

KEEP THEM OUT

Insect Invaders Cost This Country Millions Every Season.

NO BARRIER IS PUT UP

Wheat, Cotton and Other Pests, Say the Experts, Come from Abroad—Argentine Ant, Mexican Boll Weevil, Hessian Fly and Gypsy Moth Some of Them.

Are we in danger of a foreign invasion? No; the invaders are upon us and doing much more damage than an army would do. One foreign invader from Hesse Cassel costs the farmers in the wheat belt from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually.

A tough-backed invader from Mexico is crossing the cotton belt, eating \$25,000,000 worth of fibre between early July and late frost.

Another invader whose original home is stated by various experts to have been in Asia or in Mexico is costing the United States government and a dozen states \$1,300,000 to check his annual ravages among the fruit trees.

Still another alien enemy has recently been slaying the woodland shades and roadside trees and doing incalculable damage to the forest areas of the nation. His ravages have never been estimated.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture say that fifty per cent of the damage done by pests and parasites among the orchards and crops of the United States is caused by foreign winged plagues that have been allowed to gain a foothold in the country.

Every other civilized nation guards against the introduction of stinging flying, creeping things that devour the strength of vegetation. The United States does not. There are no statutes making such action mandatory, and if there were there is no machinery to put in action against these pests. European governments watch every entry port carefully.

The orchardists of Europe watch every shipment of nursery stock that is sent from the United States. Their shipments to this country arrive and are unpacked and bugs and flying things that are death to vegetation flutter out and make for themselves new homes in a new land. In a few years the department experts are hurrying to the despairing calls of the orchardists who are making a losing fight against some new and extraordinary kind of pest that is withering their trees.

One of the winged plagues poisoned hundreds of people in New England last summer and fall. One man died of the effects of what was known as the "browntail rash," so called because it was caused by the presence of millions of "brown tail moths," brought over from Europe years ago by some careless shipper. Whole townships turned out to fight them last year.

The gypsy moth is another tree devastator that is slowly being spread all over the United States. Both these moths came originally from Europe. They are but two of our foreign invaders. Five hundred tons of lead arsenate were used in New England last year in the stubborn fight made against these two.

The San Jose scale of infamous memory was a terrible invader. A tree lover near San Jose, Cal., found certain parasites on his orchards. These spread to the trees of his neighbors. In a few years the San Jose scale was all over the United States. It is dying out now. An indefatigable professor traced it here and there over the world and finally located its original home somewhere in China.

He brought home with him a sackful of its hereditary enemies, a sort of Chinese lady bug. As soon as they got acclimated they started in to increase and wax fat off the tremendous number of their old victims, the scale. Still there are enough San Jose scale remaining in the United States to cost the farmer and fruit grower about \$10,000,000 yearly.

An evil-looking bug came across the Rio Grande near Brownsville, Tex., in 1882. Nothing has ever checked him since that time. He crossed Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, jumped the Mississippi in 1908 and some day soon will have reached the Atlantic unless checked. He has cost the cotton planters nearly \$125,000,000 since he invaded Texas, and for the last three years he has been gobbling up the cotton bales to the tune of \$25,000,000 yearly. Altogether he has eaten up millions of bales. The boll weevil has forty-five parasitic enemies, but they are too weak for him.

In the East the entomologists hope to kill off the gypsy moths during the present season by introducing "moth cholera" among their invading swarms. It is known as the "wilt" and the infected moths die of it by tens of thousands. Their bodies become putrid and semi-liquid. Another enemy, especially imported from their old homes in Europe, will be turned loose among their breeding areas soon. A particularly savage beetle that manages to keep them from becoming a pest in Southern Europe is the imported enemy Argentina ants are among the latest of the invading pests that are securing a foothold in the West and

MEET DEATH IN AIR

TRIPLE TRAGEDY OCCURS AT AEROPLANE RACES.

Fifty Aeroplanists Took Wing at Vincennes Field for Flight to London and Three Are Killed.

Fifty aeroplanists took wing early Sunday from the aviation Vincennes, France, on the European circuit race, calls for a flight to London and return, with stops at various places, going and returning.

Three of the aviators soon after the start were killed and at least one was gravely hurt. The dead: Capt. Princetau, whose motor exploded in mid-air, flooding him with gasoline and burning him to death.

M. Lemartin, who dashed against a tree, the motor of his aeroplane crushing his head. Lendron was killed near Chateau Thierry. Benzine in the reservoir exploded and the aviator was burned to death and the machine consumed.

The injured: M. Gaubert, a former lieutenant in the army, who was entering in the civilian race under the name "Dalgier." He was found lying senseless near his machine in a wheat field four miles from Villars Coteres. His injuries are serious.

