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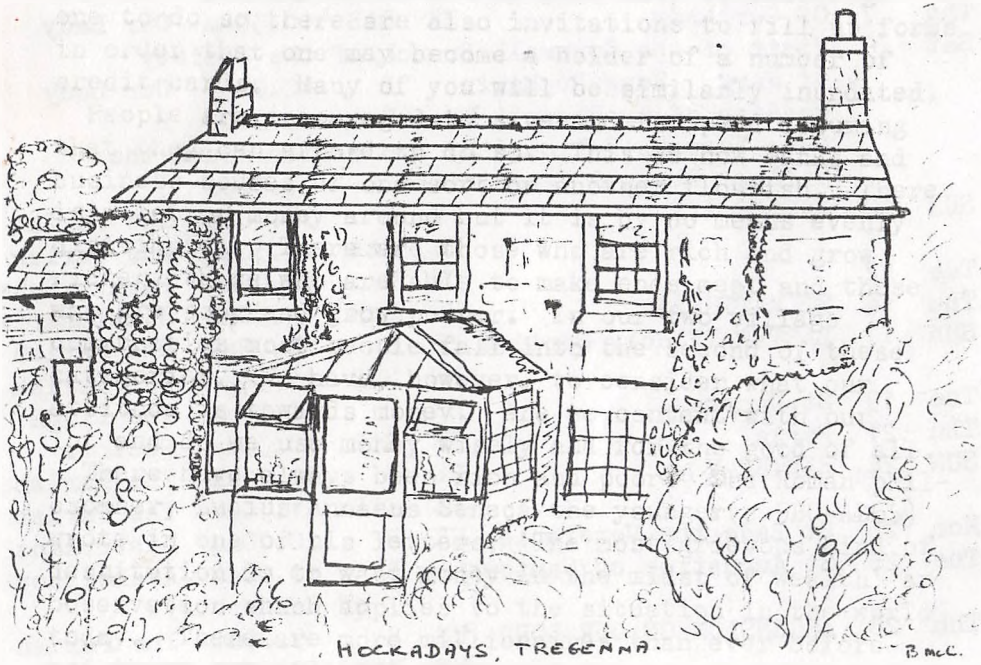

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAY 1987.

						Intention.
Fri	1	SS PHILIP & JAMES	HE	B	10.00am	Missionarie
Sat	2	Parish Priest at St Endellion (Feast of St Endelienta)			11.00am	
		Wedding (Mr Bartlett& Miss Yeo)			2.30pm	St B
SUN	3	EASTER II	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		Mattins		StB	11.30am	
Tue	5	Of Our Lady	HE	B	10.00am	OurLady
Wed	6	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Endellion			7.30pm	
Thu	7	Of Our Lady	HE	StB	10.30am	Our Lady
Sat	9	Visit of the Cornwall Branch of the Society of Mary Sung Eucharist		B	12.00	Our Lady
		Wedding of Mr Brown & Miss Snowdon			2.30	B
		Sung Vespers followed by procession round the Village Green & Benediction		B	3.00pm	
SUN	10	EASTER III	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	12		HE	B	10.00am	Parish Sched
Thu	14	ST MATTHIAS	HE	StB	10.30am	Missionaries
SUN	17	EASTER IV Holy Baptism	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	19	St Dunstan	HE	B	10.00am	The Blind
Thu	21	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	Doctors
SUN	24	EASTER V	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	STB	11.30am	The Parish
Mon	25	St Bede the Venerable	HE	B	10.00am	Historians
Tue	26	St Augustine of Canterbury		B	10.00am	Archbishop of Canterbury.
Thu	28	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	HE	B	9.00am	The Parish
			HE	StB	10.30am	TheParish
SUN	31	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION				
			PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Gladys Catherine Masters died peacefully at Keybridge Farm aged 86, on April 6th. Our sincere condolences to Geoffrey, Mavis & Ashley.

