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Verse. rook of all the OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERMON A Brilliant Discourse By the Rev. A H. C. Morris.,

Brooklyn, N. Y .- Sunday morning, in Strong Place Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. A. H. C. Morse, had as his subject, "Powerful Promises." The text was from II Peter i:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust." Mr. Morse said:

At any rate the Bible is frank. says the plainest things about man's But it also holds before him a sin. wonderful hope. To-day he is mired in corruption. To-morrow he may have escaped from this and become like God. The whole gospel is found in these few words.

We have here a statement of the fact of sin and its origin. The fact is "corruption" and the origin "through lust." I know that there are worldly-wise men who sneer at the third chapter of Genesis. But this I have noticed, that they are uniformly unable to give us a simpler solution of the mystery of evil. Somewhere and at some time the race must have sinned. The stream of life has been poisoned, and this must have taken place at its fountain head, for we cannot find any divisions which do not have the entire characteristics of the whole. The Bible says the event took place in the first man before a single son was born, and he lusted after something which was forbidden to him, and that by his disobedience he fell from a primal innocency, and lurched the race, and entailed a condition of corruption. And that we have aggravated this calamity by repeating

sin and deepening the ruin. But I am not so much concerned today about the origin of the condition. We can leave that with a single word. But there are certain facts that cannot be brushed aside. A man may question the story as it is written in Scripture, but he cannot deny it, for it does not come within the region of denial. Neither can he deny the story as it is reproduced in life to-day. Have you never plucked forbidden fruit? Have you never lusted for pleasure which has been distinctly forbidden? And as a consequence of transgression, have you never experienced a repulsive sickness and an intolerable loathing, so that you have known what is the meaning of this phrase, "the corrup-

tion which is in the world through lust?" Do you not know anything at all of the lashings of remorse? Let me ask you another question. How does it happen that the heart is so constantly "running down?" Why must it be repeatedly wound up and fastened with ratchets? Why do we have to make and renew resolves, and lash the will to the "sticking place?" Why is it that a man never backslides into holiness? Why cannot we take off the brakes and find ourselves gliding into the highest moral living? Everything, we are told, tends to move in the line of least resistance. Do we find that we are drifting toward charity and holiness and benevolence and virtue? Nay, but to all of us these graces are the fruit of serious toil. They are magnificent possessions, more precious than gold and sparkling gems, but they are gotten only by struggle and privation and self-denial. And that word "self-denial" contains a fossil history of primal sin. It tells us of an evil self that must be constantly denied, because its desires are wrong. But whence this evil self, and whence these wrong desires? But let us come a little closer to this

subject. Let me hint at the things that we cannot spread before the public, our secret thoughts and fauits which To talk with the wood wind of things we used to know When we were old companions, before Sou tell me whence they come? Tell me for instance, whence come the envy and jealousy and malice and evil de-sire, and the lust for gold that makes To drowse with the noontide, lulled on its the thief, and the thirst for blood which crimsons the hand of murder? Do you not think these things arise in human life as malaria and pestilence from a death-dealing bog? Do they not bespeak what this Scripture cails "corruption which is in the world a through lust?" I suppose that the angels before the throne of God would shirk from having their thoughts pro-The wild wood, the wild brook-they will claimed with the trumpet of Gabriel. I know that Jesus has torn open His heart and flung out a challenge which no man can accept. "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" said He. But we cannot do that. We hide our siu? thoughts and cover our faults with a crimson blush, and walk among our nearest friends with a coward's step. province of Bizen, has married and But what has befallen man? If God divorced thirty-five wives, and is now made him innocent-and nobody quesmarried to a thirty-sixth. The reason | tions this-something must have haphe assigns for his extraordinary fickle pened to corrupt his thoughts and make them so black that he stands in dread of the day for which all other position, who, from the moment a new days were made, when this hidden history shall be revealed. There is something pathetic in man's system of persecution which soon attempts to assert his worth. We drives the unhappy woman to ask her husband for a divorce, which is an conscience" and the "Dignity of hueasy and inexpensive process in the man nature," and of the "Fatherhood land of the Rising Sun.-London T of God," and the "Brotherhood of man" as if these terms were true and meaningful. Take the first of these and see what comfort there is in it. "The majesty of conscience." But do you not know that conscience almost always speaks in judgment? It seems to have lost its authority to command if it ever possessed that authority. It can lift one from a sick bed. A lady in cannot insist upon obedience, but can only raise its voice in remonstrance. It can be easily overruled, and voted down, and then it can only record a minority vote, and lapse into silence. But there is more in this scripture than a statement of the fact of sin, retain any food at all, although I tried | Here are also "these great and precious promises whereby we may be come partakers of the divine unture. That is men may become as God. And death, till one day my husband trying | the warrant for this promise is found in the fact of correspondence between the divine and the human. The natural man cannot discern spiritua! things, and it is no use to talk to him about them, for there is no correspondence, no basis of affinity, no ground of fellowship. But man was made in the image of God, and it was possible for God to take upon Himself man's nature; and it is within the power of every man, by the grate of God, to take on also the divine nature, to be

