

COUNTY PIONEERS MET IN HISTORIC TOWN ON SATURDAY

Several Thousand People Attend Fifty Second Annual Picnic at Centerville—Many from a Distance.

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The farmer's daughter is now sent to college of music for the purpose of training her voice and she sings like a bird. I don't know whether there is any more spirituality now but I do know that more went to church at that time.

"Do you remember the country store?" he asked, continuing. "You could go into the general store and purchase anything from Orleans molasses to rags and feathers. Everything was sold, with possibly one exception, and that was scrap iron."

"I remember very well the first train I ever rode on. It was in 1862 and I got on the train at the Centerville station. The line was finished in 1863, the name of the road being the Indiana Central, and the charter was granted in 1847."

"The whole business of the country has changed along with the improvements in transportation. We could go into any country town and find all kinds of tradesmen. Each town had its farming implement maker, the shoe maker, hat maker, etc. Now everything is shipped into the small towns and we are able to get things cheaper than we could then."

Newspapers Changed.

"Another thing which is noticeable is the change in the press of the country. Of course in the early days we had the weekly newspaper, but what was it? We did not secure the news which we obtain now. Prior to 1861—the year of the breaking out of the great civil war, very little was known of the daily newspaper. Now with the mail boxes at the farmer's door and with the advancement in the method of handling news and better equipment of the newspaper establishments we are able to read at our breakfast tables what has happened in London the day before. The farmer of the present day is in touch with the progress of the world. He knows what is going on by his newspaper. There has nothing transpired in the progress of this country which has been of more benefit to the people than the dissemination of the news of the world."

"At this point is might be well to recall the leading men of the county whom I knew or heard of in my early life. I wish to call your attention to the character of these pioneers who laid the foundation of Wayne county. There never has been a time when Wayne county has not been looked upon as a banner county and it was due mainly to the type of the pioneer. Some of these men whom I recall were:

Ablington township—Charles Hunt, Jacob Fender, James M. and Jonathan Jarrett, Dr. Mitchell, D. John Q. A. Robbins.

Boston township—John and Smith Drury, Moore Estab, Jacob Smelser, Zack Stanley.

Centre township—David Commons, George and Jacob Julian, Nim Johnson, Solomon Brumfield, Joseph and Caleb B. Jackson, Michael and Thomas Wilson, John F. Kibbey, John Townsend, Walter Stevens, Adam Trumbull, Dr. John Pritchett, Dr. Wm. F. King, John S. Newman, Charles N. Elmer, Wm. S. T. Morton, James Forkner, Joseph Holman, Joshua, William and Levi Elason, James Dunbar, James W. D. King, Norris, Oliver and Lewis Jones, Wm. McCord, Dr. C. J. Woods, David and Thomas Gentry, John Feale.

Clay township—James T. Nicholson, Jesse, Robert and William Bond, Branson L. Harris, John Brooks, Daniel Bradbury, Jonas and Moses Hatfield.

Dalton township—Absalom, Nathan and Lindsay Dennis, Charles Burroughs, Dempsey Thornburgh, Esq. Wm. Chamness, Sol. Bilheimer, David Cheeseman.

Franklin township—Wm. S. Addleman, Chan Graves, Nathan Harlan, Cornelius Wiley, John Pyle.

Green township—Jesse Cates, Griffin Davis, Ezekiel Johnson, Brazilla Reynolds, Dr. Taylor, Thomas Judd, John Study, John Green, Thompson Smith, Cooper Potter, Benjamin Harris, Mr. Pierce, the merchant.

Harrison township—Harrison and John Scott, Henry Hoover, John C. Burroughs, Abram Boyd, John Kepler, Milton Worl.

Jackson township—John Calloway, Thomas Newby, John Waltz, Solomon Meredith, Benjamin Conklin, Wilson Jones, Edmund Lawrence, Norton Davis.

