A colored man who is 87 years old walks to and from Washington, Ga., a distance of eight miles, to carry the mail for a family, for which they board and clothe him and his wife.

An effort is being made in California to reorganize the American party in time for the next election. Last year 7,347 votes were cast in that State for the head of the American ticket.

GEN. ROGER A. PRYOR, of the New York bar, has recently taken his son into partnership with him. It is said that the two look enough alike to resemble twins more than father and son.

THE net indebtedness of Canada is \$220,000,000-over \$1,000,000 for every constituency. The Toronto Globe says it would take seven years' wheat crop of all Canada to pay it. The annual interest is \$21 per minute.

lived in Macon, Ga., for several years, without being naturalized, was summoned as a juror, but objected to serving. When asked what was his excuse he replied: "Not civilized."

are fifty rear admirals, fifteen commodores, twelve commanders, twenty paymasters, fourteen captains, twenty lieutenant commanders, forty-one lieutenants, seventy-two engineers, and forty-six surgeons.

YALE's new instructor in gymnastics exercise which have been neglected there for years, or have never been followed, and will lay stress on all-round gymnastics, running, jumping, shotputting, and bar exercise.

ently begin the construction of a free misfortune to meet. We gave him plenty I never was smart, and, not having had to eat and a place in the barn to sleep. much kindness, grew up from being a dull, \$50,000 and contain 100,000 volumes. When completed it will be placed under the charge of the Tulane Uni-

WALT WHITMAN remembers meeting civilian's clothes, "a jovial, old, rather dark-yellow face, and in ways and manner the least of conventional ceremony or etiquette I ever saw; he laughed unrestrainedly at everything comical. He had a great personal resemblance to Fenimore Cooper, the novelist."

great patriot. In the dark days of thirty or forty years ago there was no to Parliament in 1861, and took deep lars owing to him, and expressed the hope that there might be some go in that lunk was a silent interest. He never could clared that he would gladly give the copyright of his best opera for the ability to do so.

THOMAS M. DAVIS, of Millford, has probably the oldest sleigh in Delaware. In 1779 his greatgrandfather, Mark Davis, went to Philadelphia and bought a gig. The gig was used by lady, who had driven from H-- in a ants. Recently it was changed into a century is identical in shape with the latest style of sleigh of 1887.

According to a book recently pub, thinking he might be sick." lished by an English organist, a cow a donkey brays in a perfect octave; a matic scale. Each person has his funspeaks, but which he often transposes in | But I must drive after him, poor fellow! isn't of the warm or clinging sort, by the is excited.

FRED DOUGLASS and Theodore Tilton went about Paris a great deal together | wife. "But will you not take off your | and attracted much attention. They | things and rest a little?" dined together at a restaurant, and a Frenchman afterward said to Mr. Til- applied her handkerchief to her eyes. ton: "When I saw you and your you said, I made up my mind from the refined modulation of your voices that like to ask if in England it is usual to bave two brothers so equally gifted and experienced in public speaking?"

DR. BENJAMIN W. RICHARDSON, the well-known London physician, calls that has brought me here." attention to the peculiar periodicity of delirium tremens in Great Britain. in July, thence maintaining its place | daughter's unique style, at first stared, and with little change through August, and declining through September. It reach. na its average in October. There is a letters to him, if he has forgotten them!"

slight rise in the first week of January. the result of holiday indulgence. Wet and cloudy weather are both favorable to the spread of the disease.

Michael Krueger, of Manchester, Wisseventh son was born Michael received a | the back and driven off, without so much Prussia. Four of the children are dead; who is 78 years old and lives in Mil- I reached home that evening.

I have was the story they had for the story the story they had for the story the stor The youngest of the nine is now 50 years old.

THE SUNNY SIDE.

A iways choose the sunny side Never swim against the tide Wait its flowing back again

Veiling pleasure's faintest ray,

Wait, you'll find the darkest hour Is the one preceding day. Happiness is not in wealth, Joy is not a work of art; Greater is the gift of health,

Sweeter is a peaceful heart. Though the gift you get be small, If it square with your desires. You are rich, for you have all That your present need require.

If you can rejoice to-day, Do not fret about to-morrow. Happiness will longer stay By avoiding needless sorrow. Always try to act the man, Honestly perform your part,

Do whatever good you can, Cultivate a thankful heart, Reither do nor suffer wrong. Never show nor bow to pride Thus you'll smoothly glide alas Life's delightful sunny sideh

GERTY'S TRAMP.

