

6100 Charles Wesley Nichols, Thornton, Ark.
6101 Elbert Vanderheyden Rawlins, Thornton, Ark.
6102 Charles Gerhard Schilling, Draughton, Ark.
6103 Abraham Lincoln Wilson, Thornton, Ark.
6104 John Edward Wilson, Millville, Ark.

No. 525. Detroit, Mich., February 8, 1899.

Snark, N. A. Gladding.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. D. Galloway.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. T. Jenks.
Bojum, Max L. Pease.
Scrivenoter, Jov. Myles.
Jabberwock, Wm. A. Furgason.
Custocatian, S. L. Mead.
Arcanoper, O. S. Hawes.
Gurdon, T. W. Decker.

6105 Samuel McElwee Armstrong, Howell, Mich.
6106 Carl Louis Brumme, Detroit, Mich.
6107 Fred "Cadillac" Barry, Adrian, Mich.
6108 Charles Clay Covell, McBride, Mich.
6109 Hugh Leonard Cox, Detroit, Mich.
6200 James Crapo Cristy, Detroit, Mich.
6201 John Tilson Leitch, Detroit, Mich.
6202 James Dana Wallace, Dearborn, Mich.
6203 William Archibald Wallace, Belleville, Mich.
6204 Joseph Frank Weber, Detroit, Mich.
6205 Franklin Emery Yeomans, Detroit, Mich.

No. 529. Texarkana, Ark., February 11, 1899.

Snark, J. P. Brower.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, C. W. Willett.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. J. Kane.
Bojum, W. A. Blackburn.
Scrivenoter, H. L. Marsh.
Jabberwock, A. J. Kizer.
Custocatian, J. A. Martin.
Arcanoper, F. P. Garey.
Gurdon, F. P. Garey.

6206 Henry Gordon Cady, Pine Bluff, Ark.
6207 Clinton Allen Hunt, Texarkana, Ark.
6208 George Alford Kelley, Texarkana, Ark.
6209 Howe Carson Knolesley, Texarkana, Ark.

No. 530. Shreveport, La., February 13, 1899.

Snark, I. O. Hatch.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, O. H. Stevens.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. G. Snyder.
Bojum, C. W. Willett.
Scrivenoter, R. T. Curry.
Jabberwock, J. T. Davis.
Custocatian, Fred W. Bowers.
Arcanoper, L. B. McEwen.
Gurdon, J. W. Duncan.

6210 Charles Augustus Pearson, Shreveport, La.
6211 Howard "Midget" Raphael, Campit, La.
6212 Thomas Lafayette Upton, Shreveport, La.

No. 531. Winnipeg, Man., February 9, 1899.

Snark, Platt B. Walker.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. C. Graham.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, H. H. Collins.
Bojum, Thos. R. Case.
Scrivenoter, A. F. E. Phillips.
Jabberwock, Boyce Sprague.
Custocatian, Richard D. Vigers.
Arcanoper, G. B. Houser.
Gurdon, G. O. Aulsebrook.

6213 William Armstrong, Portage LaPrairie, Man.
6214 John Campbell, Carman, Man.
6215 John L. Campbell, Melita, Man.
6216 Samuel Caswell, Rathwell, Man.
6217 William Cranston, Clearwater, Man.
6218 Ernest Edward Greenlaw, Shoal Lake, Man.
6219 Anthony James Hughes, Souris, Man.
6220 John S. Lochhead, D. Joraine, Man.
6221 John A. McWhetson, Glenboro, Man.
6222 William Arthur Morkill, Dominion City, Man.
6223 Charles William Plummer, Boissevain, Man.
6224 William Robertson, Rat Portage, Man.
6225 Andrew Robert Stevens, Cypress River, Man.

No. 532. Lima, O., February 16, 1899.

Snark, Joseph Schneider.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, T. W. Dobbins.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. T. Matthews.
Bojum, Earl Gleason.

Scrivenoter, O. A. Spencer.
Jabberwock, S. K. Holland.
Custocatian, W. T. Dobbins.
Arcanoper, W. A. Drake.
Gurdon, K. H. Martin.