Married on Sat 4th April at St Breward Church, Alison Marshall to Barry Couch.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

Among the correspondence I receive there are many requests for money for charitable causes and one has to be selective and choose a few which one is able to support. I also receive many invitations to take out insurance policies of one sort or another, to invest in stocks & shares, to subscribe to various journals and magazines, to buy a variety of things by post and, to encourage one to do so there are also invitations to fill up forms in order that one may become a holder of a number of credit cards. Many of you will be similarly inundated.

People are encouraged to save and to spend assuming that they can afford to do so. This is how banks and business houses of one sort or another flourish. There is a lot of money around but it is by no means evenly distributed. There are those who are rich and grow richer, those who are able to make ends meet and those who are poor and grow poorer. In our two village communities most people fall into the second of these categories. We have, however, to consider what our attitude is towards money. Are we content with our lot and do we use money wisely and for the good of all.

There have always been rich and poor. The Roman philosopher, Lucius Annaeus Seneca the younger(c 5BC-AD65) wrote in one of his letters, 'The most grievous kind of destitution is to want money in the midst of wealth' an observation which applies to the situation in the world today. There are more millionaires than ever before and there are millions of people who are destitute of the bare necessities of life. These include the homeless, the undernourished and the underprivileged. Then there are those who are unemployed and find it difficult to make ends meet. Those who can make ends meet as well as the wealthy should support charitable causes and the down and outs in the world.

The Parish Priest's letter in the May issue of our Parish Paper is not only concerned with money. We must remember that May is Mary's month during which we recall the part the Blessed Virgin Mary has played in God's plan of redemption - we recall the Virgin Birth of Our Lord, Our Lady's part in His growth from boyhood to

manhood, her sorrow in His death on the Cross and her joy in His resurrection (which we have already celebrated) and in His Ascension which we shall celebrate on May 28th. All of us benefit from her prayers for us.

This year, at Blisland, there will be a special event in honour of Our Lady. The Cornwall Branch of the Anglican Society of Mary will visit us on Saturday, May 9th. There will be a Sung Eucharist at 12 noon. At one o' clock the Society will have a picnic lunch and tea will be provided in the Village Institute afterwards. Then the members will enjoy the beauty of the village and its surrounding countryside. At three o'clock (after the wedding of Mr Brown & Miss Snowdon at 2.30pm.) the Society will attend sung Vespers in Church followed by a procession round the Village Green which will bring back memories of the great processions held at Blisland in the past. After the procession tea will again be provided in the Village Institute before the members of the Society return to their own parishes. I much hope that the weather will be fine and that many members of our two communities will be present at the services and the procession so that as a large family we may honour Our Lord'd Mother during her month. I also hope that mothers will bring their children to take part on this wonderful occasion.

God bless you and all whom you love,
EDWIN STARK.

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Parish Registers.

Christened at St Breward on 12th April, Mark Craig, son of John & Sandra Sanders now living in Sale, Cheshire.

Maurice Samuel Cole (77) died on April 13th in Bodmin. He was born at Lanhydrock but lived in Blisland during his teens and worked at Stubby Oak Quarry, later he went to St Breward and worked the granite quarries until ill health forced him to leave. He retrained as a cobbler and moved to Bodmin to live and work.

CROSSWORD FOR SPRING.

Clues across.

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Clues down.

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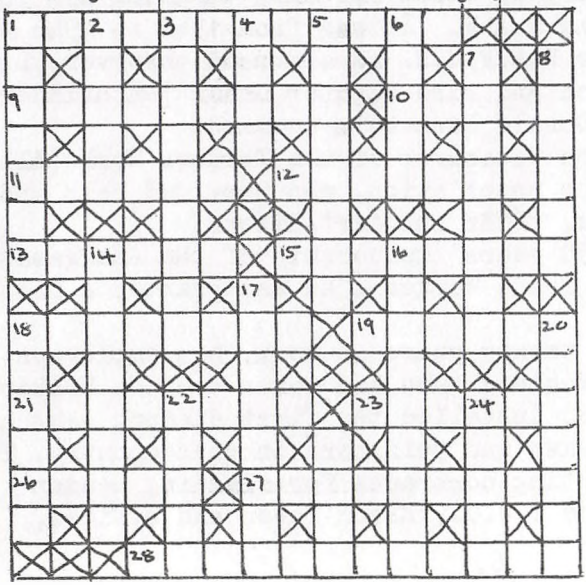
A prize will be given to the first correct solution received by the Rector on Saturday 30th May.



