AMERICAN SENTINEL.

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Proclamation.

WHEREAS AT THE JANUARY SESSION IN THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND A BILL WAS PASSED PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO ARTICLE FIFTEEN THEREOF, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION ELEVEN OF SAID ARTICLE, WHICH SAID BILL AND AMENDMENT ARE IN THE WORDS FOLLOWING, TO-WIT:

CHAPTER 450.

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of the State by adding an additional Section to Article fifteen thereof, to be known as section Eleven of said Article.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (three fifths of all the members of the House concurring), That the following additional section be, and the same hereby is, proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State; and, if adopted by the legal voters thereof as herein provided, it shall stand and be known as Section eleven, of Article fifteen of said Constitution:

11. Appointments in the Civil service of the State, in the municipalities and counties of the State, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained as far as practicable by examination, which shall be competitive, except appointments which are subject to confirmation by the Senate, and the General Assembly shall pass all such laws as may be necessary more fully to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, That the foregoing section, hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be, at the next general election held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article fourteen of the Constitution of this State and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot used at said election shall be printed, after the lists of candidates, the question concerning the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, so that each voter at such election can designate thereon in the manner prescribed by law, whether his vote is "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as he shall elect, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the State of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

Approved, April 4th, 1896.

Now Therefore, I, LLOYD LOWNDES, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said bill proposing said constitutional amendment be published in at least two newspapers in each county, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the Second day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven), at which election the said proposed amendment shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis on the first day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

LLOYD LOWNDES, Governor of Maryland.

By order of the Governor:
RICHARD DALLAM, Secretary of State. iv-31-14t

Trustees' Sale
OF A
FARM and Personal Property,
Near Mount Pleasant, Carroll county, Md.

THE undersigned, by virtue of a deed of trust from Rufus Little to them, duly executed and recorded, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1897,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., that farm on which the said Rufus Little now resides, containing

103 ACRES AND 1 ROOD OF LAND,

more or less. The improvements thereon are a two-story Log Weatherboarded Dwelling House, with back building, frame Bank Barn, threshing floor and stabling, corn house, hog pen, dairy, &c.; spring of excellent water at the house. About 20 Acres is in TIMBER, and there is a due proportion of Meadow Land. The balance of the land is in a good state of cultivation.

This farm is situate on the Stone road leading from Mt. Pleasant to Weist's Mill, in Myers' district, Carroll county, Md., about one-half mile from Mt. Pleasant on the Littlestown Turnpike Road adjoins the land of Wm. Crouse, David Stoner and others, and is convenient to schools, churches, market, &c.

Also, at the same time and place, we will sell the following personal property, to-wit: One pair mare Mules, 1 two-horse narrow-tread wagon, with stone bed; hay carriage, one-horse spring wagon, 1 superior grain drill, 1 champion mower, two-horse Roland Plow, 2 sets lead gears, about 7 Acres Growing Corn, lot of Hay, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale of the Real Estate.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, one-third in six and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

Terms of Sale of the Personal Property.—All sums of $10 and under, cash, on all sums above $10 a credit of six months will be given, on note, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

JAMES A. C. BOND,
CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER,
Wm. Warner, Auct. Trustees.
sep-18-4t

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A
LITTLE HOME,
In Freedom District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from Louisa Maring and George G. Maring, her husband, to a certain Mary M. Shoemaker, the undersigned, as assignee of said mortgage, will offer at public sale at the Court House Door in the city of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, A. D. 1897, at 10.30 A. M., all the land described in said mortgage, containing

2¼ ACRES OF LAND, More or Less.

The improvements consist of a well built Weatherboarded Dwelling House, nearly new, a good barn and other necessary outbuildings, all in good condition; good water and plenty of fruit. This property is not far from Oakland Mills and adjoins the lands of Lewis Robinson, Edmund McCoy and others. This property is well worth the notice of any one desiring a nice little home.

Terms of Sale.—Cash, on day of sale, or upon the ratification of the sale by the court. Other terms may be made with the undersigned. A deposit of $50.00 will be required on day of sale.

GEORGE W. ALBAUGH, Assignee.
s-4-ts

NO. 3570 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., Assignee &c., vs. John C. Runk and Sarah J. Runk, his wife, Mortgagors.

Ordered, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1897, that the sale of the mortgaged property, made and reported in the above entitled cause by Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., as assignee of mortgages, under and by virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from John C. Runk and wife to Susan Reigle, dated January 8th, A. D. 1891, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber B. F. C. No. 30, folio 211, &c., and filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 19th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 11th day of October next. The report states the amount of sale to be $350.00.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

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AT THE GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM,

WILLIAM F. DERR, WESTMINSTER, MD.