BY NATHAN D. URNER.

ing up tomato cans, preserve jars, and the | very feeble.

became of real use to us, and at last recog-On the retired list of the navy there | nized as a fixture at The Maples, as my snug villa on the Hudson was called. His name was Ichabod Flotsam, as he wing. After that we mostly called him Ike, a pleasant grate-stove which had been pro except the little girl herself, who always | vided, for it was November now, and the addressed him or spoke of him as Ichabod with much seriousness of manner.

only child; a precocious, old-womanish, Gerty and I called to see him on a certain wise little maid of twelve summers, but with the ways and manners of many an ex- which he would tell us his history. perienced housewife of thrice her years, and whose slightest wish is mostly law with I'll have to tell my story by fits and starts, both her mother and myself. Flotsam first shambled up to our gate, this time. Leastwise, he's always been a

beggin; for food and employment in a foremost manufacturer of tin and japanned thin, far-away voice, he was the most un- ware-right at the top of the heap-and I attractive specimen of the genus tramp, of never knew him to waste anything on him the listless, knock-kneed, bow-backed, self or his household. My mother die MISS ANNIE T. HOWARD will pres- furtive-eyed variety, it had ever been our when I was a baby, and I'm an only child. public library building in New Orleans | Thereafter, as he grew fixed upon us, I slow-motioned boy, to being a rather as a memorial of her father, the late had a cot rigged up for him in a disused dreamy, dumb-headed young man, when tool-room over the coach-house, and in a my father, after putting me through the short time his lugubrious personality be- tin-shops, took me into his factory office homely as the pump or the clothes-wires. fool, or if the queer, lost kind of feeling Assets, and not without a purpose," said | was due to an accident that befell me when she, gravely. "He is about to send to Pitts- I was a little shaver, when I came mighty papers. The Demon of Debt compelled

address he concealed from even Me." course of time. Thereafter, for a week or | tired complimenting me with such such stout, plain man with a wrinkled and | more, according to Gerty, Ichabod's leisure | epithets as 'Jackass,' 'Land Tortoise,' "The documents must be of Vast and | matics was always a knotty puzzle for me. Mysterious import," said Gerty one day. | and I was unable to touch the accounts Ichahod has twice admitted me to his, without botching 'em. Apartment while he reads them. They are all in one handwriting, which I judge must |

On the following afternoon a letter came VERDI, the great composer, is also a for Ichabod, in my care. It was in a fash- cise of traveling from place to place, by more ardent champion of Italian liber- following morning to G-, to remain made friends of the country folks. Indeed, ty and union than he. He was elected perhaps till Thursday. I readily granted I did so well at the start that even the gov-

interest in all its operations. But it | that his letter had brought him good news. | head son of his, after all;" at which I real-"I ain't sure yet if it's good or bad, sir," make a speech, though he often de- with a-a certain party I'm very desirous of

sence, my wife and daughter were visited | least.

one or two generations of his descend- hired coach, and who rather astonished "I am Selina Graves, a near relative of I was. Instead of taking Mrs. Lump's sleigh, and the gig body of the last, the young man, Ichabod Flotsam, whom place, Selina hired another servant, besides von have been kindly employing for some time past. I had an appointment to meet herself as the capricious mistress of the him at the steamboat landing this morning, establishment. but he was not there. I drove right here,

place of meeting," said my wife. "Ichabod outset. We began to enjoy the good things set out this morning for the railroad sta- of life, like other well-to-do people. In a tenth; a dog barks in a fifth or fourth; | tion at G--, to meet some one from whom | few months Selina and I were secretly enhe received a letter yesterday." horse neighs in a descent on the chro- Graves; "though maybe it was my fault- our taking up with each other. But that writing one thing and meaning another. I | brief period was the only happiness I have | could almost vow that I appointed to meet | ever known. Selina pretended to return damental key in which he generally him at the river, instead of the railroad.

sympathy to other voices, or when he | How far is it to G---, pray? and have you | way-while I-oh! I can't tell you how I | some one who will direct the hackman loved her." which road to take?" "Certainly. It is only about the same more intently out on the river, as though to distance you have already driven," said my | concentrate his thoughts.

