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NOTICES.

Travis and Gurney will haul trunks to the Lansing depots beginning Wednesday, June 18. Shipping tags free.

All students who are to return next year should apply for rooms at once.

Get a new catalog and a schedule of recitations for the fall term before leaving for the summer vacation.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Commencement exercises for this year began with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday in the Armory by the Rev. Dr. Camden M. Cobern of Chicago. His subject was "Learning of the Ancients" and he spoke in part as follows:

"Schools are no new thing on this planet. There were some wise men here even before we came. There were men with good brains in the dark ages, (the days of the tallow-dip) fifty years ago, and equally so five hundred years ago and five thousand years ago.

This is peculiarly a generation of brag and nothing will teach us humility better than a glimpse into the far past. It will show that man has always been man with man's endowment of human power. Let us, however, guard against the misapprehension that the past was better than the present. There never has been an age better than ours. In the past millenniums all the comforts and luxuries and knowledge were for the few. The poor man was a nobody. Today the poorest boy has advantages which no sovereign could have bought a century ago with his crown; while anyone of these graduates, if they could have had access to the palace of King Solomon, or to the lecture halls of the Seven Wise Men of Greece, would have become a teacher of all. Nevertheless, any student today, however brilliant, may be able to look back into the past centuries and find men whose mental power and methods of work may prove stimulating."

Dr. Cobern at this point gave many examples of great men and women during the last three centuries who had astonished the world by the brilliancy of their scholarship or scientific discoveries.

"The young ladies were particularly interested in the account of a young woman, Professor of Law in a University of the Middle ages, who was so beautiful that when she gave her lectures, she had to hide herself behind a curtain so that the students would not be attracted by her beauty from all thoughts of jurisprudence."

From this point he moved back to the Augustine age in Rome and the Golden age in Greece, making the assertion that the finest artists and sculptors the world had ever seen, were the "old masters", while the capstone, as well as the foundation of the Philosophical Academy had been laid by Plato and Aristotle. He also contended that our most powerful modern music was mould-

ed on ancient patterns and that some of our most heart-breaking melodies were sung by the ancient Hebrews and Assyrians, as has only recently been proven.

Taking up the matter of science, he affirmed, that the knowledge of the three R's was almost as universal three thousand years ago in Egypt, Babylon and Assyria, among the better classes, as in America.

"The wardrobes and jewelry of the ladies of Abraham's day were as splendid as those of Queen Elizabeth. Our modern novelties in draperies, frescoes and furniture came from the recently uncovered palaces of Asia and Africa; our novelties in glassware from the ancient Etruscans and Phœnicians, while compared with ancient buildings, our finest palaces look like brick-kilns or stone quarries." Dr. Cobern had, himself, found the key-stone of an arch in Egypt which he dated 2,000 B. C., but more recently, Dr. Hilprecht had found one in Babylonia 4,000 B. C.

"Even our modern Suez canal, which is a triumph of modern engineering, follows the line of an old canal which was in active operation thirty-five hundred years ago, and a Phœnician fleet on a voyage of scientific discovery doubled the cape of Good Hope and circumnavigated Africa twenty centuries before Vasco de Gama's celebrated expedition.

"The schools and seminaries and universities in Moses' day and much earlier, were important institutions." The speaker gave arithmetical problems from a papyrus, which he had translated, and strange and difficult geometrical problems, which are still used in modern text books, but which were originated in Egypt before the time of the Exodus. He affirmed that there never was a time in the scope of history when it was not known that the earth was a sphere, that it revolved on its axis and that it moved about the sun. Aristotle, three and a half centuries before Christ, proved its revolution with almost all the modern arguments, including that of the earth's shadow on the moon during an eclipse.

Pythagoras, 700 B. C. taught that the Milky Way was a collection of stars. Its movement about the sun was taught in the University of Egypt one thousand years before Copernicus. In one papyrus, written thirty-three hundred years ago, the speaker had read this phrase, "The moon which shines by the reflected light of the sun."

"Even in the days of Joseph, the professors in the great universities had as great celebrity as philologists, philosophers, historians and rhetoricians, as any who have lived since."