M. Bille's aeroplane struck the earth within a mile of the start and was wrecked. Bille was injured, but not seriously. Three other aviators fell—M. Lorcian, near Charleville; Oscar Morrison, close to Gagny, and M. Moric at Chevon, within 22 miles of Liege, which is the end of the first stage of the race. None of these men were badly hurt.

Of the 50 aviators who started the race, 38 were civilians and 12 officers, assigned for military duty. Hung up for the competitors are prizes amounting to \$94,000.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES.
In a Box Car Killing Four Negroes Working There.

Four negroes met death in a series of peculiar accidents at Atlanta, Thursday. Sam Whitlock was killed when he accidentally struck six sticks of dynamite in an old railroad work car which he was sweeping out. The dynamite had been left there many months, it was stated. Washington Kendrick was engaged in a scuffle with another negro named Quit Woolley on the eighth floor of the new Third National bank building, fell, or was pushed, into the elevator shaft and was dead when found at the bottom. Woolley was arrested. Joe Arnold and his brother, Will, negro farmers, were drowned while engaged in cleaning out a small lake near Lakewood. Neither could swim.

Grasshoppers Hurt Cotton.
According to a prominent cotton planter who has returned to New Orleans Thursday after a two weeks trip through various parts of the cotton belt, grasshoppers in large quantities are beginning to attack the cotton crop in sections of Louisiana and Mississippi. So far, the pests have become noticeable only in certain localities, but it is feared, the planter says, if the hot dry weather continues much longer they will become a great danger to the crop.

Very Strange Case.
Andrew C. Fears, a well known merchant of Athens, Ga., is desperately ill at his home from a most unusual origin. Monday afternoon he had a tooth pulled, and the bleeding from the dental operation could not be stopped for hours. Mr. Fears lost a gallon of blood from the tooth. Later, hemorrhages from the kidneys set in, and it is feared that his condition is very serious.

Mine Explosion.
Several persons are reported to have been killed and a number injured by an explosion in the Mary mine at Blair, Nev., on Friday. Joseph Besto is known to have perished. Communication with the mine is difficult.

South Shipments from the South.
American Republic brought them into the United States. Another of the invading plagues is the alfalfa weevil. No one seems to know yet just where it came from.

The orchardists and farmers have been fighting for years for a strong federal enactment that will help to keep out the insect pests of other lands. So far it has failed to pass.

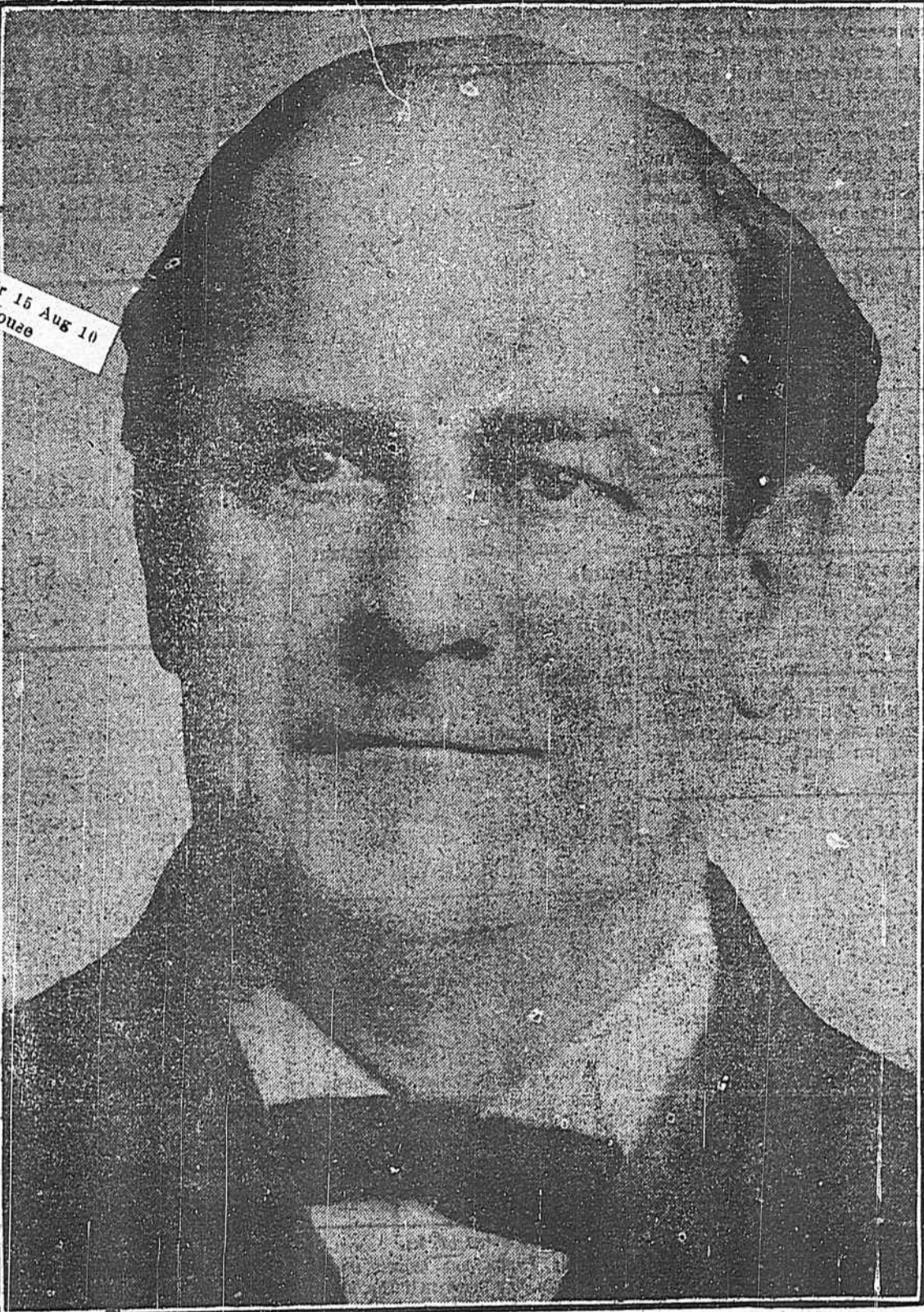
Just about this time in the year the first despairing wails of the wheat grower are heard. The native Hessian fly is tossing up for his crop. Of the two evils, the imported one is the worst. The Hessian fly may be the bigger, but he cannot create the havoc that follows in the trail of the Hessian fly.