The offer was politely dec'ined, though | vein of emphasis. "Such sentiments are brother together here, although I could, | certain of seeing him at once that this dis- | things went on this way for a good many

of course, understanding nothing that appointment is very trying. Pray, bear months, during which I made several busiforgotten them. I wish I could | agined there was any actual engagement beaffecting us both. Indeed, without them I | "At last I set out on the most extensive

Walking Stick, ma'am," interposed Gerty. "The letters make such a large Package The presence of the disease, as indi- that he could not have put them in his cated by the mortality arising from it, pocket without Betraying their presence. begins to be prominent in the warm, Besides, he would have told Me, for I am his Guardian." weeks of May, and attains its maximum | Miss Graves, not being familiar with our

cried, impulsively, "that I may carry the My wife hesitated. But she had been rather prepossessed by her visitor, finally directed Gerty to conduct Miss Graves to Ichabod's room. This was a cordingly done, the lady stopping on her way to the coach-house to tell her hackman to find out the proper road to G--for which she would be ready to set out in a few moments. Upon reaching Ichabod's consin, was born 113 years ago in Posen, | maged the young man's carpet-bag in Prussia. He is the father of nine chil- very summary manner, possessed herself dren, seven being sons, and when the of the letters, and then sprung hastily into

letter and \$50 from from the King of as a "Thank you" or "Good-by" for my . This was the story they had for me when

"Bet someone has been here looking for conviction of my guilt. She begged me to a stern glance at his wife. "Will you conyou in your absence, "I said; and forthwith

He listened wide-mouthed, with a stunned, dazed expression, until I came to tell of the visitor's demand for his letters. and of Gerty conducting her to his room, when he interrupted me with an inarticu-

"Tricked again!" almost howled the young man, tearing his bair with savage fury. "Tricked again, and by that beautiful fiend! Oh, fool that I've been!" He staggered wildly out of the house, but fainted away before he could cross the

With a feeling of deep commiseration, called him, would have been tolerated a fever, which soon set in. We made the our desires. However, I could not have back from her with open contempt, while A FEW days ago a German who had around our place for a week, save for the patient as comfortable as possible, furnish-

all-powerful protection which she persisted | ing his room with whatever could be spared, and inducing the coachman and gardener But, as it was, we gradually grew accus- to take turns at nursing him-though Gerty tomed to him, and when he suddenly devel- | insisted on superintending everything peroped professional skill as a tinsmith—as he taining to the sick chamber—and in a few did one day by the merest accident -- in seal - days Ichabod was convalescent, though like, besides tinkering the kitchen ware, he

As our patient began to mend he seemed quite proud of the transformation that had been effected in his room, and to find him self installed there in any easy chair before mountain airs were raw and chilly. He was sitting thus by the fire, with his

Gerty, I would say, in passing, is our sad eyes taking in the landscape, when morning he had set as the occasion upor I reckon. My father is still in business it On the summer evening when Ichabod Buffalo, and he must be mighty rich by came almost as familiar and twice as I'm not sure whether I was a natural-born "Ichabod has been very saving of his that now and then took hold of my head his leaving it there last spring. He has | took the natural-born view of it. Anyway. also written and mailed an Epistle, whose he was tearing hard on me. He used to cuff me around to his heart's content when-'Small Hopes,' and the like. I suppose he was about right. Anything like mathe-

"At last my father gave up trying to make a clerk of me, and sent me out be a Female's. I think a Crisis must be traveling agent to solicit orders among the country towns. At this sort of thing I succeeded much better. The open-air exerionable envelope, and the address was in a boat, car, buggy, or wagon, agreed with me first-rate. My head got more settled, and, That evening he asked leave to go on the as I was gentle and unassuming, I mostly

ly began to feel encouraged. "But about this time there came to live with us Selina Graves. She was a distant cousin of mine, suddenly left without par-He left for G--- on foot at an early ents or friends in a far-away down-East hour in the morning, and I myself quitted | village. My father took it into his head to home shortly after, intending to pass the | befriend her, with the idea that she might day with a friend at H--, the river land- in time take the drudging-place of old Mrs. ing, which was about as far to the north of Lump, our housekeeper, who was growing us as was G-, the railroad town to the more rheumatic and useless every day. But, shrewd as the governor was, he was out in In the middle of the day, during my ab- his calculations for once in his life, at

> "Selina was a very handsome and spirited woman, and she possessed even more force of character than good looks. The old man was soon as helplessly under her thumb as retaining the old woman, and soon installed

"My father rebelled at first, but finally gave in to her in everything. As for me, I "There must be some mistake about the was overjoyed with the change from the gaged to be married-secretly, you know, "Dear me, how unfortunate!" said Miss | because the governor didn't seem to relish

Here the narrator paused, and looked "Don't try to tell us, Ichabod, don't try said Gerty, in her most solemn, and owlish

