossible. The women jumped to the dry bed of the creek below; the children remained on the trestle. Jennie Sheets was one, and she seized her companion, threw her on the extreme edge of the bridge sleeper and there held her until the train had passed. The train was stopped and all the passengers ran back, to find little Jennie anxiously inquiring if her mother was hurt.

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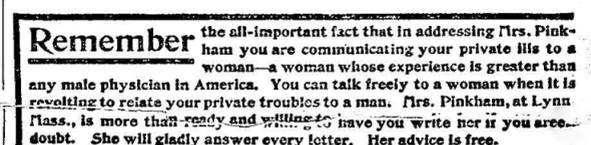
falling and displacement of the womb and consequent spinal weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the change of life. Every time it will cure backache. It has cured more cases of leucorrhoea than any remedy the world has ever known. It is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels tumors from the uterus in an early stage of development and checks any tendency to cancerous humors.

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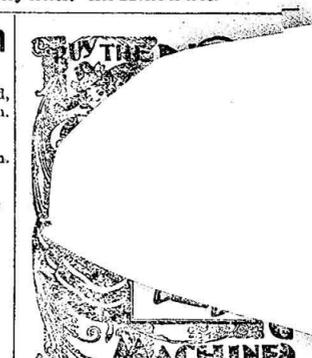
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The maintenance of our republican institutions and the preservation of a high grade of American citizenship alike demand the stoppage of further illiterate immigration.

The Lodge bill, which is a substitute for a similar House measure, provides that no foreigner over 16 years old may land in the United States unless he can both read and write in at least one language.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Lodge bill does not apply to any refugees from Cuba seeking an asylum in this country during the present war.

CAPITOL CORRIDOR CHAT.

Mr. Bill, of Long Island, has introduced into the House a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a statue to be erected in ...

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He was a member of the Baltimore border State convention, and was a member of the Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Chicago national conventions.

Judge Butler has seen more public service than any man in the State, except Senator Harris.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHILDREN

Under Twelve Years of Age Left Orphans by Murder.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The four ...

The question of what shall be done with these orphans is receiving the attention of the Christian world.

The American Board of Commissioners has the question of creating orphanages and industrial institutions under consideration.

In Erzeroum there are 180 widows with 700 children without means.

at Baitbourt 119 widows with 500 children.

Woman's Work

Is never done, and it is especially wearing and wearisome to those whose blood is impure and unfit properly to tone, sustain and renew the wasting of nerve and muscle and tissue.

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MACEO MAY BE ALIVE.

CUBANS IN HAVANA PERSISTENTLY DENY THAT HE WAS KILLED.

Rumors of an Engagement With Him On the 15th Inst.—Orders to Stop Demonstration—Zertucha a Prisoner.

Havana, Dec. 17, via Key West.—The captain of the war ship Reina Cristina, which is stationed at Mariel, has formally protested to Captain-General Weyler against the claim that Antonio Maceo crossed the trocha by sea and not by land.

Dr. Zertucha, the alleged physician of Maceo, who vouches for his death, is again a prisoner.

MACEO DEAD OR LIVING.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 17.—Passengers arriving here last night from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well, and is in the Province of Matanzas.

These passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

Passengers by the Olivette last night report great uneasiness is felt in Havana on account of the uncertainty of Maceo's death.

As to that portion of the act which provides that they shall be competent witnesses for or against each other in criminal cases, the court held it unconstitutional and void, because the object was not expressed in the title.

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There was the wildest kind of an excitement on the dock last night when the facts became known.

The cheers for Cuba Libre shook the dock. It is also said that there were private letters in the city confirming the above, but it is impossible to get at them tonight.

BIG CARGO OF CORN FOR INDIA.

140,000 Bushels to Be Shipped From This Country at Once.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The first cargo of corn which has ever been shipped from this country to India will be carried by the German steamship Remus, which left Baltimore tonight for this port.

The British government has purchased 140,000 bushels of corn in this country, which will be loaded here by the Remus and taken to India.

AN AGED COUPLE TO WED.

The Groom is 95 and the Bride 101 Years Old.

Lawrenceburg, Ky., Dec. 17.—The marriage of the oldest couple that ever walked to Hymen's altar in Kentucky is to take place at Whitesburg during the Christmas holidays.

The groom is William Sexton, aged 98, and the bride-elect Rachel Craft, three years his senior.