The invader is a legacy of our war with George III. Illinois, Iowa and Indiana know of his power. On his off seasons he manages to destroy 50,000,000 bushels of wheat. He robs the world of a million tons of flour, or enough to make 2,000,000,000 loaves of bread; enough bread to feed every man, woman and child in the United States for over a week.

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The Great Commoner Who Is Here Today.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

MADE A CLEAN SWEEP.

Bank Officials Steal All the Cash There Was in Sight.

A dispatch from Raleigh, N. C., says State Bank Examiner J. K. Doughon arrived there from Tarboro to spend Sunday. He says it will take a week yet to make the thorough examination of the bank of Tarboro necessary to ascertain the exact shortage of Cashier Hart, who suicided, and Assistant Cashier Hussey, who is held in \$15,000 bond for defaultations. He says the shortage will be \$100,000 and very probably \$125,000. While the shortages have been accumulating gradually for seven years, much the larger part of it has occurred within the past six or ten months. It seems to Examiner Doughon that the cashiers found themselves so deeply involved that they could not straighten their books further and just set in deliberately to loot the bank.

Baby Drowns in Tub.

At Graham, N. C., the 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bason fell into a tub of water and was drowned. The mother had gone out to draw a bucket of water and the baby fell into the tub of about seven inches of water and was drowned before it was noticed. It was an ordinary lard tub, which easily allowed the infant to overbalance and fall in.

Tech. Student Succumbs.

Robert L. Bowen, of Jewell, Ga., a student at the Georgia School of Technology, died at Atlanta Wednesday morning from injuries received when he was thrown from an automobile. The accident was caused by the bursting of a tire. Young Bowen was accompanied by three other students all of whom were more or less injured.

Revolutionary Records Returned.

Three charred volumes of the revolutionary records of South Carolina which escaped the capitol fire at Albany, N. Y., were received recently by the South Carolina historical commission. The records were returned under a special act of the New York legislature.

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CONVICT DYNAMITES GUARD.

Convicts Make Near-Escape Near Yorkville Friday.

An unsuccessful attempt was made Friday afternoon by a member of the chain-gang force, a negro named Stinson, to kill guard Williams, by exploding some dynamite near the officer. Mr. Williams was knocked down and rendered unconscious for a short while. On recovering consciousness he observed that the convicts were running away. Quickly regaining his feet, and seizing his gun, he ordered the fleeing men to halt, which they did, none escaping. Stinson had been entrusted with dynamite to blow up stumps in the road. The attempt was made at Cassin branch, west of town where the gang is now work.

Boy Bandit Surrounded.