Dr. Cobern had published a translation of what he supposed to be a college song written one thousand years before Moses, in which the refrain is, "Give thy heart to letters; love letters as thy mother."

"The ancients did not teach natural science as we do, indeed Oxford has only had physics in the college course within the memory of men now living, and yet Strabo antici-

pated many conclusions of modern geology. Aristotle wrote a history of animals in which he anticipated the four great divisions of the animal kingdom demonstrated by Cuvier, and on the walls of ancient temples erected 1500 B. C., are pictures of plants and animals, both foreign and native, excellently drawn, which proves that botany and zoology were subjects of careful study at that time.

"Many of our popular medical recipes are found now to be survivals of the medical practice of three or four thousand years ago; where they used sugar coated pills and made as many professions of being able to make hair grow on bald heads as are made today. These ancient medical papyri were, like our modern recipes, written in language which the people could not read. Thousands of legal documents, loans, wills, deeds and transfers, etc., have come down from that ancient time, and modern practice has improved little over the ancient methods in these directions."

"Think of the mental grip of a sculptor who carved the majestic head of the Sphinx out of a living rock almost as large as a cathedral in the dusk of the first morning of the race.

"Man was man in that early historic day and behind that Sphinx rises in the clouds the outline of those other Sphinxes called fire, tool, weapon, language, art and religion. To originate any one of these must have required as great an intellect and genius as would now be required to write a treatise of Darwin or Spencer, or invent a submarine telephonic cable or aerial ship.

"Go forth, young scholars of the Twentieth Century, and may the learning of the ancients, while teaching us all humility, also stir us to highest endeavor. Let us remember also, that the best direction in which we can make a distinguished success is in the direction of moral and spiritual perfection. St. John is even greater than Descartes; St. Peter is greater than St. Peter's Cathedral, Jesus is infinitely greater than Handel's Messiah.

"The best investment possible for a man who wants to succeed, is to invest the best forces of his heart and life on the same side with St. Peter and St. John and the Christ."

BASEBALL.

The seniors beat the faculty in a six-inning game Saturday afternoon, the score being 10 to 1. The faculty had one bad inning in which 7 runs were scored by the seniors. The line up:

FACULTY.		SENIORS.
Reynolds	p	Stroebel
Parrott	c	Francisco
Holbrook	1b	Millspaugh
Vedder	2b	Crosby
Reed	ss	Uhl
Locke	3b	D. Smith
Severance	rf	Dunford
Barlow	cf	Keeler
Dean	lf	Geib
Umpire—Ray Tower.		

ALUMNI.

'88. H. E. Harrison, Chemist of the Liquid Carbonic Acid Co. in Milwaukee, has a little daughter.

'91. Prof. Wheeler went to Washington, Sunday evening, for a short stay.

'91. Victor H. Lowe has put out a bulletin recently entitled "Miscellaneous Notes on Injurious Insects." He has been a collaborator in getting out the bulletin "Four Lesser Insect Enemies."

'93. H. M. Goss spent two days of last week at his old home, Plainwell, Mich.

'93. E. M. McElroy visited M. A. C. friends over Sunday.

'93. C. E. Holmes, who has been superintendent of the Lansing city schools, is to be the new superintendent of the School for the Blind.

'93. D. J. Crosby is expected home from Washington before long for a short visit.

'93-95m. Dwight Randall, who went to Milwaukee in March, has returned to Chicago with his family. He has received and accepted a very flattering offer from a Chicago firm.

'94. C. J. Foreman finishes his post-graduate course in the University this month.

'95. Prof. W. C. Stebbins, who has charge of the Science Department, Petoskey High School, is visiting friends at the College during commencement week.

'95. Howard R. Smith, took lunch with the Chicago M. A. C. Alumni, Saturday June 7, at the regular Saturday Lunch. He was on his way to his old home in Somerset, Mich. for his summer vacation. Mr. Smith is in the Department of Animal Husbandry in the Nebraska State University, having just been advanced to an Associate Professorship. Mr. E. A. Burnett, '87, is Director of the Experiment Station in that Institution.

'98. Floyd W. Robison has been through the east part of the State the past few days collecting the last material for the fertilizer bulletin.