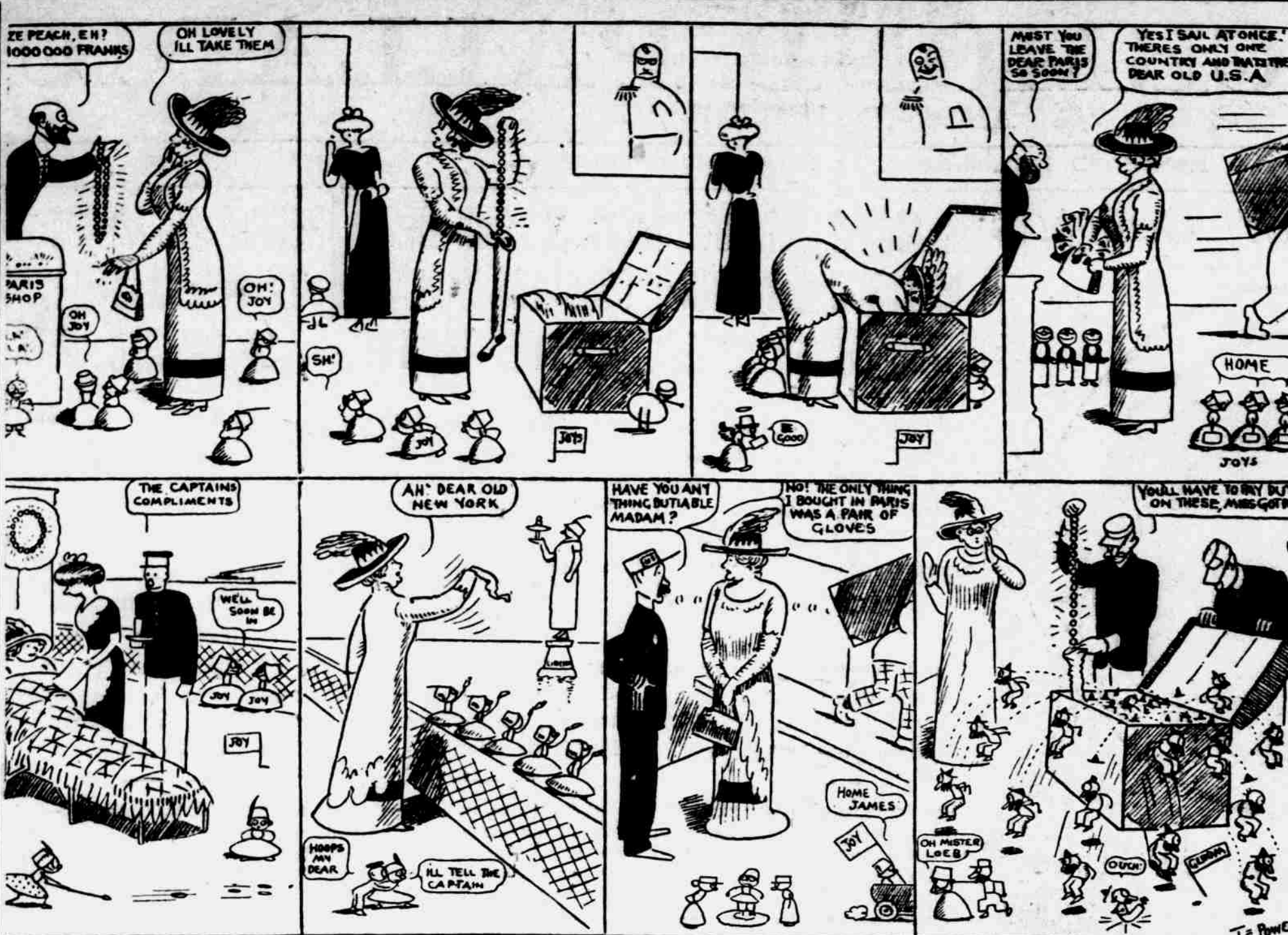
Jefferson township—Wm. Studenbraker, Benneville Beck, George Gelespie, Robert and Franklin G. Newcom, Morrison Baldrige, George Hindman, Wm. Conway, Dr. Samuel Ford, Dr. West, Andrew S. Wiggins.