SAMUEL JOHN (Jack) BATE.

Samuel John Bate of Westbourne, St Breward, was born at Trebeath, Egloskerry, Launceston on Dec 6th, 1900. He died on March 14th, 1987 aged 86 and his ashes are interred in St Breward Churchyard.

In 1913, when living on the farm of his father, Mr S.J. Bate, at Casehill, St Breward, he was employed by E.C.C. as a sand automatic skip boy, the first of this kind.

In 1917 he volunteered for and served with the R.N.V.R. becoming a wireless operator. Returning to civilian life he became in 1920 an improver granite polisher at De Lank Granite Company, and in 1922 moved as a marble and soft stone polisher to Messrs W.Jenkins' Marble Works, Torquay. In 1924 he returned to St Breward as Charge Hand in the Polishing and Sawing Dept. of Messrs William Nankivell & Sons, Tordown. He remained with this firm for 48 years until his retirement in 1972.

He married Emily Vera Nankivell in 1929, she died on 29th December, 1974. They are survived by their daughter, Mrs Sylvia Rendell who now lives in Oxfordshire.

From 1940 onwards he served with the Royal Observer Corps, gaining the Third and Second Certificates. His four years' service in the R.A.F.V.R. brought him the Defence Medal and he also gained a certificate from Lord Stansgate, Secretary of State for Air, thanking him for his services to the R.A.F. It was from 1942 to 1946 that he served with the R.A.F.V.R. as a ground observer, L.A.C. Airman of the Watch and Fire Fighter under 'Pathfinder' Air Vice Marshal Donald Bennett's command.

In 1948 he became Treasurer of the Tordown Works Allotment Garden Produce Association, who provided help and advice about soils, seeds and fertilisers.

In 1970, after 50 years' membership of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, he was granted a free card.

During his last twenty years at work, his employers, Messrs Freeman & MacLeod (who had taken over Wm.Nankivell's in the early 1950s) installed the first diamond saws and carborundum rope saws and polishers in this country. These were used in executing contracts for cladding London offices such as the T.U.C., Esson Tower and offices,

Victoria Street, Shipping Office, insurance offices, Paternoster and many others, as well as what he considered the gem, the Westminster Bank premises in the Square at Launceston, now the Trustee Saving Bank.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor, I had to give a rueful smile when I read your letter in the April issue of the magazine. I don't expect anyone will spring out of the background proclaiming their willingness to take over... things just don't work like that.

Do you remember how tentatively you allowed us to discover that you would be ready to take over from me? Well - I daresay there is someone in St Breward (it's their turn) or Blisland who wouldn't mind doing it, but you'll have to ferret them out. Call a meeting and give every reader a chance to give their views on whether they want the magazine to survive... I guess someone will emerge.

Meanwhile congratulations on carrying on for five years - much longer than I did.

Best wishes, Ruth Lumley-Smith.

P.S. I'm still at the Old Schoolhouse, Fawley, only a few miles off the M4, so if any of you are coming past do drop in - the extra petrol wouldn't cost much more than a cup of coffee at the Service Station, and at the Schoolhouse coffee is free!

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DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Blisland Parish, Inspector Hawkey said that the village surgery would be operating again for a probationary period. If the service was used then it would continue, but if not then he could use the manpower more usefully elsewhere.

P.C. Nick Henwood will be at the Village Institute on May 2nd at 10am and again on May 28th at 7.30pm. so get to know your Community Policeman, he will be only too pleased to see you and help in any way.