Himself a new creation. He has begun it in one new Man, who kept His life without spot or blemish. And in His life and federal headship we share by a single act of faith. The consequences of faith are quite as great as the consequences of disobedience. "He

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"Then."

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to be rid of him.

die in that place.

FOR

tary on the Day's Lesson.

Subject: Jeremiah in the Dungeon, Jer.

xxxviii., 1-13-Golden Text, Matt, v.,

10-Memory Verses, 8-10-Commen-

I. Jeremiah's enemies (vs. 1-4). 1.

accused of treason, but having one which made the result of the siege cer-

tain he acted humanely as interpreter

given." This was a testimony that he

constantly bore; he had the authority

of God for it. He knew it was true

were plain enough, but the proof was

motives were maligned because f

yea, in flaming letters, before us all.

scorn. He was put in the stocks, was

publicly whipped, was misrepresented

as an enemy, was imprisoned several times, but he kept right on. "The dun-

geon." Literally "the cistern." It was

not a subterranean prison as that in

Jonathan's house (chapter 37: 15), but

a pit or cistern, which had been full of

water, but was emptied of it during

hope of escape. "Sunk in the mire.

"The princes said." Their reasons

and he never wavered or equivocated.

be

advising surrender. 3. "Surely

After the events referred to

that believeth on Him hath everlasting And that does not mean that life." his life is prolonged in endless time. but that it is endowed with an immortal nature. It is received the instant he believes, as by a new birth, and has passed from death unto life. He hath been already delivered from the bondage and corruption of the kingdom of

in chapter 37, where Jeremiah was de-livered from the dungeon. "Shephatiah," etc. Some of Jeremiah's enemies darkness and has been colonized in the who were seeking his life. "All the kingdom of His Son. He is born of people." God, a son of the Most High, a citizen in the court of the prison. 2. "Life for a prey." A proverbial expression. To of heaven. A single sin has stained the race. We laid hold on death and make one's escape with life like a valuspite of tears and cries and struggle, we have not been able to loose the the narrowness of the escape, and the hand. One single act of faith takes joy felt at it are included in the idea. He shall carry off his life as his gain, hold on eternal life, and in spite of sins and falls and failure that prize saved by his going over to the Chalcan never be wrested from our grasp. deans. Had Jeremiah not had a divine commission he might justly have been And this is all by faith,

Men have said to me that the scheme of salvation is arbitrary. It is vain, they say, to shut the world up to faith. But, my friend, do you not know that this entire universe is arbitrary? There is nothing more arbitrary than the laws of mathematics, or of health or of gravitation. It is not strange that every son of Adam is shut up to the multiplication table? Is it not strange that if a man wants to compute numbers in China he must use the identical system that we use? That three and two make five there as they do here? No, there is but one law for light or heat or electricity or numbers, or gravitation in all the earth. And there is but one way of salvation for all the earth. Here it is said "through these promises," which only means that a man believes in Christ. A promise is nothing except for the value of the person who makes it. Some men may make their promises, and no man gives them heed. But if one promises whose character you know, then you count on them as you count upon the shining of the sun.