"Ichabod has had a terribly hard time of | "Thank you, Miss Gertrude," said Flot-"said she, recovering; "and I made so sam, gratefully. "Well, as I was a-saying, And then, suddenly starting up, she ex- | joy. I could often see that the governor

hardly think I can effect the delicate task trip I had yet taken. Here all my new tunes. Indeed, my zeal carried me so far difference distinguishing different

"My father had a mortal horror of paying out ready cash where it could be avoided. Therefore, I was accustomed to paying | show him his father's letter in reply. my traveling expenses with orders for small amounts drawn by him on dealers but not without an undercurrent of deep through which I passed, the same being | follows: handed to me by my father in our parlor in gage to avenge his wrongs, and make the next morning I set out, intending not in my power." to break the package till I should require to I I chabod received this intelligence at first bearing that may be borne in mind. make use of the orders. Everything went with much excitement, but soon settled smoothly till I was passing through Vermont, having made use of nearly all the into an apathetic condition that I could not their less acute sense of smell; and father himself having telegraphed for my arrest. Four of the drafts had found their way back to him, and been pronounced

been altogether satisfactory, Ichabod," said | making no question of my guilt. Then I | ma'am!" I, after we had all given him kindly greet- hurried to the house. Selina received me in the parlor with embraces and tears. She "No, sir," he faltered, twisting his finger | professed entire belief in my innocence, said my wife, tartly. "However, will you A Every style of Gentlemen's Hats and 11 in his hat-band in a nervous way he had. but besought me not to go up stairs to my not have breakfast?" "I-I didn't meet the the party I expected father, whom she represented as being still

fly, promising to communicate with me reg. | duct us to Ichabod, sir?" he added, turning began to tell him the story of Miss Graves | ularly as I should pass from place to place, to me. to send me money, and likewise to plead | We all set out together across the grounds, constantly with my father in my behalf. but were intercepted by the coachman with She overcame me with her tears, her kisses, the startling intelligence that Ichabod had and her seemingly agonized solicitude lest unaccountably disappeared. The man had Machine. I should again be carried off to prison, helped him to dress an hour before, ar

to return all the love-letters she had ever | wandered out. The coachman and gar-Nothing was left me but to reply in the written me, for we had corresponded al- dener had since been looking for him most daily during my long absences. Now, without avail. in some of her letters to me, Selina had "Why, the poor fellow was hardly able to mixed up her expressions of endearment | stand alone!" I cried, pushing forward, folwith certain speculations upon the benefit lowed by the rest. that would come to us in the event of my | We stood irresolute for a moment in the father's death ('the old ogre's death,' as she | tenantless room, when Mrs. Flotsam turnonce or twice put it,) in a way that had shocked me not a little, and which I had with indecent exultation: "There, Benjaonly been able to explain away by consider- | min! did I not tell you the worthless fellow had him conveyed to his room and sent for | ing them as mere thoughtless words on her | would not dare to face me with his absurd part, springing out of a natural impatience I hardly think that Gerty's Tramp, as we | The doctor looked grave, and predicted | at our being so crossed and hampered in | My wife gave her a look, Gerty drew

> my valise, which I had left at the station. "She then exacted a promise that I would send them to her from the first halting place in my wanderings, gave me the few dollars she had in her purse, and sep- to him. We lost no time in obeying, Tom, arated from me in an apparent agony of the coachman, hurrying on before.

"But, as I was skulking out by a back I way, old Mrs. Lump slipped something into my hand and whispered in my ear: overheard all that passed between ye in the parlor, Don't trust the sly minx, Ichabod, an' never send her back no letters nor nothin'.' I hardly understood her until was on board a Western train, when opened the package she had given me-it | room for but one inference. contained fifty dollars, like as not all her savings, poor soul!-and fell to thinking over what she had whispered. From that time I was filled with doubts and fears r garding Selina, sometimes fancying her loving and sincere, and again suspecting her of treachery and double-dealing. old giddiness came back to my head. hardly ever left it, making me unfit fo steady work. But I stopped at nearly all the towns between Buffalo and Pittsburgh making hard but vain attempts to get work at my trade; and, soon after arriving at cheap tavern in Pittsburgh, broken down and penniless, I fell ill with a fever, and

was carted off to a charity hospital. "When discharged, I was very weak, ears had given place to a stupid, va cant feeling that still further itated me. Selina had at first writte regularly, sending me small sums, and always urging me to return her those letters: peals failed to elicit a response. Moreover cold weather was setting in, no work coul be had, and the city streets were filling with tramps of all sorts, good and ba poor men really wishing work but unable to get it, and the lazy, mean lot who even prefer tramping to honest labor. My scanty luggage was kept by a tavern-keeper fo the two days' board I had had before fall-