6226 Calvin Handles Balmer, Bluffton, O.
6227 George Theodora Feist, Lima, O.
6228 Edward "Spokes" Flickinger, Gallion, O.
6229 Henry Bell Hane, Marion, O.
6230 David Davis Morris, Lima, O.
6231 Barney Clarence Smith, Chapman, Ala.

No. 533. Lincoln, Neb., February 25, 1899.

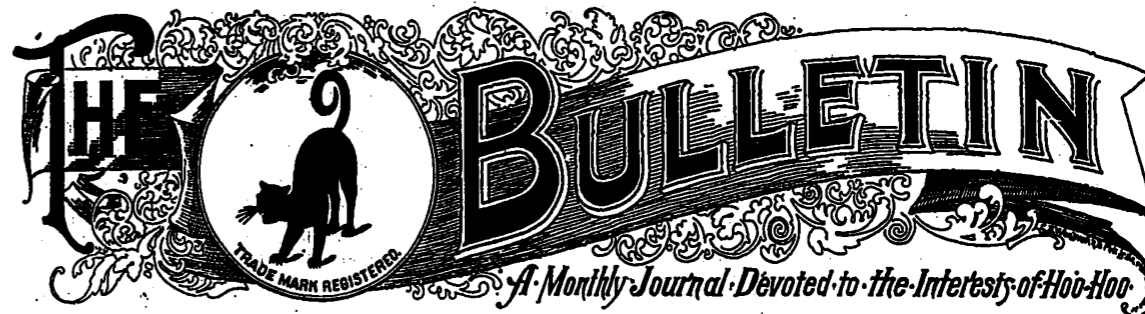
Snark, D. E. Green.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, M. L. Elsemore.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Mell Eaton.
Bojum, Ben Collins, Jr.
Scrivenoter, Gould Dietz.
Jabberwock, J. P. Lansing.
Custocatian, C. M. Linn.
Arcanoper, Fred R. Linn.
Gurdon, U. A. Galloway.

6232 Frank Wallace Bodie, York, Neb.
6233 John Francis Brown, Greeley Center, Neb.
6234 Charles Nelson Carpenter, York, Neb.
6235 Peter Lyons Dierks, Lincoln, Neb.
6236 Charles H. Ktridge, Fairmont, Neb.
6237 John Washington Miller, Carleton, Neb.
6238 Jonas Stedman Pusey, Western, Neb.
6239 Jules August Sire, Brock, Neb.
6240 George Sherman Ward, Clay Center, Neb.
6241 Charles Wesley Wood, Aurora, Neb.

Their Mail Returned.

Letters from the Scrivenoter's office addressed to the following men have been returned unclaimed. Any information as to the present address of any of these men should be promptly sent to the Scrivenoter.