'99. Roscoe Kedzie will have a pastorate in Vicksburg, Mich., as his first charge. On Sunday he preached in Pilgrim church.

'99. Mary H. Lapham's latest bulletin is Capillary Studies and Filtration of Clay from Soil Solutions, written in conjunction with Lyman J. Briggs.

'00. Louis Appleyard is at home in Lansing from Albany, N. Y.

'00. Irma Thompson of Keeler is visiting at Mr. Baker's.

'01. Alice Gunn has returned from Minneapolis, Minnesota where she has a position as dietitian in the Northwestern Hospital.

Ex-'02. Zaidee Vosper is visiting M. A. C. friends.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1902.

THIS number of THE RECORD is the last one before the close of the year. The period of 1901-02 has been a successful one in every sphere of College life at M. A. C. It will be the aim of those having charge of this paper to represent more fully this life next year. To do this the co-operation of every one is needed. Students, alumni and faculty will please bear this in mind when the issues of the paper appear next September.

ALUMNI.

'03m. W. J. Ransom, Clinton, Mich., writes an interesting account of his present life. He and his brother are managing their father's farms, and see profit in it. Expects to say hello to the boys on field day.

Geneva N. Y. Alumni. While in Geneva, N. Y. recently, Prof. C. D. Smith visited with F. H. Hall, '88, Victor Lowe, '91, H. J. Eustace, '01.

M. A. C. is well represented in Alma, Mich. W. A. Bahlke, '83, is one of the leading lawyers and President of the Alma State Savings Bank. F. E. West, '99, has charge of the Chemical Department in Alma College. A. N. Clark, 'sp., is head chemist for the Alma Sugar Co. and E. Z. Wolfe, who was instructor in the beet-sugar course at M. A. C. in 1899, is Superintendent for the Alma Sugar Co.

BIRDS OF THE JACK PINE PLAINS.

In order to get a better idea of the avifauna of the Jack Pine plains during the breeding season the writer spent June 6 at Gaylord, in Otsego county, and June 7 and 8 in and about Grayling, Roscommon county, and in spite of the fact that more than half the time was rainy, a very fair list of birds was obtained. Fifty-two species were noted about Grayling, most of which were also seen at Gaylord, while ten additional

species, not found at Grayling, were met with at Gaylord. The latter place lies just outside the Jack Pine plains, and a thorough examination of its fauna doubtless would have doubled the number of species; a heavy rain, however, made it impracticable to penetrate the more interesting swamps and woodlands and the birds observed were mainly those of the open country, the exceptions being two species of thrush, oven-bird and three other warblers, and a single fly-catcher, doubtless the Acadian, though no specimen was obtained.

The country about Grayling is desolate in the extreme and consists mainly of level, sandy plains scantily covered with oak scrub, jack pines, and the stumps and charred corpses of Norway pines and intersected here and there with streams of clear, swift water along the sides of which alders, willows and poplars form a scanty fringe, with here and there a cedar swamp in which black spruce and hemlock also occur.

The plains themselves were almost covered at the time of my visit with low blueberry bushes heavy with the green fruit and with fragrant sweet-fern bushes, while in the more open spaces the birds-foot violet (*V. Pedata*) covered the ground with its beautiful flowers. In the distance low rounded hills were visible, most of which bore only the same stunted growth as the plains, though here and there a slightly heavier growth of pines gave the impression of heavy woods.

The most characteristic birds of the region seemed to be only 16 in number, and were as follows:

The Carolina dove or mourning dove, nighthawk, chimney swift, kingbird or bee-martin, blue-jay, crow, grass-finch or vesper sparrow, chipping sparrow, song sparrow, tree swallow or white-bellied swallow, cedar-bird or cherry bird, red-eyed vireo, brown thrasher, house wren, robin and bluebird. These are species common to the whole Lower Peninsula and in most places more abundant than on the Jack Pine plains.

The junco or snowbird and the white-throated sparrow, which do not nest in southern Michigan, occurred sparingly but were to be found after a little search. Five species of woodpecker, the downy, hairy, red-headed, pileated, and golden-winged, were noted, but no one of them appeared to be abundant. Much to my surprise the great pileated wood pecker or log-cock, the largest woodpecker but one in the United States, seemed very unsuspicious, and one individual allowed me to approach within a dozen yards or less, and to follow him from log to log and watch his vigorous attacks on the rotten stumps for half an hour or so.