We hear a good deal in these days about education into the kingdom of God, about the natural development of righteousness. But development is only unfolding, and that the race has been doing in all the centuries, and each age surpasses the last in the enormity of sin. Education is drawing out, but how can you draw holiness from a heart that is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked?" Education can never do the work. It is like putting a new handle on the pump and leaving the dog in the well. You may wonder at the fancy of bringing in a new and supernatural life by belief in precious promises. But all questions are answered by the experiences of history. Great men have been regenerated by single words of Scripture. This was true of Augustine and Luther and Spurgeon and scores of others whom time fails me to mention. They were not only new men, but mighty sons of God. Wonderful was this? As great as the wonder of all forms of life. Look into the acorn and tear its halves apart, and tell me if you can see therein the stalwart oak. Analyze the seed of wheat and tell me if you can see therein the waving fields "Well," said Jesus, "the words which I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." You cannot see the spirit, you cannot see the life, but can you say they are not there? I hold up to you these great and precious promises, and there are saints and missionaries and noble lives and giant charities and mighty revolutions there.

There are heaven and an eternal weight of glory wrapped up in that. And our growth in grace and the likeness of God is not a process of mend-ing and improvement. But it is a new creation by which we become like God. And now I have finished. I know I have borne down hard on sin. I wish I did not have to do so. I wish with you that the word were not in the language because it was not in the heart. If one of those phantom friends of the astronomers should come to this earth and say to me "I understand this is a beautiful place, but for one thing. I understand it is filled with sin and rebellion against the rule of God." I wish I could say to him, "My friend, you have been misinformed. There is no sin." But I tell you frankly, I could not say that to him. I would have to say to him: "Alas' 'tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true." But I could also say to him that sin cannot hold us in its cruel grasp. I would point him yonder, and say, "Do you see that gol-den splendor? That is the gospel of Jesus. It is filled with sweetness, and by that we are restored and have become partakers of the divine nature." And isn't that more than the fact of HRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NUTES Gas Light for TWENTY-SEVENTH. AUGUST

Mission Work Among Women .- Acts 16: 13-18; Tit. 2: 3-5. (Home and Foreign Fields.)

Some Bible Hints.

The chief difficulty of missionaries in the Orient is to reach the women,

secluded as they are in harems; and this seclusion dwarfs their minds as much as it confines their bodies. They had free access to him The winning of the women means the winning of the children, the servants, and often of the men, so that able spoil or prey that one carries off; work for women is especially important.

In pagan superstition the women are the soul of conservatism, and often bitterly oppose any change on the part of the men. They must be won first.

Women have shone everywhere on the mission fields, and especially in the schools, where they have been inof God's will under the theocracy in deed "teachers of good things." Mission Notes Concerning Women.

A Christian woman went to work in a negro settlement in the Indian Territory appropriately named Sodom, so vile was it. In less than a year the men had built a school house and church, and now the place is called appropriately, "Pleasant Grove."

wanting. "Seeketh . . . the hurt." An unjust insinuation, for no man had In heathen lands the suffering done more for this people than had caused women by the ignorance and Jeremiah. His preaching was calcusuperstition of the native doctors is lated to arouse them to a sense of their unequalled among the world's torsins and cause them to turn to God. tures, and the woman medical mis-One of the commonest ways of injuring sionary winds the endless gratitude of others is to misunderstand and misin-terpret their motives, as Jereniah's the women whom she frees from thes agonies. Was

Dr. Clara Swain was the first wopossible for him to have done what he man medical missionary. She went did with bad motives. When there are to North India in January, 1870. two possible motives for the conduct

When the medical missionary atof another, it is not only a more charitable, but probably a more truthful tended in her severe illness the wife of the Chins prime minister, Li Hung judgment to impute the better motives. Chang, the great man's influence was 'Judge not that ye be not judged," should be written in capital letters, won for missions.