- 4168—E. E. Getchell, Oshkosh, Wis.
5119—William F. Simmons, Kentwood, La.
1427—F. G. Bishop, Bertig, Ark.
3329—D. F. McPherson, Box 883, Leadville, Col.
4245—Adolphus Marshall, Fargo, N. D.
177—E. A. Felton, 547 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
534—W. E. Harmon, Lake Charles, La.
5018—Wm. A. Partin, McHenry, Miss.
3990—H. B. Blanks, Jonesboro, Ark. (forwarded to Milan, Tenn.)
3519—R. A. Lang, 2217 23rd Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
2705—C. M. Lewis, Mass. Inst. of Technology, Boston, Mass.
3641—T. R. Kerr, Troy, N. Y.
5350—C. K. Watson, Orippe Creek, Col.
1921—Geo. F. Wooley, Clinton, Iowa.
611—E. G. Heath, 319 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
6237—H. A. Tabb, care G. S. Baxter & Co., Brunswick, Ga.
4781—H. M. Briley, care Baggage Agent Southern Railroad, Birmingham, Ala.
2860—J. F. Lomasney, 1917 Hayes St., Nashville, Tenn.
3824—W. T. Ross, College St. Ticket Office, Nashville, Tenn.
241—S. W. Snodgrass, Williamsville, Mo.
5751—T. B. Hinkle, Monroe, La.
5753—O. F. Kuhn, care West Monroe Lbr. Co., W. Monroe, La.
1747—S. D. Parsons, Tomahawk, Wis.
4584—J. H. Phillips, Kansas City, Mo. (Removed from Beaumont, Tex.)
556—O. F. Brown, Cameron, La. (Removed from Beaumont, Tex.)
5479—G. P. Harding, Greenwood, Miss.
4499—J. H. Peek, Oklahoma City, O. T.
5033—H. Randall, Shreveport, La.
4951—C. L. Browning, Olive, Tex.
589—C. S. Barry, Texarkana, Ark.
2138—E. A. Eley, P. O. Box 218, Dallas, Tex.
5483—C. H. Roberts, Greenwood Miss.
3826—A. C. Pates, Interbay, Wash.
3296—N. O. Kingsbury, Marinette Iron Works, West Duluth, Minn.
1742—J. M. Grignon, Nobles, Ark.
5744—W. A. Brown, Monroe, La.
1668—W. H. Roth, 407 Keith & Perry Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
844—J. H. Kennedy, 812 South Troy street, Chicago, Ill.
618—A. F. Griswold, 442 West Eighth street, Erie, Pa.
1002—T. O. Skeen, Longleaf, La.
1451—W. Sydney, Houser Building, St. Louis, Mo.



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The Vicegerents.

The following are the Vicegerents of Hoo-Hoo, to whom all inquiries touching Concatenations should be addressed. These men are appointed to look after the interests of the Order in their respective territories. To this end, everything affecting the interests of the Order should be reported to them, and they should have the hearty support and co-operation of every member:

- Alabama—W. J. Kilduff, Mobile, Ala.
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A Hoo-Hoo Trip to The Paris Exposition.

Brother F. J. Cooke (No. 3712), the St. Louis representative of the "American Lumberman," has conceived the gigantic and alluring idea of holding the 1900 Annual in Paris, or of having an excursion to Paris immediately after the Annual Meeting, wherever it may be held. This is about the biggest suggestion that has ever been received at this office, and the editor of "The Bulletin" is more or less staggered by its magnitude. It would be magnificent if practicable, but is it practicable? We should be glad to have the views of the membership on this subject. Brother Cooke has given the matter considerable thought, and the following communication contains an outline of the general plan:

"St. Louis, March 17.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Baird: It has been suggested to me by the manager of the European Tourist Company, of New York City—the largest tourist company in the world, and the only one offering to tour parties and organizations through the Paris Exposition on the monthly payment plan—that Hoo-Hoo attend that Exposition in September, 1900, either as a body, holding its Annual at Paris, or to go as a party immediately after next year's Annual and spend a month abroad.

"I presume it would be impracticable to hold the Hoo-Hoo Annual in Paris, owing to many members not being able to stand the expense, but it strikes me as a splendid idea to get 100 or 200 Hoo-Hoo to go as a special party as soon as the Annual is over. The company offering to handle this tour for the kittens sends an outline, which I send you for publication, and which is certainly alluring enough to satisfy anybody. A trip by fast express steamer, such as the American liner St. Louis (recently the auxiliary cruiser Harvaru, U. S. N., Captain Sigbee commanding), and several weeks' stay abroad, visiting the Exposition every day, with all expenses paid, would be a 'cracker jack,' and a trip which every Hoo-Hoo would remember as long as he lived.

"Personally, this kitten is going to see that Paris Exposition. He made up his mind to that three years ago, and began saving his money about a year ago on one of this same company's tours. It is presumed that hundreds of Hoo-Hoo have made the same resolution. Now, why not combine, organize a mammoth Hoo-Hoo party, get the best ship of the American line flying the American flag, and show those Parisians how we do things in this country? We could have all the advantages of individuals touring, coupled with a congenial Hoo-Hoo party, guide service, carriage rides, hotels, baggage transfers, fees, admission to the Exposition, and the thousand and one petty details, all provided for by the company's officials, and be free to do as we pleased, and all paid for in monthly installments.