Administrator's of Mortgagee Sale
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE,
In Woodery's District, Carroll county, Md.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a deed of mortgage from William S. Creswell to Richard A. Barnes, bearing date the 14th day of September, 1896, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber B. F. C. No. 30, folio 85, &c., the undersigned, administrator of said Richard A. Barnes, deceased, in virtue of the power in said mortgage contained will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1897, at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that piece or parcel of land containing

70 ACRES OF LAND, More or Less, situate, lying and being in Woodery's district, Carroll county, Md., on the Schauck road, about 1½ miles from Mechanicsville and adjoining the lands of John S. Lively, Obediah Buckingham and others.

It is improved by a new two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, bank barn and all other necessary outbuildings, good water, never failing spring, orchard, and about 10 acres in timber. It is convenient to churches and schools.

Terms of Sale are:—One-third cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the Court, the residue in two equal payments of nine and eighteen months, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, bearing interest from day of sale, with approved security, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

R. S. T. B. BARNES,
Administrator of Richard A. Barnes, deceased, Mortgagee.
Jas. A. C. Bond, Solicitor.
P. A. Gorsuch Auct. se-18 ts

EXECUTORS' SALE
OF
Woodland, &c.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., the subscribers, as executors of the last will and testament of Emanuel Wantz, late of said county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1897, at 1 o'clock, P. M., a tract of Woodland, containing

6¼ ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

This land lies on the road leading from the Westminster and Meadow Branch Turnpike to Pleasant Valley, about 1 mile from the latter place, adjoins lands of Rufus Starner, David Myers and others, is well timbered with fine timber and this sale offers an excellent opportunity to persons desiring to purchase such property. At the same time we will sell at Public Sale a lot of Cordwood and Logs.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate.—One-third cash, on day of sale, or on the ratification thereof; one-third in six months and the other one-third in twelve months; the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security and bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

Terms on Cordwood and Logs made known at sale.

WM. H. WANTZ,
ROMANUS J. WANTZ,
Wm. E. Warner, Auct. Executors.
sep-18-4t

NO. 3568 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of George W. Allen, Solomon L. Allen surviving trustee.

EX-PARTE.

Ordered, this eighth day of September, A. D. 1897, that the sale of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause, by Solomon L. Allen, surviving trustee under and by virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust from George W. Allen to him and William N. Allen, dated May 5th, A. D. 1880, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll and Baltimore counties, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 12th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 4th day of October next. The report states the amount of sale to be $2,500.00.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
sept-11-3t

NO. 3578 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Charles T. Reifsnider and James A. C. Bond, Trustee and Plaintiff, vs. Rufus Little.

EX-PARTE.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Rufus Little.

ORDERED, this 2nd day of September, A. D. 1897, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a court of equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said Rufus Little, and that the said trustees settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Court, and it is further ordered that Charles T. Reifsnider and James A. C. Bond, the trustees in the above cause named, give notice to all persons having claims against Rufus Little to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 8th day of November, 1897, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive week before the 4th day of October next.

CHARLES B. ROBERTS.
True Copy—Test:
BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
sept-4-4t

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
August Term, 1897.

Estate of Andrew N. Stephan, deceased.

On application it is ordered, this 15th day of September, 1897, that the sale of the leasehold property of Andrew N. Stephan, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by George R. Gehr, administrator of said deceased, and thereby reported to this Court by said administrator, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 3rd Monday, 18th day, of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 2nd Monday, 11th day, of October next. The report states the amount of sale to be seven hundred and fifty dollars. ($750.00).

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER,
WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL, Judges.
True Copy,—Test:
GEO. M. PARKE, Register of Wills.
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J. WESLEY BIGGS.
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NO. 3522 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Frank A. Eckenrode, et al., Plaintiff, vs. Rebecca Eckenrode, widow, et al., Defendants.

Ordered, this 9th day of September, A. D. 1897, that the private sale of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause, by John M. Reifsnider and Charles T. Reifsnider, trustees appointed by the decree passed therein to sell the same, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 13th day of October next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 4th day of October next. The report states the amount of sale to be $4,000.00.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
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NO. 3555 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Charles T. Reifsnider, Assignee, &c., vs. Amelia T. Yeager and Wilhelm Yeager, her husband, mortgagors.

ORDERED, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1897, that the Account of the Auditor filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 4th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
True Copy.—Test:
sep-18-2t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

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11-4 Heavy White Blankets, weight 3½ lbs., colored borders, one of the best values offered, $1.00.