After a series of running battles with officers of three counties near Vallejo, Cal., on Friday, Frank Melville believed to be the boy bandit who has held up a dozen saloons in California towns recently, is surrounded in a swamp on Carquinez Straits. It is thought Melville's ammunition is almost exhausted, and it is believed that his capture is certain.

Drowned at Georgetown.

Willie Tarbox, a lad of about 16 years, was drowned at Georgetown Friday afternoon about 6 o'clock in the Sampit river, while in bathing with several of his playmates. He was the son of J. P. Tarbox, a missionary to Brazil who had just left on the train about two hours before the drowning of his son took place, and was recalled by telegram.

Quite an Old Horse.

E. T. Bigelow, of Fairfield, Me., is the owner of a horse 41 years old, believed to be the oldest horse in the State. She is driven every day, and can go to Waterville, a distance of eight miles, in a little more than an hour. Her teeth would indicate that he is not more than 13 years old, and she is fat and plump.

Negro Kills Negro.

As the result of an altercation Jackson Worley hurled Washington Kendrick, another negro, down the shaft of an elevator in the new Third National Bank Building in Atlanta last week. Worley lifted the other negro bodily over the shaft and let him fall the negro being mashed almost to a pulp.

Burn the Town.

French Creek, W. Va., a farming community of 200 souls, was almost destroyed by fire. Many families are encamped in barns and making a temporary home with more fortunate neighbors. The fire was started by burghers that blew the safe in the postoffice.

NEEDS SOME HEMP.

White Brute Charged With Assaulting a Young Woman.

A dispatch from Monticello, Ga., says a posse is scouring the county of Jasper for Lawrence Crawford, a prominent young white man, who according to the story of the victim Thursday night while the family was absent, tied Miss Lizzie Halle to a bed in her own home, assaulted her and fled, leaving the girl trussed up until her parents returned several hours later. Excitement is at fever heat and it is generally conceded that if Crawford is caught lynch law will go into quick and immediate effect. Crawford was a friend of the family and called while the girl's parents were at a lodge meeting. She says he drugged her and she remembers nothing until regaining consciousness Friday morning. She had been in precarious health and fears are entertained for her recovery.

Collins Can't Be Found.

Will Collins, the negro who killed J. P. Bouknight, in Lexington county, can't be found. The officers who have been on the hunt for him ever since the tragedy, declare that Collins is still alive and that he will soon be captured. Others, however, assert that the negro was killed soon after he shot the white man, and that his body was thrown into the river.

Vitriol Thrown in Face.

Mrs. Emma Marcholtz, seeing Mrs. Brunislaw Dujck passing her home in Chicago enticed her in the house on Thursday and poured a bottle of vitriol on her face. One eye was destroyed and the woman suffered from burns that may prove fatal. In defense the woman said that the other had broken up her home. Mrs.

Arrested after Fifteen Years.

On information furnished them by C. H. Herrod, a negro preacher of Lumpkin, the police of New Orleans Friday arrested Lawrence Bittle, alias Robert Lacy, a negro said to be wanted in Richmond, Ga., for the killing of the chief of police of that place 15 years ago.

Seed 1,000 Years Old.

After lying in the tomb of an Egyptian mummy for probably more than 1,000 years, ten grains of wheat sent to a Greeley, California, farmer and planted have germinated. From it eight stalks of wheat superior to any growing in that locality.

Japanese Forest Fires.

The destructive forest fire in Hokkaido province, Japan, briefly reported by cable, May 20, raged thirteen days and burned an immense area, causing timber loss estimated at \$5,000,000, according to advices received by the Tacoma Maru.

SHE TOOK THEM IN

FAKE FORTUNE TELLER REAPS GOLDEN HARVEST.

Magic Talismans Sold to Number of Superstitious and Credulous People for Large Sums.

Mrs. Jennie Hunter, alias Madame Hunter, who was arrested in Baltimore recently on a warrant from Raleigh, charging her with obtaining money under false pretenses, worked a number of superstitious and credulous people there for considerable sums of money as a fortune teller.

Mrs. Annie O. Eatman, a well-known dressmaker, lost \$800 through the representations of the wily fortune teller that she could unravel and work out the happiest solution of some family troubles that were disturbing Mrs. Eatman. Just what they were has not yet been divulged except to the authorities in confidence.

The next largest amount claimed to have been obtained was from a well-to-do negro woman. Madame Hunter read her palm and told her she would soon break out with terrible sores unless some counteracting spell was worked for her; that she had been conjured to have these sores develop. For \$200 she gave her a talisman that would ward off the affliction. It was a small wooden box securely sealed.