Who Can Measure

The influence of the mother! It shapes the course of unborn generations—goes sounding through all coming ages and enters the confines of Eternity.

With what care, therefore, should the Expectant Mother be guarded, and how great the effort be to ward off danger and make her life happy.

Mother's Friend

Allays Nervousness, relieves the Headache, Cramps and Nausea, and so prepares the system that Child-Birth is made easy and the time of recovery shortened—many say "stronger after than before confinement."

It insures safety to life of both mother and child. All who have used "Mother's Friend" say they will never be without it again.

No other remedy robs confinement of its pain.

"A customer whose wife used 'Mother's Friend,' says that if she had to go through the ordeal again, and there were but four bottles to be obtained, and the cost was \$100 per bottle, she would have them." Geo. LATTON, Dayton, Ohio.

A Decision by Judge Paul of Great Interest to the Public.

During the term of the United States Court at Harrisonburg Judge Paul rendered an important decision as to the competency of husband and wife to testify for or against each other in a criminal case.

In United States vs Lloyd Echols counsel for the prisoner offered to introduce the prisoner's wife as a witness in his behalf under an act of the Virginia Legislature passed at the session of 1893-94.

The United States Attorney raised the point that so much of the act as allowed the husband and the wife to be a witness for or against each other in a criminal case was in violation of the Constitution of Virginia (article 5, section 15) which provides that "no law shall embrace more than one object which shall be expressed in its title."

The title of the act is, "an act to make husband and wife competent witnesses for or against each other in civil cases." The court held that the title of the act was not broad enough to cover the objects embraced in the act, and that the title only covered the first section of the act which provides that husband and wife shall be competent witnesses for or against each other in civil cases.

As to that portion of the act which provides that they shall be competent witnesses for or against each other in criminal cases, the court held it unconstitutional and void, because the object was not expressed in the title.

The question as to the validity of the act of the Legislature mentioned has been much discussed by the legal fraternity in Virginia, but Judge Paul's decision is the first judicial decision which has yet been made upon it and will be of great interest to the public as well as to the legal profession.

Xmas Novelties of every description at O. C. Sprinkle's.

R. F. Nickels is the place to get bargains he has the Furniture and Groceries bought specially for the Holiday trade.

For the Holidays.

Silk and Cotton Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Neckwear, Jewelry, etc., at WEILER'S.

The best stock of shoes at Weiler's.

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The Danger is Averted by Using AYER'S HAIR VIGOR

"Nearly forty years ago, after some weeks of sickness, my hair turned gray and began falling out so rapidly that I was threatened with immediate baldness. Hearing Ayer's Hair Vigor highly spoken of, I commenced using this prepara-

tion, and was so well satisfied with the result that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It stopped the hair from falling out, stimulated a new growth of hair, and kept the scalp free from dandruff. Only an occasional application is now needed to keep my hair of good, natural color. I never hesitate to recommend any of Ayer's medicines to my friends."—Mrs. H. M. HAIGERT, Avoca, Neb.

For every day or Sunday pants to Weiler's.

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When in Marion with a team, don't fail to put it up at my stables. I will have it fed and well cared for and my charges will be reasonable. A Nice, gentle riding horse for ladies— We can furnish the best Livery Rigs in Marion. Give us a trial and be convinced.

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Life is Not Measured by Years, but by Strength and Vigor.

What Makes the Young Old and the Old Young? Dr. Greene's Nervura the Great Restorative.

How often we say of one past the meridian of life, even of the young, "How young he looks!" And on the other hand, how many who ought to be in their prime, bear evidences in looks and feelings of old age!

It ought never to be, where healthful conditions have prevailed. Strength and vigor in youth and mature years depend on the care and attention our natural qualifications receive. In the mad rush of business, in the fierce struggle of the mart and the arena, in the strain and worry, we lose all sight and thought of the necessary conditions, and imperil our years without excuse or justification.

There is no sight so beautiful as vigorous maturity, and fresh and hearty age; nor one so sad as a prematurely decayed youth. If spring-time verdure, summer bloom and autumn ripeness, are the fitting types of the year, so are the freshness of youth and the strength, vigor and maturity of age the fitting incidents of a proper life.

Nothing makes these possible so surely as a sound body, strong nerves, and rich blood to make the body healthy; nothing is so certain a help as Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. Thousands have been taken

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Christmas is Almost Here.