New Garden township—Mr. Coffin, Daniel Huff, Joel Parker, John Wright Johnson, Harmon Pitts, Lewis Jeffries.

Perry township—Thomas Marshall, John Osborn, Joseph and Thomas B. Williams, Barney Coffin, Daniel Robbins, John Cain, Dr. George Robbins, Dr. Henry Carver, Wm. Lock, John Pierce, John M. Williams, Jesse B. Underhill, Merchant Williams, Wm. Clark.

Washington township—Othniel Deacon, Isaac Kinsey, Aaron Morris, Richard Hubbard, Alexander Jones, John Brown, George Calloway, David G. Horn, David Sutton, Burk Newman.

Wayne township—Elijah Coffin, Daniel B. Crawford, John M. Law, Richard Jackson, Daniel Wiggins, George Barnes, Wm. Farley, Daniel Reid, John C. Hadley, Christopher



Beeler, John P. Smist, George Buhl, John Varian, James Perry, Wm. A. Bickie, Andrew F. Scott, Mark and James Reeves, Robert Morrison, Charles H. Burchenal, George Holland, Charles C. Binkley.

Webster township—Nathan Puckett, Wm. King, Jonathan Whitacre, Daniel Palmer, Thomas Bond, Alex Cheeseman, Henry Stigleman, John Tindall, John Bean.

Political Hysteria.

Deploring the fact that all officials of the country were placed under suspicion by demagogues Mr. Rupe stated that in his opinion this country was passing through a stage of political hysteria. He said that all parties were alike and that the crop of demagogues has far surpassed the corn and wheat crops.

"We want to close our ears to any talk of this kind, which places our officials in a bad light," he said, "and we must open our intelligence. Every man who has accumulated property is under suspicion as well as public officials. Our officials are not corrupt and men who have property have not secured it by dishonest methods. We cannot allow such suspicious to rest in our minds. It makes us unhappy and makes those people who are continually talking about their officials as being dishonest, bad citizens. Of course things sometimes seem wrong but in the end they will be adjusted. The men whose names I have mentioned, I'll venture to say, never suspected their officials of employing dishonest methods in attaining certain ends. The man who preaches discontent would not have received one thought from such men."

"We are prosperous and happy in this age and I sometimes wonder if there is any danger in being so. I believe there is, because I think we are going too fast. Are we pleasure mad and speed crazy? It seems so to me. We forget the deeds of our forefathers too easily. There is a tendency to think that the old times were the best, by our settlers, and that things are going to the bad."

"In closing, I wish to say that whatever success I have had in life or may have, I shall always think it was due to the good people of Wayne county who have made the county the best in the state."

Pioneer Day Stories.

Stories of the early days were related by James Martindale, born in 1829, now living near Greensfork; Joshua S. Crampton, born in 1832; A. J. Hart, born in 1831; David Doddridge, born in 1831; Nathan Maudlin, born in 1827; and Edward Y. Teas, born in 1830.

An unusual incident and one which is not very widely known, was related by Mr. Martindale. He said that about 1845 while he with three companions were hunting in a woods one night they were astonished to see the heavens illuminated with the figures "1860" enumerated by the lights. The four men went before Mr. Martindale's father, who was a justice at that time and swore out an affidavit that they had seen the strange light.

Frequent trips to Cincinnati were made by Mr. Crampton in a wagon pulled by four horses. The purpose of these trips was to take flour to Cincinnati and to bring salt back. Mr. Crampton related fights which he had had with Indians in this county.

A. J. Hart also said that he was occupied in his early days in hauling

flour to Cincinnati and in bringing salt back to this county.

Had Many Hardships.

Numerous hardships were endured by the family of David Doddridge when the family moved from Pennsylvania to this county. An interesting prose selection was recited by Mr. Doddridge which he had committed to memory sixty years ago.

With the exception of seven years, Nathan Maudlin has lived in this county his entire life. He has been quite conspicuous in making Wayne county's history.