"I took out a certificate of registration in the European Tourist Company about a year ago for a \$300 tour, and am paying \$15 a month to the company; but I would change in the twinkling of an eye and join a Hoo-Hoo party, for I know I will have a better time with the kittens. I think every Hoo-Hoo would prefer going as a body. This tourist company pays four per cent interest on all money paid in, just as a savings bank does, and provides for withdrawals in case of illness or inability to go, transfers of certificates if desired, or refunding of all money paid in to the legal representatives of the member in case of death, thus making the plan perfectly safe. I investigated it carefully before taking out a certificate, and it is A1 financially.

"It seems to me that a good plan would be for such Hoo-Hoo as want to make such a trip to write you signifying their desire to enroll prior to May or June of this year and to begin monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual payments on July 1. That would be fifteen months from September, 1900; and by paying at the rate of \$20 or \$25 a month, the trip as outlined herein would be practically paid for when the party was ready to start, the final instalment being paid thirty days before embarking at New York. This would make it easy for everybody. Remittances could be made in accordance with the regulations of the tourist company, and proper receipts sent to each individual member by that company. The company holds all money received in trust with the Guarantee Trust Company, New York City, and it cannot be used for any purpose but the tour, except to be refunded in case of withdrawal or death, with interest.

"Side tours could, of course, be taken by individuals at extra expense, returning to America whenever they pleased.

"The idea strikes me as a fine one, and I would like the views of the kittens who expect or hope to go to Paris next year. Let's enroll, all of us who think of seeing the big Exposition, and make the year 1900 a record breaker for old Hoo-Hoo. The municipality of Paris would be dyed a deep carnine on such a trip. Many of us are going, or want to go. Why not be sure of going? NO. 3712."

The outline of the European Tourist Company referred to in the above letter is as follows:

"Route: New York, Southampton, Paris (Versailles and St. Germain), Southampton, New York. Duration, 32 days; cost, \$385.

"Accommodations: Express steamers and first-class railway traveling and hotels.

"Sight-seeing: Guide service and interpreters, two-days' carriage rides, and daily admission to the Exposition.

"Inclusive Charges: Three meals daily; transfers of passengers and baggage between stations, piers, and hotels; usual allowance of baggage, fees to servants, rooms, and lights.

"Steamship Accommodations: It is suggested that the American liner St. Louis (recently an auxiliary cruiser U. S. N., Captain Sigbee commanding) be used. This vessel is well known, and its name would be attractive to Southern and Western people, who are intensely patriotic. This trip is calculated on a minimum rate of \$100 (the prevailing summer rate now in force), and is subject to a possible advance of from \$10 to \$20 per berth each way for each person in a three-berth or a four-berth cabin. This advance is problematic, but contracts can be so worded as to provide for it should it become necessary."

To contemplate the dazzling possibilities of this gorgeous trip makes one absolutely dizzy. What bushels of fun two or three hundred Hoo-Hoo could have in Paris! What a glittering and iridescent royal good time! To give the Hoo-Hoo yell in the very shadow of the Tuilleries; to walk the streets through which passed Barbaroux with his six hundred men, "who knew how to die," the thunder of whose footsteps shook down the throne of France; to promenade the Rue St. Antoine, that crooked street which the third Napoleon made straight, that his cannon might sweep it from end to end, hotbed of revolution that it was; to see

with our own eyes if the Merlin Rouge really is as red as it is painted, or if, in our opinion, it needs still another coat of crimson—these are some of the things it makes our head swim to think about. Then the Exposition itself, the epitome of human achievement for nineteen centuries—surely to see this would be the event of a lifetime.

"The Bulletin" will gladly publish suggestions from members along this line, and it is hoped that all will feel at liberty to express their views. The plan is respectfully submitted to the membership, and no definite steps will be taken until the general sentiment is ascertained.