Hay Harvest. Having our own horses and a grass cutting machine enabled us to cut grass for hay when the weather was suitable. Silage is a more recent way of preserving grass and does not depend on longer spells of dry weather as does grass for hay.

As soon as the weather seemed settled Bill Hill would look in to see how we were getting on; he was our most reliable and constant help throughout our farming years. Wilfie would never start a field on a Friday; if it was ready he would cut a couple of rounds on Thursday; he wasn't taking any chances! I don't know that he was all that superstitious, but I do remember one year he was persuaded to go against his principles & carried hay on a Sunday. That rick nearly burnt down, we only had the shell left, the inside had smouldered to ash, and he said 'Never again!' but things seem different today.

However, when we did start we would be out at the crack of dawn and my job would be to follow the machine for the first few rounds and keep the grass free from the knife. We would break off now and then for Wilfie to change the knife and I would sharpen the blades ready for the next change over. That had to be done correctly for the knife to cut well. Old fashioned farmers expected their hay firlds to look trim when they were cut, it made it much easier for raking the hay afterwards if no odd tufts of grass were left, we didn't want to leave half the crop behind.

We never worked the horses for long spells at a time, so after a while we would take them in for a rest and a much needed drink. Before we had water piped to a trough in the yard we would put galvanised baths on the steps and fill them from the pump. To quench their thirst they quaffed more than they could swallow, and as it ran down their mouths their eyes showed sheer bliss.

Meanwhile we had our breakfast and did the yard work then out again until the field was finished. Later when we had a tractor the hours of cutting were less & could be adjusted to suit the day's work. Looking back now

these methods seem light years away.

We had one field in particular which always seemed to catch the odd shower, enough to stop operations, usually when ready to carry. I would dread that field and in the end we cut it into two parts hoping to break the spell. It wasn't only the hay at stake, it was also the extra food prepared, as we always had tea in the field & harvest supper when finished. This was a'substantial'meal and the men would be ready for it.

Hay ricks were all built with loose hay, using pikes, - a long handled two-prong fork affair, and had to be properly built as they were expected to last out the winter. There were usually a few spare pikes around in case extra help turned up & they were always welcome..... The hay, when needed had to be cut out of the rick in slices, using a special hay knife, hard work and not so convenient as bales are today.

Building a hay rick was an art and needed a good foundation, the most experienced men took on this & worked together to see that it remained well balanced, the larger it got the more care was needed. Building a rick with loose hay compared with that of bales, was comparable with building a 'Cornish Hedge' to building a brick wall, much more difficult.

One year we had a very large rick in the field & it started to lean, trying to prop it was no good and eventually it fell over, almost as the last pikeful of the day was put on. This was the only time it happened to us, but it was devastating. Needless to say, when the 'air cleared' it had to be rebuilt, we were fortunate in our helpers that no-one had a 'pressing engagement' elsewhere, but supper was very late that night! When everyone had gone home we started on the milking, if ever I sat milking while asleep it was that night, we finished in the early hours. These calamities had to be taken in our stride & taught us to be very aware of what was going on around us.

Between times Wilfie would help his friends & sometimes cut hay for other people. These were long days and I remember listening for the 'clip-clop' of the horses returning in the summer twilight & would be

thankful another day was done, and no doubt Prince and Doxy were also relieved as they picked up their tired feet on the way back to the stable...

During the war we had double-summer time, this was a doubtful benefit. The dew would be a long time drying off the grass in the mornings & the poultry would not go to roost at night, trying to drive them in was useless, they would go anywhere but through the hatch. It was then I would have cheerfully twisted their necks and gone out of poultry keeping altogether; but we had to grit our teeth, as we had to do when silly sheep would find a low place in the hedge & before you could blink the whole lot couldn't wait to play 'follow my leader' into the next field, more often than not a growing hayfield. Everything had to be stopped while they were got back and the gap re-built, much larger by this time!

It was these things that kept a small-holder from spending too long on his feather bed, even at night, as quite a lot of cows seemed to prefer having their calves at night, and if it was likely to be a difficult birth we always stayed up until it was safely over. It was a bonus if it happened during the day and we found a lovely healthy calf standing by its mother - the same with lambing.