And you want to enjoy it and at the same time make your dimes and dollars count. Therefore buy your groceries from me and save 15 per cent. on your bills.—Large stock at low prices. My line of candy run from the cheapest to the finest. Large line of

Fine Tobacco, Cigars, etc. Come and see me.

A. P. Pickle.

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Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, etc.

We want Eggs, Butter Dress Poultry and fur skins. VENABLE & Co.

Now is the Time.

If you intend to give your wife a Christmas gift now is the time to call at THE NEWS office and see about a Climax Sewing Machine. We doubt if any present you could get would please your wife more. Big money will be saved to you by getting this machine from us.

CASTORIA. The healthiest signature of Cass H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

We will take dressed poultry, corn and pork or any kind of produce from parties owing us on account, and we ask you to kindly favor us in this way when you have the opportunity, as we must insist on our accounts being settled.

Respectfully, Groseclose Bros.

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Fresh currants, raisins, citron, figs, dates, cocoanuts and mince meat just received at C. M. WOLFE'S.

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Big lot of ladies and gents gloves at Groseclose Bros.

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MARION NEWS

Local Items.

A merry Xmas to all.
Bargains in Overcoats at Weiler's.
A. C. Smith, of the Bristol News, was in town Monday.

Apples were selling on the street Monday for \$1.00 per bushel.

One hundred baskets of Malaga Grapes just received at Pickle's.

Nice, Fresh Oranges, Lemons, Bananas and Apples at C. M. Wolfe's.

The Baptist Sunday School will have a Xmas tree at the Baptist church Christmas eve at 7 o'clock.

Judge S. W. Williams, late Democratic candidate for congress, was in town Tuesday attending circuit court.

If you want to see yourself as others see you, go to R. F. Nickels' Furniture House and look at his fine mirrors.

A. L. Robinson, of Friendship, L. P. Suppers, of Abingdon and C. B. Thomas, of Wytheville, were attending court Monday.

Make your friend a present of a nice pair of gold-framed spectacles or eye-glasses. O. C. Sprinkle has a full line of optical goods.

The Christmas tree exercises of the Lutheran Sunday school will take place in the College Chapel, beginning Thursday at 6 p. m.

The R. K. Kelly farm, which is situated in Rich Valley, was sold last Monday for \$3025.00. The Gass Brothers were the purchasers.

Fresh candies, nuts, raisins, figs, dates, currants, etc., at Pickle's.

The most exquisite line of Pictures, Easels and wall-pockets ever displayed in Marion are now on exhibition at the Furniture Establishment of R. F. Nickels.

Messrs. P. D. Crouch, L. P. Francis and Thos. Stephenson have secured the contract for building the large store-house for Look & Lincoln. The work is to begin Jan. 1st, '97.

We enjoyed that Thanksgiving turkey hugely. Now who will be thoughtful enough to bring us one for Christmas? We will allow you more than the market price on your subscription.

Plain and French Candy, Prunes, Nuts and Cocoanuts Etc., at W. E. & F. W. LEONARD.

We return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stone for an invitation to be present at the marriage of their niece, Miss Rachie Copenhaver, to Mr. R. H. Dickson, at Mt. Carmel church, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1896, 2:30 p. m.

An application was made by William Blankenbeckler for an alteration in the road leading up and down St. Clairs creek, in the southwestern portion of the county. The viewers appointed were Messrs. A. F. Bonham, W. A. Wolfe and Wiley C. Anderson.

For Matting, Carpets, Feet Mats or Rugs go to R. F. Nickels who has a large stock and low prices.

Rev. J. S. Alfriend, of Saltville, who is rector of the Episcopal church at that place, also at Glade Spring and Marion, filled his appointment here Sunday. Rev. Alfriend obtained license Monday to perform the sacred rites of matrimony in the state of Va.

Girls, young ladies and especially old maids, remember this is the last leap year for eight years. Only a few more days remain in which it is expected that you are at liberty to take the initiative step to rid yourself from single wretchedness. Propose at once.

A new upright piano in beautiful figured wood, full size, guaranteed five years for \$300.00, is among the bargains now being offered by Hobbie Piano Co., Roanoke. They have several more just as good. They will sell on easy payments. Write them for particulars. All enquiries answered promptly.

A nice line of Holiday goods. Come and see them.