The victim was told that if she opened the box she would die. Chief Police Stell opened it when the woman brought it to him, and found that it contained some blackish powders. Some of this, he says, he rubbed between his fingers, and much to his alarm, the fingers began to tingle. But he is convinced now that the itching was imaginary and that the powder was really perfectly harmless and worthless.

Another victim brought a talisman in a red flannel sack. It contained two pieces of worthless ore rock. It had cost her the small sum of \$2 and was presented by Madame Hunter to possess allpowerful charm for her welfare.

Madame Hunter came to Raleigh early in the year, opened a tent-house in a vacant lot two doors from the State house on Fayetteville street. Here she did a flourishing business as a palmist until late in April, when she disappeared overnight. A notable thing is that she refused to take Mrs. Eatman's check for her pay, but required her to get her own checks cashed and bring the money.

FREE AT LAST

A Woman a Prisoner For Three Years in a Private Sanitarium.

SAID SHE WAS INSANE

The Case is One of Much Interest to the People of Asheville, Where the Hospital is Located. The Doctor Ordered by Court to Release the Woman.

On the strength of the report of the board of examining physicians, composed of Dr. D. E. Sevier, Dr. L. R. McBrayer and Dr. G. W. Purefoy, appointed by Judge Carter to inquire into the sanity of Mrs. Alice Mucklow, who alleged that she was being detained by Dr. Robert S. Carroll at his sanitarium at Asheville, N. C., against her will and that she was being illegally deprived of her liberty, Judge Carter Saturday signed a judgment decreeing in effect that Mrs. Mucklow was sane; that she was illegally restrained of her liberty and directed the said Dr. Robert S. Carroll release her.

The order also provides that Dr. Carroll shall pay all costs in the proceeding, including \$30 each to the examining physician and \$49.95 to Miss Amy Emanuel for stenographic work. This judgment in effect informs the world that Mrs. Mucklow, who spent three and one half years in the Carroll sanitarium is a sane person and that she was illegally detained. The case reads like fiction, but every word of it is true. Many other sane persons, no doubt, are locked up in private sanitariums.

The case of Mrs. Mucklow is interesting. She is an accomplished lady, a daughter of a late English officer, educated in Germany, and at the death of her father left an estate of 3,000 pounds, or \$15,000, the revenue from which amounted to approximately \$86 per month. Three and one-half years ago she was placed in the Carroll sanitarium. There she remained until two or three weeks ago, when on a writ of habeas corpus sued out before Judge Carter at the instance of Judge Adams, of police court, she was produced in court, the writ having directed again Dr. Carroll to produce his patient.

At that time it was contended for Dr. Carroll that the lady was insane and should not be at liberty. Affidavits were filed with the Court and Judge Carter, pursuing a wise course, decided that a board of three physicians should inquire into Mrs. Mucklow's mental condition. Dr. Sevier was named one of the physicians, while counsel for Dr. Carroll was privileged to name a second, and the counsel for Mrs. Mucklow a third physician. The board as finally constituted was composed of Drs. Sevier, McBrayer, and Purefoy.

In the meantime, however, Judge Carter directed that Mrs. Mucklow be given into the custody of the sheriff of the County. This was done and since that time she has been with friends in the city. It was claimed by Mrs. Mucklow that she could not endure longer the treatment accorded her at the Carroll sanitarium. She declared that she had been made a "subject" for demonstration purposes, and that the humiliation was more than she could endure.

She wrote a letter to Judge Adams of the Police Court, imploring him to render her assistance in an effort to free herself from the sanitarium. She also wrote another letter to an Asheville lady. These letters succeeded in reaching the persons to whom they were addressed and Judge Adams took the matter up and on the affidavit of Police Captain Jordan that on information and belief Mrs. Mucklow was illegally restrained of her liberty by Dr. Carroll, a writ of habeas corpus was issued.

Just what further steps if any will now be taken in this matter is not made known. It has been rumored, however, that in the event Mrs. Mucklow was found to be a person of sound mind the matter would not be allowed to drop, that an effort might be made to have Dr. Carroll's license revoked and also that a suit for damages might be instituted. These reports, however, could not be confirmed Saturday, the counsel for Mrs. Mucklow declining to discuss the case saying that they had not yet decided upon their future course.

Bomb Explodes in Conduit.

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Face Bigamy Charge.

A dispatch from Laurens says Ed Hutto, a white man was brought back from Union several days ago by Deputy W. H. Worthy and lodged in the county jail on the charge of bigamy. The warrant was sworn out by the alleged wife number two, who was a Miss Armenta Wix and who works in the Laurens mill. Hutto is said to have a wife now living in Augusta, who has agreed to come here to testify against him.

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