Farming isn't a 9-5 job, 5 days a week, but it is an independant life and we could, to a certain extent, plan our work so as to take the rare day off, a necessary prevention from getting into the stifling rut of 'all work etc.etc.'

Gwen Masters.

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W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB REPORT

On March 16th we welcomed Mrs Richards who came at short notice and showed slides of our lovely Cornish Coastline. It reminded us that we have no need to go abroad to enjoy beauty at its best; and we hope to visit some of these local spots before too long. Our grateful thanks were accorded to Mrs Richards, who promised to come again, something to which we shall all look forward.

March 30th we visited the local County Primary School, by invitation of Mrs White, acting head. These annual visits are much appreciated & we do enjoy the entertainment provided by the children & the welcome cup of tea. It is nice to keep in touch with the younger generation. This visit had been postponed from Christmas, owing to the illness of the Head Mistress, Mrs Cable, & we all send our best wishes for her recovery.

April 6th was our Annual Meeting when we welcomed the District Organiser, Mrs Mundy, & Mrs Canning from the Bodmin Office, & also the first visit of Mrs Mann the County Organiser.

The Secretary's report & the Treasurer's statement were well received & it was left to me to sum up what the Club is all about. The County Organiser told of the work of the W.R.V.S. & thanked our club for the generous donations of clothing & household equipment, which had helped storm victims recently. She enjoyed her visit & hoped to come again.

Change of dates for meetings was announced to avoid the Bank Holidays. The competition 'arrangement of Spring flowers' was won by Miss M Rowe. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Miller back after her long illness & hope she continues to improve. Tea & chat concluded the afternoon.

We are having an open afternoon on June 1st when there will be a mini-market & entertainment by singers from St Cleer. We hope you will all come & enjoy the afternoon with us, as everybody is welcome. (2.30pm.)

Mrs Morant, a recent speaker informs us that chiropody is not a service given by the Health Visitor but we can obtain advice on this or any other health problem from our local Health Visitor, Mrs Munn of Cassacawn. Gwen Masters.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD.

The new President, Mrs J Hawken, welcomed the return of Mrs Brenton and also Mrs Jaieson, Mrs J Robert's daughter. Unfortunately no one wished to go to the AGM so Mrs E. Walford of Blisland will be our proxy delegate. Mrs A Holmes will attend the Spring Council Meeting, which will take place at Hendra Tourist Park this year.

The Craft Stall appeared for the first time with a reasonable variety of goods for sale and no doubt will increase its sales once the members realise its potential.

Once again the bus questionaire caused laughter with its 'would we miss it if it were gone?'. Thanks were received from Mrs G Masters our auditor, for the Cyclamen given to her by the Institute. Several members signed the book to go on the day trip to Trelissick and on the River Fal in lieu of a summer outing organised by our own Institute; given decent weather this could be a lovely day out.

The competitions were given out for the Spring Group Meeting given by Helland this time, but there was no support for the Young Farmers' Six Items in a Basket competition - possibly no-one has a large enough basket!

Mrs M Metters was asked to join the Committee to replace Mrs I Donald who is leaving the county.

At last the elusive Mr Shad arrived to give his talk about the Royal Yacht; well worth waiting for - he made the point immediately that he was not here to gossip about the 'Royals' but to give an insight into the more mundane affairs concerning the actual running procedures of the yacht. I do not think that any of us had realised the amount of forward planning required for a State visit abroad, just imagine counting every item of clothing out and then back into numbered trunks so that no avaricious souvenir hunters could claim to have a piece of the Queen's clothing!

Our Royal Souvenir competition was won by Mrs J Taylor with a personal photograph and Mrs I Donald won the Flower of the Month competition.

On June 16th we have a local speaker, Rosa Frey, with slides about Egypt & its archaeology; the competition - an interesting ancient object (no Mother-in-law jokes intended!)