#### Notes and Comments.

The following letter has been sent by Snark Gladding, to all the Vicegerents. This letter is particularly timely, inasmuch as the Scrivenoter's office has for the past few months been receiving numerous letters from the membership asking how a man may be reinstated when dropped from the rolls as a delinquent:

"March 23.—To All Vicegerents—Dear Sir: Whenever holding concatenations, the Snark would respectfully request that you take special pains to ascertain whether or not every member present has paid his dues and is in good standing; and if he has not paid for the preceding or current year, you may offer to receive the amount, the same to be reported and remitted at the same time you report the amount of the concatenation to the Scrivenoter. Furthermore, if it is ascertained that there is any one present who has been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues within past years, please notify the party that he can be reinstated in the Order by proper vote of the members present at the concatenation and upon payment of his back dues. During the past two years there has been dropped from the rolls a number of very good men on account of non-payment of dues, and, in our opinion, this has been more from neglect on their part than a desire to quit the Order. Consequently, if each Vicegerent will watch 'The Bulletin' closely to see if there are any from his district in arrears, he can perhaps save the Order from losing such members by giving the matter personal attention.

"Yours truly,  
N. A. GLADDING, Snark."

Sometimes a man may not really know the amount of his arrears, but this need not deter him from being reinstated if he happens to have a chance to attend a concatenation. Let him simply pay 99 cents for each year since he was initiated, including the "current year," and the amount overpaid (if any) will be promptly returned from this office.

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The Scrivenoter is in receipt of a free pass on the steamer Woodruff, "the only three-wheel boat on earth." The pass is presented with the compliments of the well-known firm of J. L. Kilgore & Co., of Paducah, Ky., manufacturers of barrel headings. It bears the lucky number 99, and, with true Kentucky hospitality, includes meals "and drinks." It is not stated just what sort of drinks are served on the Woodruff, but a boat with three wheels would likely be well supplied with other necessities, and doubtless something a little more bracing than river water would be provided in case a passenger should feel a chill coming on. The Woodruff belongs to J. L. Kilgore & Co., and is used principally for their own towing on the Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers. She is under Hoo-Hoo supervision, and has a staff of officers who have sworn allegiance to the Great Black Cat. The master is J. L. Kilgore (No. 3289), and the traffic manager is E. D. Gillen (No. 4281). The clerk, Miss E. E. Lynn, wears a Hoo-Hoo stick pin, and is a well-wisher of all the members of the Order. Between the chimneys of the Woodruff is the Hoo-Hoo emblem, a black cat, 2½ feet high, and the boat constitutes a very striking advertisement for the Order. The Woodruff has a record of twelve miles an hour upstream, with a barge in front, from which it will be seen that she is a speedy traveler. "The Bulletin" wishes her merry crew Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

Among the numerous letters in reference to the Permanent Charity Fund which have been received at this office is one from a brother who says he is opposed to it. Not that he is disposed to be uncharitable or niggardly in giving, but that he does not approve of the plan of relief as adopted in this matter of the Permanent Charity Fund. He writes at some length and very earnestly, and as he is a man of exceptionally high character, his views are worth considering. Among other things, he says:

"While I have contributed my mite to the Hoo-Hoo Charity Fund, I certainly do not approve of it. We have, I believe, a thoroughly good class of men in the Hoo-Hoo Order, and no self-respecting man wants charity; but, at the same time, when a man has had illness himself or in his family (if he has one), or lost his position, or through other causes beyond his control finds himself in trouble and in absolute want for the necessities of life—or, in fact, in the same position that he would be when the Charity Fund donated—then let the Hoo-Hoo make that man a loan for the same amount that they otherwise intended to give him. With how much better grace the applicant can apply and receive this money if it is in the shape of a loan, and make the loan without security, and to draw no interest, and to be paid back when convenient, either as a whole or in monthly payments! If the applicant never pays the sum back, the Order is out nothing more than it would be on the charity basis. There is something about receiving money in the way of charity that cannot help being very humiliating and degrading."