W. E. & F. W. LEONARD.
We go to press two days earlier this week than customary, in order to get out of the way of Christmas, as that comes on our publication day this year. No paper will be published next week as the editorial force, including our devil, deserves a few holidays along with other good people who have put in 51 weeks of assiduous toil and labor during the good year of 1896.

Granulated sugar 6 cts. lb. at Pickle's.

Hats and caps to fit all heads at Weiler's.

Cranberries, the nicest ever brought to Marion, at Pickle's.

There are only a few more books left at the drug store. Come before they are all gone.

Only a few more days of '96. Try to settle your subscription before the new year comes in.

The young man who starts out in life with the purpose to have an easy time will either be disappointed or a burden on his friends.

The Southwest Virginia Institute buildings and land, of Bristol, Tenn., are advertised for sale under a decree of the chancery court.

The members of the Epworth League at Mt. Carmel will give an entertainment in the church on the evening of Dec. 30, 6:30 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend.

The up-to-date girls who spell their names "Lillian," "Mae," "Nellie," and so forth, have their imitators among the young men who sign their names "Byl," "Myke," "Jym," and so forth.

We have appointed O. C. Sprinkle our agent at Marion, and through him you can buy jewelry at prices to suit the times. Call and examine our large catalogue and price-list—anything ordered subject to approval Engraving free.

ROGERS WILLIAMS M'fg. Co.

There are now about 70,000 post-offices in the United States, and it takes something like \$90,000,000 annually to pay the salaries of the postmasters. As an indication of how we have grown, a hundred years ago there were only 75 post offices in the United States and a total cost of the entire mail service was but little more than \$30,000.

Insist on having just what you call for when you go to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier and nerve tonic.

The new town at Copenhaver's crossing, 2 1/2 miles west of town, is on a boom. A number houses besides the large store-house have been completed. The branch railroad from the N. & W. main line is being surveyed to the rock quarry, and we are informed that it will be pushed to completion as soon as the work can be done. This new enterprise is giving work to a large number of men and we trust it will be permanent. Our genial business friend, Mr. H. P. Copenhaver, can furnish all the limestone, and that of the purest quality, that they need at Saltville.

HOW IS THIS OFFER?—On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Cutarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50c.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York City. A friend advised me to try Ely's Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. It is a most valuable remedy. Joseph Stewart, 624 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

How Not to Celebrate Christmas. The fact that "Christmas comes but once a year" has been the refrain of great hilarity for generations. It has been said that the American people have fewer holidays and know less how to enjoy them than any other people on earth, and there is truth in the statement. Life is over serious with us. From one cause or another our social movement has been set to a quick step of activity in business, which effects every spare of life. There are practically in these regions no people of leisure, and when a general holiday comes restraints are and by degrees have become more and more relaxed, until now Christmas become not merely a festival—a period of peace and good will to all mankind—but occasion for the boisterous outbursts of tumultuous and irrational noise, like "the tale told by an idiot—full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

The noise has become a nuisance. We are glad to see that steps are being taken to moderate its extravagance. There is neither purpose nor desire to limit any real and innocent amusement—fun that does not make other people sad and miserable.—Richmond Times.

We commend the above to our readers and especially to the boys of the town. No one objects to innocent amusement Christmas, but when fun is obtained by destroying property, and turning everything into a pandemonium, it becomes highly objectionable and should not be tolerated by the authorities of the law.

A lucky accident
for Rev. J. M. Stevenson, Hawthorne, N. J., who writes: "By rare accident I was made acquainted with Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills. They act gently and like a charm, correcting the secretions and preventing constipation. I subscribe myself your friend, as your pills are welcome friends to me. Every one of the thousands of testimonials to the virtue of Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills is genuine. They cure—white wrapper if constipated, yellow if bowels are loose. Send for a free sample."

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Highest of **Lightning Power**.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

Circuit Court.

Circuit court is still in session and will continue until next week.

In the cause of J. B. Whitehead vs. F. P. Reppass the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff.

The damage suit of Pruett vs. Matheison Alkali Works consumed about three days in trial and was warmly contested on both sides. A verdict was rendered for the defendant.

The cause of Jno. R. Davis vs. Mahala Davis also occupied the attention of the court three or four days. A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$75.

Johnson vs. Atkins Bros. was heard Monday last and resulted in a verdict for the defendants.

More jury causes have been heard this term than usual.