Edward Teas has the distinction of being the first grower of the seedling catalpa speciosa. This tree is now grown in every section of the world and is considered to be the best timber grown in the universe.

As a nurseryman and florist Mr. Teas made three trips to Europe. He was a fruit grower and a florist in this country for more than sixty years. He believes that he owes his life to the fact that he was in a hurry to return to this country after going to Europe on one of his trips. He was to have returned by the steamer Kangaroo, but instead left earlier on the steamer North Britain. The Kangaroo was lost in a dreadful storm and nothing was heard of her or any of the passengers who embarked on the steamer.

Following the program the chairman of the meeting, Thomas R. Jessup, read the list of newly elected officers who were chosen by the citizens of Centerville. The list of officers are as follows: Joseph A. Commons, president; James F. Harris, vice president; Walter S. Ratliff, secretary; Caleb J. Harvey, treasurer, and John P. Dynes, T. R. Jessup, William N. Demoss, Mrs. Lena King, Mrs. Edna Jones Pike and Mrs. Ora Dunbar, members of the executive committee.

President Commons in a short address declared that with the co-operation of everyone the fifty-third annual picnic and reunion to be held next year on the third Saturday in August at the Centerville park would surpass all other picnics given by the society. He stated that he appreciated the distinguished honor conferred upon him. The executive committee of the association is well pleased with the success of this year's picnic. A much larger number attended the reunion than was expected.

Communications were received from other pioneers, unable to attend, which were read.

Thomas R. Jessup commented upon the death of the late president of the association, Caleb King, who had been at the head of the society for a number of years. The death roll showed that 297 early settlers had passed away.

SOULS AND HOUSES.
You will confer the greatest benefits on your city not by raising its roofs, but by exalting its souls, for it is better that great souls live in small habitations than that abject slaves should burrow in great houses.—Epictetus.

WANTED LIVE POULTRY

Highest market price paid for live poultry. Schwegman's Meat Market. Jun 20-eod-tf

COLLEGE STUDENTS BACK FROM EUROPE

Carl Ackerman and Russel Wright, well known Earlham students have returned to this city from a trip to England. The two with Arthur Clevenger, also a graduate of Earlham this year shipped to Liverpool, July 8 on the cattle boat, "Canadian." Out of thirty-two cattlemen in charge of the 1,100 cattle which were being shipped to various points in the old country there were eleven college men.

After arriving at Liverpool the three local men visited a number of points of interest in England. Clevenger was obliged to return five days after they landed on account of pressing business matters. Ackerman and Wright left Liverpool August 5 on the return trip and the steamer, "Devonian" encountered a fierce storm which lasted four days. The local men state that a number of the passengers did not move from their bunks for three days. Wright and Ackerman say that they thoroughly enjoyed the trip and that it was a great experience.

CAMPING PRIVILEGE TO OPEN ON MONDAY

"Where is the headquarters tent?" is the question every one is now propounding at the Chautauqua grounds. The tent was reported as being on its way here three days ago, but for some mysterious reason it has not arrived. The railroad officials have been notified and they have made a careful search of their road, but have not been able to locate the big piece of canvas. In the meanwhile Secretary Myrick has moved his headquarters into the teachers' tent in the hope that the regular one will be here in time for the opening of the show.

Three zealous campers who went out to the grounds yesterday afternoon to lay their own floor, were suddenly driven away from the place where they were working by a swarm of yellow jackets. As they were putting down the floor, they disturbed a nest of the pests and in a short time the men were running toward the temporary headquarters for help. At least a dozen nests of this particular pest have been unearthed on the grounds already, but the officials believe that they have routed the entire swarm now. Although the rules of the Chautauqua do not allow the campers to sleep on the grounds until tomorrow, several people spent last night in their tents. The only way these could be asked to leave was to have the park officials turn them out at ten o'clock according to the park regulation. This action was not resorted to, and the campers remained the entire night in their tents.

IN A FATAL WRECK

Interurban Hits an Auto at Straughns—One Dead.