11-4 White Blankets, extra heavy, weight 5 lbs., all wool filling, colored borders, a great bargain, $2.50.

And so on, as we could fill up this whole space with Blanket bargains, were not every other department clamoring for a share.

COMFORTS. COMFORTS.

Extra Heavy Comforts, about 56x70 inches, cashmere shawl patterns, bound ends, only 65c.

Fancy Sateen Comforts, size 62x72, bound ends, straight quilted, $1.25.

HORSE BLANKETS.

76x80 Dark Grey Horse Blankets, weight full 5 lbs., good stock, soft wool finish, strong leather strap and buckle, reinforced with canvas and double rivetedt, only $1.00.

Shaped Horse Blankets, full 72 inches, soft wool filled, strong warp, bound all around and extra stayed at neck, 2-inch wide red duck surcingles, strap and buckles, regularly worth $2.00, now only $1.50.

Men's Underwear.

Extra heavy Grey mixed Undershirts, fancy bound neck, a bargain, 25c.
Extra heavy random mixed Undershirts, nicely finished, ribbed tail, a bargain, 39c.
Same as above, only in white, 39c.
We also have some grand good values in Men's fine goods and all wool Shirts, at 50c, 75c, and $1.00. More about them next week.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' fleece lined ribbed Vests, fair quality, a bargain at the price, 15c.
Extra quality, fancy fleece lined, fine finished ribbed Vests, silk trimmed and pearl buttons, a great bargain, 19c. Also some great values in these goods at 25c, 39c and 50c, about which we'll tell you later.
In Boys' and Children's Underwear we are equally well supplied. All sizes at right prices.

WORKING COATS.

Men's extra heavy Coats, made of Brown Denim, double sewed all over, lined with heavy felt, 4 pockets, corduroy collar, will wear like board, keep out all the wind and nearly all the rain, $1.75.
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1897 $80.00 Ramblers $65.00.
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Trustees' Sale
OF A
Valuable Farm,
In Freedom District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 3571, on the Equity Docket of said Court, the undersigned, as the trustees appointed by said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, situated on the Baltimore and Liberty road, about 4 mile from Freedom P. O., and adjoining the lands of Gordon Cummings, Esq., James Dorsey, Esq., &c., on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, A. D. 1897, at 1 o'clock, P. M., that very valuable and desirable farm, containing

171¼ ACRES OF LAND, More or Less.

The improvements thereon consist of a large Frame Dwelling House, containing 16 rooms, with front and back porches; a newly built Bank Barn, 40x70 ft.; corn house, dairy and other outbuildings. There is a well of excellent water near the house. The fields are conveniently divided, with water in each field. There is a fine Young Orchard on the property, just beginning to bear fruit.

This property is well worth the notice of any one desiring a good farm. It is situated on one of the leading county roads of the county, and convenient to schools, post-office and churches.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or upon the ratification of the sale by the court; balance in two equal payments of nine and eighteen months, deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER,
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
se-4-ts Trustees.

Immediately after the sale of the above the undersigned, as bargainee, will offer at Public Sale, the following Personal Property, to-wit:

3 MARES, 1 BAY HORSE, 4 ALDERNEY Cows, 12 Shoats, 1 Brood Sow, 1 A Harrow, 1 3-Horse Western Farm Wagon, with Stone Bed and Hay Carriage; 1 Dayton Wagon and Harness, 1 Champion Mower, Lawn Mower, Wheat Fan, Corn Sheller, Plows, Hay Rope, Fork and Carriage, lot of Plow Harness, Collars, Bridles, Halters, Cow Chains, Grindstone, Forks, Shovels Carpenter Tools, Hay and Straw.

Terms of Sale.—On all sums of $10, or under, cash; on all sums above $10, a credit of six months will be given, purchaser to secure the same by a note with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

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This School, in charge of Miss Smith, will open on

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All classes below the highest, Six Dollars a term; the highest class Seven Dollars.

sept-11-3t T. H. LEWIS, President.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

One Hundred Shares of the capital stock of the Union National Bank of Westminster, Md., in lots to suit purchasers.

GEO. L. STOCKSDALE,
Attorney at Law, Westminster, Md.
sept-18-3t

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A THREE-YEAR ROTATION.

BY CHAS. W. OTTO

From the Practical Farmer of October 12th, 1895.