FEED THE NERVES upon pure, rich blood and you need not fear nervous prostration. Nerves are weak when they are improperly and insufficiently nourished. Pure blood is their proper food, and pure blood comes by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is thus the greatest and best nerve tonic. It also builds up the whole system.

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient, always reliable, easy to operate.

Shooting Affray.

A shooting affray occurred at the residence of the widow Elbert Lovelace, on H. B. Haller's farm, four miles west of town, Monday night. We are informed that several men were at the house and were drinking. John Cullop, a member of the party, drew a revolver and began shooting in the room, one of balls struck Charley Martin, who lives on South Fork, near the eye, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Arbuckle's coffee 20 cts. package at Pickles.

HIS LIFE DESPAIRED OF.

John Edwards, who was Assaulted in Blount County, in a Dangerous Condition.

Blount, Va., December 18.—Bill Hodge, alias Bill Harman, was lodged in jail at this place a few days ago by Detective R. J. Fisher, of Rural Retreat, Va., upon a charge of assault, with intent to kill. Hodge is the man who, a weeks ago, assaulted John Edwards, of the west end of this county, hitting him just behind the ear with a rock and breaking his skull. He then made his escape, and was captured by Detective Fisher, in Carroll county, within two miles of the North Carolina line, and brought back, as above stated. Drs. Brady and Bryan operated on Edwards several days after he was hurt, taking out a piece of the skull about the size of a twenty-five cent piece and inserting a silver plate, and for a time he seemed to improve but news reached this place today that he was in a dangerous condition, and his life despaired of.

CASTORIA.
The Family Standard
in every household.

WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT!

will we get for the Holidays? This question is being asked by young and old. Answer to the above question.

WHERE? R. F. NICKELS.

WHEN? NOW—TO-DAY.

WHAT? The finest display of FURNITURE, RUGS, MIRRORS, PICTURES, etc., ALL of which are VALUABLE, USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL. You can make YOUR OWN SELECTION, and get them at HIS LOW PRICES. You are cordially invited to come and see my BEAUTIFUL LINE of GOODS, which are suitable for Holiday and Bridal Presents.

R. F. Nickels.

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Are still in the front with a larger and cheaper line of **FURNITURE,** Hardware, stoves, tinware and house-furnishing goods generally than ever before.

We will take pleasure in comparing the quality and prices of our goods with any house in the southwest. We study to please our customers both as to quality and price of everything in our lines. Good produce taken in exchange for goods.

Come and see us. Respect.

W. C. SEAVER & SONS.

BIG FIRE.

East Radford, Suffers Rather Heavy.

East Radford, Va., Dec. 21.—About 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning fire was discovered in the grocery of T. Nowell, on First street. The flames spread very rapidly, burning in three directions, entirely consuming thirty-five houses, of which the majority were stores. The loss is very heavy, estimated at over \$100,000, with insurance of about \$10,000. Most of the goods were saved. The heaviest losers are Roberts & Co., dry goods and notions; Wygall & Co. drugs; Nowell's grocery; Lyle & Carson, drugs; Kohlhousens, jewelry; Clark, jewelry; Linsley, dry goods; Meats & Burke, clothing; postoffice; Darnell, photographer; Hurley, millinery; Tyler, dry goods; Hoffman, hotel, and a number of other smaller firms.

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation, and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time, by invigorating every organ, nerve, and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Great Bargains in Holiday goods at C. M. Wolfe's.



Always Wide Awake

to your interests, we carry the latest. We keep the "bawl" a-rolling and our newly arrived specialties are a "howling" success.

\$10,000 Worth Suits, Overcoats, Pants, and the biggest assortment of Shoes, boots, and Gents Furnishings Generally must be closed out.

We must have cash. You can buy goods in our line cheaper from us than any house in Southwest Va. Come early while our assortment is complete.

Honest and Fair Dealing to all.

The Leader of Low Prices.

W. Weiler.

Mr. N. C. B. Anderson, a student of Roanoke college, arrived in Marion Tuesday night on his way to Adawfo to spend the holidays.

Lemons and oranges at Pickle's.

Mr. C. M. Wolfe request us to say to the person who took three cups from his store one day this week, to come back and get the saucers, cassimere and jeans goods, manufactured at the Olympia Woolen Mills.