Along the streams the kingfisher was seen at frequent intervals, as also the blue heron, while the red-winged blackbird and crow blackbird haunted marshy spots and the overflowed region above the dam on the Au Sable river. Wherever the flood-plain of the stream expanded into a meadow the bobolink was found bubbling over with song, and along the edges of such meadows the Maryland yellow-throat and yellow warbler were singing constantly. The entire absence of thrushes was a surprise, but I heard no thrush song and saw but one individual, a tawny or Wilson's thrush.

Equally surprising was the entire

absence of the field sparrow (*spizella pusilla*), a species for which the region would seem to be perfectly suited.

I was much pleased to find the bluebird abundant everywhere. This species narrowly escaped extinction during its winter sojourn at the South a few years ago, but has been steadily increasing in numbers for the last three years and we may hope to see it reach its former numbers before long. The winter wren which should have been present in suitable locations, was nowhere seen, but the house wren was heard and seen everywhere, out in the desolate burnings as well as about the farms and clearings. Doubtless a month's residence in Roscommon county would increase this list by a score or more of species, yet it would be unsafe to predict what all of them would be.

On the return trip, while passing through Bay county, I was startled to see two bald eagles sitting quietly on neighboring trees within a couple of hundred yards of the railroad, and their nest was placed close at hand, not more than 40 feet from the ground in the triple fork of a large tree.

They paid no attention to the train as it rushed past, and I was informed by the conductor that they had reared their young from the same nest for several years in succession.

WALTER B. BARROWS.

SCREECH OWLS ON THE CAMPUS.

In one of the oak trees between the Chemical laboratory and College Hall for the past two years, at least, a pair of screech owls have lived and reared young. Through the fall and winter the birds could very often be seen, especially on bright days and late in the afternoon, sitting in the doorway of their secluded home. Just at dusk they would leave the tree and venture out to get their daily meal which usually consists of mice, judging from the bones and fur found in pellets under the trees. Occasionally they probably feast on some of their feathered neighbors. It is not uncommon to find dead mice and English sparrows in the vicinity of the tree.

Last spring on the third of June a young bird nearly large enough to fly was taken from the tree.

This year four young were raised, one of which left the tree June 7. The other three came out June 12 and were to be seen in the neighboring trees nearly all day. Considerable disturbance was produced

among the robins in the vicinity by one of the old owls catching one of the young robins which was just learning to fly.

Through the fall and winter another owl or perhaps one of this pair was frequently seen in one of the oaks northeast of Williams Hall.

The plaintive whistle of these birds can often be heard in the evenings and as they are doubtless our friends they should in no way be molested.

NEW BOOKS.

A number of new, valuable and entertaining books have come to the library recently, though they can not be given out yet as they are not catalogued.

Some of these books are: Old Time Gardens; The Building of a Nation, Gannett; Social Salvation, Gladden; School, College and Character; Animals of the Past; Democratic and Social Ethics; Harriman Alaska Expedition; The Making of an American.

The Harriman Alaska Expedition is in two volumes, beautifully illustrated, some of the illustrations being in color. It is printed in large, clear type and is of value as a literary achievement as well as a scientific treatise, being written by the popular nature writers, John Burroughs, John Bird Grinnell, and John Muir.

The Making of an American, by Jacob A. Riis, is entertaining, as his books generally are. It is the story of his own life simply and frankly told, full of anecdote and adventure.

Democratic and Social Ethics, by Jane Addams, is an expression of the author's ripest judgment. All who heard Mr. Melendy and appreciated him will be able to get deeply interested in Democratic and Social Ethics.

There are other books that might be mentioned were there the inclination. The present addition to the library will probably prove the most accessible to all readers who go to the library because of the large preponderance of the popular style in the writing of the books.

The *M. S. U. Independent*, the University of Missouri college paper, prints a very artistic commencement number. There are cuts of several of its new buildings besides cuts of the distinguished commencement guests, Mark Twain, Secretary Wilson, Dr. Henry Van Dyke and others. Reviews of athletics and debating appear in the literary make-up of the paper.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Harvey Hahn, ex-'03, visited M. A. C. Sunday.