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

It was nice to welcome Mrs James (County Treasurer) acting as V.C.O. to our General Meeting held in March & much to our surprise she brought along Mrs Brown from Bodmin who has visited us before as a Speaker - she is an authority on Yeast Cooking. This time Mrs Brown came as a prospective V.C.O. so we wish her every success.

Although the Annual Meeting is an important event we do try to make it as informal as possible without detracting from it's purpose ie the summing up of the years events & the financial statement. Mrs James was very impressed with Mrs Isobel Willcock's book-keeping ' once again Isobel ended up with giving us a healthy bank balance. Our thanks were given. We are very lucky to have such a meticulous Treasurer & we are delighted that she is willing to stay in that post for another year. A vote of thanks was also given to Mrs Audrey Pierce & Mrs Marjorie Webber for so ably coping with the secretarial work. Their efficiency made everything run very smoothly & it was a pleasure to work with them. Mrs Gwen Masters gave a little thank you speech to me on my retirement, which was very kind of her.

Mrs James gave a talk on the WI in general & this was followed by the election of Officers. I was really delighted that Mrs Wendy Gurr was voted in as President. I'm sure she will do an excellent job & can be sure of our full support. Mrs Margaret Garvey is our new Secretary. After many years of being in administration in various Courts in London Margaret is no novice so we hope she will enjoy her new venture. We have two new faces on the Committee, Miss June Runnalls & Mrs Marjorie Horton June has been on the Committee before, in fact for some years she was a super Treasurer. I'm sure they'll bring new ideas to our W I.

Other business was dealt with & as St Breward are unable to find a delegate to go to the A.G.M. they handed the invitation over to us. Mrs Margaret Garvey has elected to go - she will have a wonderful time, it's something I shall always remember, having been twice.

Mrs Wendy Gurr won the competition & the refreshments always welcome, were supplied by Mrs Joyce Richards & Miss June Runnalls. I have been asked to continue with the magazine write-up, so till next month.. Eileen Walford.

HOW TO LIVE WITH AN EARTHQUAKE.

Our good friends Arthur and Freda Townsend live in New Zealand and after the recent earthquake several of us were worried about their circumstances, so I wrote and this is the reply.

" It was kind of you to write & I'm indeed touched by everyones concern for us. Please give all these good people my thanks and best wishes.

We are quite unharmed, thank goodness. The worst of the earthquake was 30 miles away, but too near to be comfortable. We had 2 or 3 shakes before the big one and it was like living on a jelly for about 10 days.

I was at my Garden Circle Meeting in a members house in Te Puke when the bad quake took place. It shook and shook everything in the house, hanging plants, light fittings, pictures & things all swung about for quite a time. I carried on the meeting in spite of most of our members being terrified.

Arthur was dozing in a chair at home & my bell collection hanging below a shelf rang and everything else swayed about. Luckily we had no damage. Arthur had fastened wooden strip along the front of all the shelves in the kitchen & pantry so nothing shot forwards and off. We have quite strong fasteners on all the cupboards so those doors didn't open.

On Sunday we had quakes on & off all day so we laid all vases, table lamps etc. between cushions on the spare beds, so they were safe. Monday night we packed an emergency bag and kept it near us day & night, thank goodness we didn't need it.

Most of the damage was done around Edgecumbe. Houses were moved from their piles, splitting some in two & of course breaking everything in them, but no one was killed. Our houses are built to withstand earthquakes if it had been Italy it would have been devastating.

The milk factory and paper mill were badly damaged. There was a huge crack across farm land $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles long 8 yards wide & 9 feet deep. An escarpment has risen across the land & is still doing so at about $\frac{1}{2}$" a day. It was caused by Platonic Plates, the Pacific one is going under the Australian one, this caused pressure

on a shelf off the coast which collapsed making tension on land, hence the crack.

In spite of all this it is lovely living here. How about your next outing to the Land of Earthquakes?? We should always be very pleased to see anyone from Cornwall. Love and best wishes to the W.I. members.

Freda Townsend.

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