(Palladium Special)
STRAUGHNS, Ind. Aug. 19.—While driving across the interurban tracks in an automobile at this place about 10 o'clock this morning, George Bateman of Cincinnati, and Samuel Murphy, his brother-in-law, whom he was

visiting here, were struck by an east bound interurban and Bateman died shortly afterward from the results of internal injuries. It is believed that Murphy, who sustained serious injuries, will recover. Bateman was well known in Wayne county, having resided near Cambridge City for a number of years. Matt Reynolds was the motorman on the interurban.

Opposites.
Wigwag—The secret of a happy married life, they say, is to marry one's opposite.

Cynicus—Yes; I have frequently remarked that your wife was a most charming woman.—Philadelphia Record.

18 MONTHS' CRUISE ENDS IN A WRECK

Famous Whaler, Bertha, 16 Miles from Home Port, Goes on the Rocks.

(National News Association)
NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 19.—The famous whaling bark Bertha lies in the rocky grip of Sow and Pigs reef near Cuttyhunk island at the entrance of Buzzard's bay today. Captain Louis Lopez and seven out of his crew of 35 are missing. The rest of the crew arrived at New Bedford at 6:30 a. m. in three whale boats.

The fourth whaleboat with the eight other men has not been located yet. It is feared that the Bertha which contains 560 barrels of sperm oil and thousands of dollars worth of ambergris will be a total wreck.

She piled up on the Sow and Pigs during a northeaster at midnight, when she was only sixteen miles from her home port after an eighteen months' successful cruise.

The crew manned their whaleboats shortly after daylight and rowed into New Bedford in a heavy sea that required constant bailing.

They were exhausted when the landing was made. The bark which is owned by Captain James Avery has been cruising around Cape Hatteras grounds with the schooner Carton Belle which is anchored in New Bedford yesterday afternoon. How the Bertha got off her course is not known to any of the crew, the first intimation of the disaster when she struck the jagged reef.

A strong northwest wind was blowing sending the abandoned whaler in against the rocks.

WILLING TO MARRY ASTOR, HE STATES

(National News Association)
SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Aug. 19.—The Rev. Dewitt T. Vandoren, a Baptist clergyman of this place today declared that he would be perfectly willing to officiate at the wedding of Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Force if called upon to do so. He said that Dr. Richmond and other divines who have condemned the match have "degraded their calling," by their utterances.

No! The grand stand won't fall.

PRICE OF POPCORN HAS BEEN BOOSTED

And Local Venders Have Reduced the Size of Sacks From 2 to 1 Pound.

That ever annoying question—high cost of living—bobs up again and this time in the form of popcorn. No longer is the food which never fills, being sold in two pound sacks. The size of the sack and consequently the amount of corn now sold for a nickel has been cut in half.

Dealers say they were forced to make the cut in quantity because of other market quotations. They found the high cost of living had effected an increase in the ingredients which compose each sack of corn, such as the corn itself, creamery or country butter, and paper sacks. "Pop Corn Charley" who every one knows and who practically has a corner on this business in Richmond, gives the following reasons for the increase: first, that shelled corn is now six and three-quarters cents a pound. In the spring the wholesalers were disposing of it at three cents. The butter which is used costs 27 cents a pound now, but a comparatively short time ago it was several cents lower. Paper sacks have also increased in price.

At first "Pop Corn Charley" tried to stave off the increase, although urged to do so by the other dealers, he says. However, as the price of corn, butter, etc., kept increasing, he says he was compelled to either reduce the quantity or cease handling it. The demand was too large to pursue the latter course.

To all who purchase and then gaze at the size of the sacks in wonder, Charley makes answer before the question is popped. It substantially is as stated in the foregoing. The explanation itself is satisfactory—people have ceased to wonder at or analyze such explanations.

HOERNER PROMOTED

Charles M. Hoerner, who for ten years has been connected with what is now known as the Chicago division of the C. & O. railroad, has been transferred from the baggage department to the freight department. For several years he was station agent at the south end depot. The baggage department will be taken care of in the future by operators in the passenger department.

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