Major Vernou was in Detroit over Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Smith is home from her trip to New York.

Burt Wermuth will do post graduate work in the University next year.

Miss Clare Dean, '02, has a little sister visiting her during commencement.

It is safe at last to announce that each one can get a new catalog before leaving College.

Prof. Pettit's knee is still troubling him and he contemplates going to the University hospital for treatment.

The officers of the Union Literary Society gave the other members a spread as a fitting close to the year's work.

George Baldwin, '05, received a visit from his mother several days last week. Mrs. Baldwin took the opportunity while here to do some Nature study work.

John Rankin, '02, spent Saturday and Sunday at M. A. C. He is foreman in charge of the beet fields of the Detroit Sugar Co. and is located at Wyandotte.

The following officers were elected by the Themian Society for the fall term: President, Edna V. Smith; Vice President, Emma Barrett; Secretary, Elva Davis; Treasurer, Harriett Moore; Society Editor, Kate Coad.

E. S. Good entertained Grand Rapids friends Sunday.

Miss Avery has gone home to Oberlin for the summer.

Mrs. C. R. Reynolds, of Kansas City, is visiting Miss Kerr.

Miss Kendrick, sister of E. C. Kendrick, '97-'99, is visiting with College friends.

It is rumored that some of the instructors are to be married this summer vacation.

The Feronians held their annual commencement party on Saturday evening in the armory.

The College people have been furnished with green peas from the College grounds for a week or more.

Joe Haftenkamp will correspond for the *Detroit Tribune* next year. E. G. Hall will correspond for the *Lansing Journal*.

A recent number of the *Jackson Patriot* has a very complimentary notice of the College, the article having reference to the recent meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society which held one of its sessions at the College.

Miss Zoë Benton, of Washington, D. C. who has had charge of the junior French class since the departure of Miss Davis, has received a proposal which she will probably accept. It is an offer from her father, Mr. Frank Benton, class of '79, for her to spend the summer in study and travel in France and Germany.

Mr. Faunce is receiving a visit from his father and mother.

Miss Mamie Crosby, '02, plans to teach domestic science next fall.

Twenty of this season's Duroc-Jerseys amused the people around Williams Hall, Friday.

Mr. S. B. Hartman, '03 and Mr. Wm. P. Ricamore with '02 are visiting College friends.

The Themian Society gave their Commencement party in the Armory Friday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Waterman were chaperones.

Professor R. C. Carpenter, the predecessor of Prof. Vedder in the Department of Mathematics, visited the College recently.

The following young ladies attended the Themian commencement party in the Armory Friday night and will remain at College through the commencement exercises:—Misses Mabel Downey with '04, Clara Dey with '04, Grace Elliott with '02.

The board as audited for the various clubs is as follows, Club Y not being given: Club A, \$2.22; Club B, \$2.60; Club C, \$1.60; Club D, \$2.50; Club E, \$2.53; Club G, \$1.94. The board is somewhat higher this term owing to the advance in the price of food-stuffs.

The annual nightshirt parade took place last evening on schedule time. There were seven red devils, "raven in tooth and claw," among the others. The rounds of faculty row were made and the usual speeches followed. Fireworks aided in the general jollification.

Prof. C. D. Smith gave an address in Watervliet last week.

Professor Taft visited the South Haven Station two days last week.

A. G. Craig, '02, will work for the Chautauqua Desk Co. in the northern part of the State.

The strawberry crop was shortened somewhat by the early frosts, but the quality is extremely good.

The Physics laboratory was struck by lightning during the storm of Thursday afternoon. A relay in the master clock was burned out.

The officers of the Botanical Club are: President, Glen Sevey; vice president, F. C. Reimer; secretary and treasurer, J. E. Schaefer.

Homer Burton who has been for sometime past the driver of the Donsereaux wagon is to open a store at M. A. C. He has rented the "White Elephant" and the land adjoining it. His goods have begun to arrive already though the stock will not be completed for a few weeks yet.