Messrs. Foote Haller and J. B. Pace, of Olympia, are spending a few days in the city this week. Mr. Haller has with him a handsome lot of blankets, cassimere and jeans goods, manufactured at the Olympia Woolen Mills.

So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and, in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use.

R. M. Richardson and Miss Myrtle Green were married at the bride's home in Rich Valley last Tuesday. They arrived in Marion the same evening and after being entertained at the hospitable home of Judge Richardson took the train at 8:34 for California.

Oysters and Crackers. For your Xmas oysters and fine fresh crackers, go to

C. M. WOLFE'S.

XMAS
Almost here!

You will want goods right along now!

We have them and want to supply your wants. We want to do a big business this month, and expect to. We will make

Prices very low for or good produce. We will pay highest prices for eggs and dressed poultry.

We also call attention to settling up accounts. If you owe us we will take pork, corn, wheat, oats, butter, or any kind of produce on account, and also take cash if you have it.

Old accounts must be closed up. Come and see us if needing goods—will sell you goods cheaper than you can buy elsewhere,

Venable & Co.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS!

We beg to announce to the people of Marion and surrounding country, that our house is filled with a big stock of

HOLIDAY GOODS!

A grand aggregation of Holiday and Staple Goods. The attractions were never so great—A magnificent display. Thousands of articles—Beautiful, Useful, Desirable and Sensible. Come while the selection is comparatively unbroken. Everything in this great stock of goods is suited to the Xmas season.

DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS!

All kinds, from the smallest to the largest, from the cheapest to the finest—French JOINTED DOLLS, with shoes and stockings—JOINTED DOLLS, fancily dressed—DOLLS, kid bodies, closing eyes, etc.

Artistic Lamps, Bric-A-Brac, Fancy Goods, Etc.

The display of Lamps combines high artistic merit and low price. All the newest styles in Dresden, Onyx, Benares Brass, Banquet, Hanging Lamps, etc. Pocket-books, Atomizers and Fancy Goods in every imaginable style—Fancy white metal ink stands, Toilet cases, Fancy boxes, work boxes, Handkerchief boxes, Glove boxes, Necktie boxes, Collar and Cuff boxes, Shaving cases, Photograph Frames, etc., etc., etc.

Novelties in hand-painted boxes—Celluloid—Something never seen here before.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

We haven't left a stone unturned in bringing together this Xmas Toy stock. A lot every novelty of the world—Rattan rockers, wheelbarrows, toy furniture, cradle, express wagons, rocking chairs, hobby horses, child's beds, swings, sleds, toys, boys' tool chests, with big variety of tools, wood saws, toy drums, horns, in fact every imaginable kind of toy.

Albums! Albums! Albums!

A great variety—In either silk, plush or celluloid, silver trimmings, gold edge; Albums—plush, decorated leaves; ALBUMS—Large size EASEL ALBUMS, combination plush and patent clasp—ALBUMS—Fine Leather Bound, Decorated Leaves, beautiful shades.

China Department!

In our China and art room will be found Sevres vases, Royal Worcester vases, Vienna vases, bits of Coalport China, cake plates, after-dinner coffees, biscuit jars, fancy pitchers, celery trays, chop dishes, tea pots, syrup cups, American Porcelain dinner sets—Toilet sets, Fine English Porcelain—Chamber Sets, English China—Japanese cups and saucers—Royal Clarence Vases, of the most delicate rainbow tints, colors clouded with gold, interlined with colors. Visit our annex soon and make your selections for the holidays.

See our line of China and glassware. Xmas cards in the greatest variety.

Jewelry and Silverware.

We have the largest stock of Jewelry and Silverware ever shown in Marion—no peddler from Richmond, Lynchburg or any other city show you such a beautiful line of these goods—therefore don't order your jewelry through a peddler when you can get better goods at lower prices right at your own door. Here we show you every conceivable article in the Jewelry line—in pin trays in oxidized silver, china and celluloid, oxidized pin cushions, scarf pins, with ruby, emerald and sapphire centres, ladies' gents' and childrens rings, in gold and silver, with opal, ruby, sapphire and emerald centers, gold and silver watch chains, fobs, charms; ladies and gents gold and silver watches; also novelties in silver. Silver knives, forks and spoons: olive spoons, childrens silver sets, salad bowls, etc.

Our display will please you. Our prices will be found right.

Candy! Nuts! Candy!