A mission school-teacher in a Mor-II. Jeremiah in the dungeon (vs. 5, b). 5. "King is not he." Zedekiah was mon village was tormented by a rabble of boys, who stoned the schoola weak king. He had a conviction that house and tried to drive her out of Jeremiah was a phophet of the Lord, town; but one day she called in the and yet he dared not oppose his statesleader and got him to help her to put men, but yielded to their will without up a fallen stove pipe, so winning him that he became one of the most suca question. An innocent man was thus sacrificed to their malice. These cessful pastors in Utah. princes were wroth with Jeremiah

A mission teacher in New Mexico (chapter 37: 15); "he had compared was thwarted at every turn by a Cathem to rotten figs" (chapter 24). But tholic priest, but she ministered to for him they would have had affairs the sick during a terrible scourge of all their own way, they were anxious diphtheria and smallpox, and afterwards all doors were open to her. 6. "Then took they Jeremiah." Jere-miah was the butt of ridicule and



AUGUST TWENTY-SEVENTH.

Womens Work for Missions .- Mark 14. 3-9; Acts 9. 36; Rom. 16. 1, 2.

the siege so that only mire remained. The woman who anointed Jesus; Such empty cisters were often used as prisons (Zach. 9: 11); the depth forbade the patron saint of all Ladies' Aid Societies, Dorcas; and Phebe, the They evidently expected that he wold "succorer of many," furnish us our lesson basis. These all were nobie III. Jeremiah's friend (vs. 7-9). 7. women who poured forth their love to Christ in help to others. They are "Ebedmelech." The servant of the worthy types of those noble bands of king. He probably was keeper of the royal harem, and so had private ac-Christian women who in our day have banded themselves together to carry cess to the king. Already even at this early time, God wished to show what good reason there was for calling the Gentiles to salvation. An Ethiopian the gospel to the neglected and se cluded women of heathen lands. It has crystallized itself into the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's stranger saves the prophet whom his own countrymen, the Jews, tried to

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Modern Schools Criticized.

Prof. H. C. Annsling, in a recent address in London, said that school and college education were mostly destructive of common sense. The classical school was not a school of thought, but of prejudice, and under the present unfortunate system of education it was chiefly the games which promoted alertness, individuality and common sense.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

If a woman is afraid of a man it is a sign she isn't married to him.

Half the enjoyment of being married is thinking what a lot of enjoyment you had before you were married.

Drove Into Swarm of Bees.

Joshua Willitts, mail carrier between Wrightstown and Bordentown, one afternoon, near Chesterfield,

But the rank outsider in a race often has the inside track . One can often measure a man's debts by the cut of his clothes. So many of us are anxious to do away with vices-in our neighbors. Wise farmers never attempt to raise their crops in the political field.

Home Missionary Societies.

destroy. So the Gentiles believed in of our Parent Missionary Society in 1819 a "Woman's Auxiliary" was or-Christ whom the Jews crucified, and Ethiopians were among the earliest converts (Acts 2: 10; 8: 27-39). "Sitting ganized in New York by Dr. Nathan Bangs and others. An address was ble is that it comes too late in the issued to the "Female Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church." But in time the society became almost inactive and crowded out by the organi zation of other societies. It has been estimated, however, that they contributed at least \$20,000 to the Parent Society. Wnen the China Mission was planted in 1847 a society of women in Baltimore was organized as the "Ladies' China Missionary Society." For some twenty years this did a noble work. It granted \$5,000 for a "Female Academy" in Foochow, and gave for ten years \$300 per year to the Parent Society. The Union Woman's Missionary Society was organized in New York in 1860, and many of our church women were active in it until the or ganization of our own Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The organization of this society was effected in Boston in 1869 by a few elect ladies, some of whom are still living. They rapidly grew in numbers and in favor with the church. The present work of the society is important and growing rapidly. Their income is about \$500,000 a year. They support missionaries in all our foreign fields. About 250 are now at work under their direction. Some 6,000 auxiliaries at home with nearly 150,-000 members insure a still larger advance in the future. Twenty-five thousand copies of the Woman's Missionary Friend go into the homes of our people. In common with other church boards of Woman's Societies they are taking a systematic study of missions from text-books prepared for the purpose. This society is only one of many other church societies of women who are sending the gospel to the heathen women who are inac cesible save through Christian women