The question of how to relieve want without degrading the recipient is about as old as poverty itself. When a man gets to the point where he is in actual need of the necessities of life, he is liable to develop a very keen sensitiveness on the subject, and to feel meaner than a yellow dog, anyhow. For financial trouble is the hardest of all trouble to bear. Neither philosophy nor religion can soften the sting of it, nor can it be forgotten or laid aside for a single minute. There is a persistent sort of a "cling" to money troubles that no other sort of misery possesses. It will not shake off. You cannot work the mind cure on a man who has had no breakfast. To add to this state of affairs the still greater humiliation of a gift of charity is, in the opinion of the brother referred to, an unwise and ungracious thing. "The Bulletin" is always glad to receive and to publish suggestions from the members, and if any are inclined to agree with this brother or to take issue with him, we should like to hear from them.

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Here is a letter from a man who has started in with the true Hoo-Hoo spirit:

"I am in receipt of your registered letter containing Hoo-Hoo handbook and button, for which accept my hearty thanks. I hope to make a good Hoo-Hoo. As I am a very new member, I am not very well posted yet, but hope to be soon. I wish you success in every way.  
York, Neb. NO. 6232."

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A statistically-inclined brother wrote us the following communication, which was published in last issue:

"In looking over the list in the January 'Bulletin,' I notice that a large per cent of the contributors to the Charity Fund are new members, a fact that I can hardly account for. There are 626 names in the list; 525 of them require four figures; 87, three figures; 13, two figures; and only 1, one figure, which means that the older members do not 'cough up' in proportion to the later ones. However, I hope you will be able to get an amount that will be sufficient to meet all needy calls, and, whenever you are 'short,' call again.  
NO. 277."

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This has elicited the following response from No. 98, also statistically inclined:

"The February 'Bulletin' at hand. Brother 277 thinks the brethren with only two figures are derelict in charity, and gives some figures. I think that, according to his figures, the two-figure members are in greater evidence in

proportion to numbers than any others. According to No. 277, there are:

13	out of	99
87	"	899
525	"	5***

"Am I not correct? Fraternally, NO. 98."

#### Comments on Concatenations.

Vicegerent W. J. Kilhuff held a concatenation at Mobile, Ala., on March 1, at which everything passed off most pleasantly. Brother Kilhuff writes that he contemplates holding a meeting at Birmingham or Montgomery at an early date.

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Brother C. J. Church held a concatenation at San Francisco on February 23, at which nine men were initiated. After the meeting the session On the Roof was held, at which was discussed the following menu:

Bivalves à la Gib Belcher  
Relishes,  
Redwood Olives Oregon Pine Radishes Overdrawn Celery  
Oak-tanned Rolls à la Hoyt, with Dairy Butter  
Degen Dressing  
Salads,  
Chipped Crab, Fish Haron Sauce  
Chicken, Flywheel Finish, Heedy Sauce  
Pomme d'Terre, Redwood Burl, Matt. Harris Style  
Cold Meats,  
Kiln-dried Turkey, stuffed with "Wood and Iron"  
Logging-camp Smoked "Bullock" Tongue  
à la Invincible Kelly  
Charred Slab-side Veal, with Sweet Sauce  
Wines,  
Zinfandel Foot Juice, with Riesling, Jug Finish  
Pabst Loggie Beer  
Fruits of the Season.  
All but Hoo-Hoo Lumbermen  
Dessert,  
Slab-cut Chocolate Cake à la Furman  
Stearns' Gang Edger  
Sawn Walnut Cake  
Café Chat Noir  
El Portello Cigars, Alphabet Sellers  
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Vicegerent S. F. Minter held a concatenation at Norfolk, Va., on February 23, the full report of which was unavoidably delayed, which is the reason it did not appear in the last issue of "The Bulletin." Seven men were initiated, and that the meeting was more than usually interesting is shown by the following account, clipped from the "American Lumberman":

"Norfolk, Va., March 4.—It is not every Hoo-Hoo function that is worth saying a great deal about; but such is not the case of the concatenation held by Vicegerent Minter at Norfolk, Va., on the evening of February 23. 'A peach' does not describe it; it was a whole basketful of peaches.

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