The football schedule, which has not been approved yet by the faculty, is considered an extremely good one. There are prospective games with De Pauw, Notre Dame, U. of M., Beloit, Albion, Olivet, and U. of M. all Freshman team. The U. of M. game, if the schedule goes into operation, will be played at Ann Arbor. The U. of M. all Freshman team will play here, most of the other big games also being at M. A. C. The Beloit game will be the Thanksgiving game.

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ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

The Tau Beta Pi fraternity ended the year with a banquet last Thursday night. The following officers were elected for the year: President, R. L. Yates; Vice Pres., W. R. Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Burr Wheeler; Recording Sec'y, S. Garthe; Treasurer, F. K. Brainard.

Mr. Baker recently took two black bass from the large pond in the botanic garden, their presence in the pond being something of a mystery. The bass were proving destructive to the sunfish which eat the mosquito and other aquatic larvæ. Before the sunfish were introduced into the pond it was impossible to grow the wild rice because of the larvæ.

The members of the Board or Control, Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio, visited the Experiment Station at the College the middle of last week. They came to M. A. C. after having visited the stations at Geneva, N. Y., and Cornell University, and Guelph, Ontario. The members of the Board are President Alva Agee, Senator Whittlesey, Messrs. Simpson and White, and Director C. E. Thorne.

The King's Daughters held the last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. J. L. Snyder, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with song, followed by roll call, and reading of the Scripture lesson. Mrs. Barrows was leader, and after prayer, gave a short talk on the life and character of the apostle Peter. Mrs. W. J. Beal read from the Silver Cross. During the afternoon, the Circle enjoyed three musical selections—a solo by Mrs. U. P. Hedrick, a duet by Mrs. Hedrick and Mrs. Atkins, and a solo by Mrs. Bird. After the meeting, the visiting friends and the members of the Circle gave a kitchen throw to the guest of honor, Miss Lilian Wheeler. Light refreshments were served.

THE LAST DRILL.

The final drill of the battalion was held Thursday afternoon. It consisted of extended order drill and battalion parade, after which the new appointments for next year were published, the guns not being turned in till Friday.

The year of 1901-'02 has been a marked success so far as military matters are concerned. The drill Thursday evening was worth going miles to see, and in fact it was witnessed by numerous spectators from the city, who had heard of it on brief notice. The volleying was, by its nature, a departure from the usual evening drill, but was nevertheless executed with no very noticeable blunders. That the praise of the drill is not confined to the campus alone is proved by the letters and comments coming from those abroad, such as we published last week as taken from the *Jackson Patriot*. Every one has shown the right sort of pride and enthusiasm in the drill this year, and as a consequence there have been good results. The band as at present organized, has had no little part in the excellence of the military department, and it is a pleasure to announce that its organization will be much the same for the ensuing year. The list of new officers is given below:

Field and staff—Signal Sergt. C. B. Rose to be 1st Lieut., and

Adj.; Sergt. G. R. Forbes to be 2d Lieut. and Quartermaster; Sergt. G. A. Morley to be 2d Lieut. and Signal Officer; Corporal G. N. Cardozo to be Sergt. Major; Cadet A. A. Rosenberry to be Signal Sergt.; Corporal F. F. Drew to be Color Sergt.; Chief Musician J. H. Prost to be Band Master.

"A" Company—First Sergt. H. D. Fargo to be Captain; Corporal C. A. Lilly to be 1st Lieut.; Corporal E. S. Good to be 2d Lieut.; Sergt. M. W. Taber to be additional 2d Lieut.; Corporal H. D. Sweet to be 1st Sergt.

"B" Company—First Sergt. J. H. Hedges to be Captain; Sergt. H. W. Dey to be 1st Lieut.; Sergt. J. M. Churchill to be 2d Lieut.; Sergt. A. C. Dodge to be additional 2d Lieut.; Corporal T. P. Chase to be 1st Sergt.

"C" Company—Sergt. Major Burr Wheeler to be Captain; Sergt. L. Garthe to be 1st Lieut.; Corporal W. M. Barrows to be 2d Lieut.; Sergt. A. Adelman to be additional 2d Lieut.; Sergt. W. S. Merick to be 1st Sergt.

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