To walk with the morning and watch its

heart of gold: To lie with the night-time and dream the dreams of old

To tell to the old trees, and to each listening leaf. The longing, the yearning, as in my boy-hood brief.

the old love, would ease my The old hope. heart of grief.

The old lane, the old gate, the old house

not let me be; In boyhood I knew them, and still they -Madison Cawein, in the Criterion.

Marriage and Divorce in Japan.

They marry early and often in Japan. A man aged forty, living in the ness is that he has a younger sister of extremely rancorous and jealous disbride enters the house, institutes a A. T.

WRONG SORT

Perhaps Plain Old Meat, Potatoes and Bread May Be Against You For a Time.

A change to the right kind of food Welden, Ill., says:

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made like God. That is what is said in the word before us. And this is done by a single act. Man fell, we are told, by reach-ing after the divine attributes. "Ye

shall be as God" was the lying promise of the tempter, and by listening to that we were cast to the level of beasts. But now God returns to us with the promise that after all we shall be as Himself, sharers in His nature and conformed to His image. It seems strange to you that for a single sin so serious consequences should be entailed. This could only be because the

the race sinned in its first man. But green collar of his tunic rubbed here is something which is quite as against the cut and he died of blood great. The Lord God is making to poisoning.

God's Way.

God's promises are ever on the as cending scale. One leads up to another fuller and more blessed than itself. In Mesopotamia God said: "I will show thee the land." In Canaan: "I will In Canaan: "I will give thee all the land, and children innumerable as the grains of sand." It is thus that God allures us to saintliness. Not giving us anything till we have dared to act, that He may test us. Not giving everything at first, that He may overwhelm us. and al-

ways keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing. Oh, the unexplored remainders of God! Who ever saw His last star?-Rev. F. B. Meyer.

What Christianity 1s.

Christianity is that historic religion founded by Jesus of Nazareth, and having its bond of union in the redemption mediated by Him, in which the true relation between God and man has for the first time found complete and adequate expression, and which throughout all the changes of intellectual and social environment which the centuries have brought, still continues to maintain itself as the religion hest worthy of the allegiance of thoughtful and worthy men-Schleiermacher.

Alway.

Little pink feet That have trotted all day, Wee dimpled hands That are tired of play. And teeth white as pearls, And tousled gold curls. You're dad's queen of girls To-night and alway.

Now, and alway. Just dad's queen of girls! Weary of play Your tousied gold curls Lie spread on my breast; And sweetly to rest As day reddens the west Drifts dad's best of girls. Dear, for all time. For all time and alway, When weary, come climb As you climb, dear, today Up in your dad's lap When wanting a nap Or to ward off mishap, Or when weary of play.

Always to me, All your life to your dad Laughing with glee Or sorry and sad; Bring all to me, dear, Your bright days and drear, Your bright days and drear, Your joy and your fear. And make your dad glad. -Houston Post.

An Austrian army officer cut himself under the chin in shaving, the

in the gate." The gates of cities were the places where justice was administered. S "Went forth." The servant went immediately to the king. There was no time to lose, for if he delayed the prophet might perish. What a bold, courageous act this was. It ought to put many of us to shame.

9. "These men," etc. He must have been in the king's confidence or he would not have dared raise his voice against the action of the princes. The against the action of the print His peo-Lord can raise up friends for His people where they are least expected. more bread." That is, no more bread left of the public store in the city (chapter 37: 21); or, all but no bread left anywhere. This shows to what straits the city was reduced.