Thousands of pounds of Waffles, Chocolate Creams, Cream bon-bons, nuts. A great chance for Sunday-School committees school teachers to get their candies cheap.

Our Grocery Bargains

will interest every housewife who studies to make the humble nickel and the weighty dollar go as far as possible. Here you can get GOOD, FRESH GROCERIES at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES:—Arbuckle's coffee 20c. package; Green coffee, best, 16c. lb. Granulated sugar 6 1/2c. lb. Whole-grain rice 7c. lb. 1/2-lb. package out meal 10c. THESE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY. FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

The Grandest Display of Fire-Works ever shown in Marion.

We will save you money on your Xmas purchases if you only give us an opportunity to do so. Come to see us.

C. M. WOLFE.

900 DROPS

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Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

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IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get **C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.**

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THE DAIRY.

CAMEMBERT CHEESE.

When Well Made It Is Most Agreeable and Wholesome.

Camembert cheese dates from the last century only. It owes its name to the place of its creation. A certain Mme. Harel, with her husband, cultivated some farm land in the commune of Camembert in 1791. This new production was sold at first only in the commune and at Argenteuil, on market days. But the demand for it increased so rapidly that a few years later it was necessary to establish a depot in the latter town.

In 1813 Marie Harel, the eldest married daughter, continued the mother's business, and was publicly rewarded in 1864 by the Normandy association. She started four more depots, and her father-in-law, M. Paynel, introduced the first Camembert cheeses in the town of Cnep, while her goddaughter, Mme. de Lessert, established the first Camembert cheese manufactory in Calvados. In order to succeed well in the making of this cheese it is necessary not to skimp the milk, which should be coagulated, and to leave the butter-making for the months from May to August, at which time of the year only dry cheeses can be made. Rennet is added to the milk, which is gently turned and afterward left in repose in vessels with a wooden cover till the coagulation has arrived at the proper point. To ascertain this one places the back of a finger on the surface, and if it is not stained with the milk it suffices. Next comes the process of putting the cream into forms which are open at both ends, and placed on rushes so as to let the drops of thin milk run off easily. The cheeses are afterward carefully salted and taken to the drying place, where they are left from three to four weeks.

On the third or fourth day they begin to be covered with small brown points. After a week or ten days they are full of a sort of white vegetation, with a few bluish points. When they begin to sweat, and don't stick to the fingers, they are placed on planks and carried to the cellars to arrive at a state of perfection. This occupies another 20 or 30 days, during which time they must be carefully watched and tended. When they are ripe they are placed in half-dozen, wrapped in paper, and covered with straw fastened with string, ready for their journey. They are also packed in rush baskets or white wooden boxes. The price of the Camembert varies with the season. In the summer they may fall as low as five francs the dozen, and go up again sometimes to eight and nine francs. When well made it is one of the most agreeable and wholesome of cheeses.—London Standard.

SETTING FRUIT TREES.

Some Things to Be Considered When Starting an Orchard.

It often proves to be a perplexing matter where to set an orchard. There are a great many things to be considered, and each farmer must do this for himself. All that anyone else can do is to give some of the leading principles upon which success depends. If possible, fruit trees should be placed where they will be protected by a woods or a hill, but if such cannot be had a windbreak should be supplied (I would use a zigzag row and but a few feet apart). Avoid placing trees where they will be exposed to high winds, or early and late frosts in the fall or spring. Often through neglect of this whole orchard are ruined.

The nature of each variety should be studied and those that thrive best in dry soil should be placed on such ground, and those that require moist soil should be placed where there is no liability to drought.

Some farms are not well adapted for the production of fruit, but can be greatly helped by manuring, draining or cultivating. Fruit trees should be placed as near the house as possible, as they are more apt to get the proper care than those that are at a distance. Care should be taken not to place them where they will cut off all views of the farm, and where they will be in the way in harvesting your grain. Upon some farms it seems as though an effort was made to shut off from view every bit of landscape and every nice building within range of human vision, thus making the home unattractive.

If your orchard should be along a public highway, do not place your most delicious fruit next to the road, as in that case you will have plenty of help to gather it. There are people who have no regard for the rights of property.

It is time for those wishing to set trees this fall to order them and select the places they are to occupy. Always bear in mind that an old tree requires more ground than a young one, and place them accordingly.—M. L. Miller, in Ohio Farmer.

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