Formerly I followed a five-year rotation of crops, viz: Sod plowed for corn, corn ground sowed to wheat, the wheat stubble plowed and sowed to wheat again, with clover the next Spring; hay and clover seed made the next year, and the fifth year, pastured. Now I follow a three-year rotation, and find it to possess many advantages over the old way. The three-year rotation is as follows: Sod plowed for corn, corn ground all sown in wheat with clover seed sown the following Spring, and left in clover one year for hay and seed. The first advantage in favor of the three-year rotation that I mention is the increase in the number of acres in corn, or corn and potatoes, or all potatoes, just as any one should decide to grow. To illustrate: In a five-year rotation, five fields are necessary and a 75-acre farm would have fields of 15 acres each, hence only 15 acres each year for corn, while in the three-year rotation 3 fields will suffice, and each will contain 25 acres, or as near to that as one can divide his farm. By having less fields, less fencing is required, which will soon amount to a considerable sum, and a trifle more land to farm, which will add a little to the savings. By cropping land in corn or potatoes every three years the soil receives oftener the advantage of the extra tillage which such crops receive, than it does in a five year rotation.

But one of the most important advantages that a three-year rotation has over a five-year rotation is, that we can grow wheat at less expense, and when wheat is fifty cents a bushel, we want to produce a bushel with the least expense possible. Every experienced farmer knows that corn ground or potato ground can be put in the best condition for wheat growing with much less expense than stubble ground, which must be plowed, hence wheat can be produced much cheaper. In a five-year rotation one half of the wheat crop could be grown from corn or potato ground, but the other half must be plowed. As wheat has not been paying very well, most farmers who follow the five-year rotation follow the corn with oats, and seed but little of their corn ground to wheat, and by so doing, are obliged to plow nearly all of the ground for the wheat crop, thus adding to the cost of production without any increase in the crop, for the wheat from the corn ground will equal, if not exceed, the crop of wheat from the ground which had been plowed. When the farmer grows potatoes instead of corn, the harvesting of the potatoes is just that much work done towards preparing the ground for wheat, and the ground is in better condition to sow in wheat than it is when he grows corn; there are no corn shocks in the way, unless he puts a part of his corn crop in a silo, leaving that much of the ground without shock rows. The shock rows can be seeded later, after the corn and fodder have been taken off.

The greatest advantage of all in favor of the three-year rotation is the possibility of obtaining a greater advantage from the clover crop. The advantage is not only greater from the clover in the shorter rotation than in the longer, but the soil gets the benefit oftener. In the longer rotation clover is left to grow three years, the last year entirely for the pasture, and when there was no timothy sown with the clover the pastures often were very thin, most of the clover being frozen out the Winter previous, and by sowing both clover and timothy, the timothy was not thick enough to make a good pasture alone, so not half a crop was realized from the field the fifth year, affording poor pasture and leaving the field exposed to the influences which tend to sterility. One of the greatest drawbacks in a five-year rotation of this kind, equally as great as the last one, is the lack of clover roots in the soil when plowed for the next crop. No doubt the roots were there some time in the five-year rotation, but their value for fertilizing the soil has been lost either by being lifted out by the frost or having gone down into the sub-soil or washed away; they are not there when the ground is plowed for the next crop, which should be benefitted by them. Late last Fall I saw some sod ground plowed, part was in clover only the second year, and the other had been in clover and timothy the third year. The dividing fence had been taken away and both fields were plowed as as one. In the one the soil was turned over filled with clover roots standing upward, showing that they had penetrated below the depth (eight to ten inches) the ground was plowed, and in the soil of the other, no roots could be seen at all on the top of the plowed ground, and only short ones in the soil at all.

Clover benefits the soil the most during the first two years of its growth; more the second year than the first. The third year the benefit is trifling, unless the winter previous did not lift the roots; the exception seldom occurs. In a three-year rotation one-third of the farm is always in clover of a two years' growth, and one-third in clover of the first year's growth, while in a five-years' rotation the fraction is only one-fifth. To have pasture in a three-year rotation, the clover field must be divided each year by a portable fence. As there will be clover on both sides of the fence, three wires stretched across, fastened to stakes driven in the ground every 12 or 16 feet, will keep the cattle on the part you desire to pasture; the other part of the field is for hay and clover seed. In a three-year rotation it is best to keep the manures in a covered barn-yard until after harvest, and if there is not enough to cover one-third of the farm each year, put it on the poorest parts of the wheat stubble ground to benefit the young clover. As I have not yet got a covered yard, I do what I think is the next best thing. In the spring I haul out what manure I have, or enough to cover the clover where I intend to pasture that Summer, the greater part of the field where I make hay having been manured after harvest, and the previous Summer with manure left over or made after I hauled out in the Spring.

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