IV. Jeremiah rescued (vs. 10-13). 10. "King commanded." Zedekiah's better nature was stirred. "Thirty men." Not merely to draw up Jeremiah, but to guard Ebed-melech if the princes should oppose him. The king was determined that he should be rescued by force if necessary. Ebed-melech was rewarded for his faith, love and courage, exhibited at a time when he might well fear the wrath of the princes. 11-13. Ebed-melech took the men as the king had commanded and rescued Jeremiah. He let down into the pit some torn clothes and worn out garments and instructed Jeremiah to roll them around the ropes and place them under his armpits, so as not to suffer injury from the ropes when he was drawn up. Although Jeremiah was thus rescued from a terrible death, he was not set at liberty, but remained in the court of the prison. He was still in prison when the armies of Babylon took Jerusalem. He was found in chains and carried with other captives on the way to Babylon, but was released at Ramah, six miles from Jeru-

salem. Thus ended the prison life of the prophet. How long he was in prison it is difficult to determine, probably for years. The Lamentations which he wrote after the destruction of Jerusalem must have been his frequent meditation while in confinement.

Fad for Optimism.

One of the most wholesome fads that has been prevalent among society at large is the newest of alloptimism.

For it is no longer the fashion to go bout looking as though you bore the burdens of the world upon your devoted shoulders. But, instead, you're expected to look blithely upon the old world and its troubles-and your own troubles, too, says the Philadelphia North American.

Perhaps it is our free outdoor life that has developed the quality. Perhaps it is only a new pose-for public opinion must have its poses, like every individual.

Surely it sholud make happier, healthier communities out of cities and states. Good cheer is more or less of a habit-pretend to have it, and you suddenly wake up to find you've really got it, and, too, have created a more joyous atmosphere for yourself, that gradually grows neces-

sarv to you. The happy habit is a good onemuch better than the tragic-faced, world-weary type that precedel it. May the new fad stay in fashion!

South American Letter Press.

"Cigarettes and conversation, and ragtime dancing on ledgers," said Captain Robert Quinton, of the lightship Blunt's Reef, which recently completed a unique voyage of fifteen thousand miles from New York to San Francisco, "constitute the chief reasons why the races of South America are behind those of North Amer ica in all important particulars. As to the cigarettes and conversation, 1 will arrive in a minute. But first of all I will speak of the ragtime dancing. In our business office in San Francisco when the clerks wish to take a copy of a letter or any other business document, why, of course, they take a copy in a proper and ordi nary copying machine. But down in these South American countries, when they wish to do that trick, why, the letter or other document is put between the carbon sheets in a big book, which is put of the floor, and then the clerks do a sance upon the book to take the copy. Say, it is the funniest sight in the world to see all those clerks, every one of them with a cigarette in his lips, dancing upon the books."-San Francisco Chronicle,

Information from Ottawa states that the Dominion astronomical observatory has been practically completed.

game to enable a man to borrow money on the strength of it.

If the ministers preached how wrong it was to go to church on Sunday there would be millions of men who would insist on going.

drove into a swarm of bees The horse, wagon and the driver

were literally covered with bees, and Willitts thinks it was nothing short of a miracle that himself and horse were not stung to death .- Bordentown correspondence Philadelphia Telegraph.



A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases-Intelligent Women Prepare for It. Two Relate their Experience.

The "change of life" is the most critical period of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason. Every woman who neglects the care of her health at this time invites disease and pain. When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, or congestion of any organ, the tendency is at this period likely to become active -and with a host of nervous irritations, make life a burden. At this time, also, cancers and tumors are more liable to form and begin their

destructive work. Such warning symp. toms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches backaches, dread of impending evil, timidity, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart. sparks before the eves. irregularities, const'pation, variable appetite, weakness and inquie-tude, and lizziness, are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period

may be expected. These symptoms are all just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance and the cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-

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safely through this crisis. For special advice regarding this important period women are invited to

write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and it will be furnished absolutely free of charge. Read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Com-

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at this time of life.

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Another Woman's Case. "During change of life words cannot ex-press what I suffered. My physician said I had a cancerous condition of the womb. One

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