"Ah, sir! ah, Miss Gertrude; there is little more to tell that would interest without disgusting you. I became a tramp, and passed a ferrible winter, roaming from place to place in the West and Southwest. sometimes in jail as a vagrant, sometimes begging, least-times working, but always tramping, tramping on, sleeping anywhere and nowhere, with half-a-meal to-day and no meal to-morrow, in a dreary round daily misery such as no one who has never tried it can ever imagine. In the spring resolved to make my way East again. managed to steal enough rides on freight trains to carry me from Memphis to Philadelphia. But they were so hard on tramps there that I started for Buffalo on foot. was on my way there that I stopped at your gate, and you took me in-God bless vor all! As I began to pick up strength my head got steadier, and I even began hope that Selina had remained true to me.

after all. I wrote to her, and at the letters, as you know. My intention was to return them to her, if she should convince me of her good faith. The rest you know. Her letter, making an appointment to meet me at G --- was only a trick to get me out of the way while she came to The Maples by river, instead of rail, to obtain the coveted letters; for without them she would not have dared to complete her

Ichabod had for some time been speaking in a very weak voice, and now, as 1 concluded, the tears were trickling, while he ground his teeth in impotent rage. "But what were her designs?" I asked For answer, he handed me the newspa-

per he had been holding, and pointed to a marked item for Gerty and me to read. was the notice of his father's marriage with Selina Graves, at a date only two days after her surreptitious visit to The Maples. "I wish you had just one of those forged | papers still," I exclaimed, "together with a remnant of Selina's writing."

"Why, I have both!" said Ichabod. "Bus what can you want with them?" "Give them to me, and I will tell you." Under his directions Gerty investigated the rifled carpet-bag, and took from tween the lining and the leather two papers, which she handed to me. "How did you chance to retain this draft, if fraudulent?" I asked.

never innocently used," said Ichabod, "As | etc., are therefore usually followed by it got loose in my pocket, the detectives women. As regards the sense of hearmissed it when they searched me. Why do | ing we are not aware of any experiyou ask, sir?" "Simply because I am something of expert in these matters," I replied, "and I and the same may be said as regards

letters to you could have compromised equals her perfidy!" That evening, after turning the matter perhaps, a moot question; but that over in my mind, I wrote a long letter to they excel not only as gourmands but c abod's father, briefly summing up

details that had been given me, and b of reconciliation—between him and others misfortunes began. All the wickedness that I mailed this forthwith, without con- brands and vintages of wine is much ond day following, when I was able to

> owing him money in the towns and villages feeling. Its concluding sentence was as carried to their credit on our books at the "My wife and I start eastward by to- acid and other strongly odorous sabjust before setting out. On this last trip 1 meeting my son at your place early the eight females, and it was found that in had given to me as many as fifteen of these next morning, when, if he dares to con- nearly all cases the sense of smell was orders. They were in various amounts, front my wife (as she avers he will not do), ranging from five to twenty-five dollars. and shows me the papers substantiating On the night before I left home they were the charges you have presented, I will en-

> > amends for his sufferings by every means

"Oh, no, sir!" said he. "It's all one in may be quite pleasant to them may be the end. You are very kind." town where the fraudulent orders had been Mr. Flotsam, a scompanied by his new wife. pleasant to individuals of the other sex. cashed, and cast into prison. Being per- arrived from G--. He was a florid, -The London Queen. fectly innocent of crime. I of course as- hard-faced old man, on perhaps the shady serted as much indignantly, but was fully side of sixty, whose personal resemblance committed for trial. Then a gentleman I to his son was not striking, though per-

"You didn't say you wanted the n for that purpose, or you wouldn't have got them!' furious against me and obdurate in his you, ma'am," interposed Mr. Flo'sam, with P

which, she said, would break her heart. In | had left him sitting at the window, looking late cry, as though stifling, but managed to a weak and evil hour I consented to become moodily out over the water, but had shortly afterward returned to find the room empty. | rr "The letters, sir! you-you didn't give | "Then before my departure she begged me Ich bod had put on his hat and shoes and

ing triumphantly to her husband, exclaime

complied with her request just at that mo- Mr. Flotsam merely opened the window ment, had I wished, for the letters were in and looked out upon the crisp, autumna making signs to us," said he at last.

It was the gardener beckoning us to go "I'm afraid there's no good of looking any further for Ichabod, sir-leastwise no above water," said one of the men, as I came up; and he exhibited Ichabod's hat and coat which he had just found at the river's edge, while also pointing to some tracks in the sand, as of some one who had A dead silence ensued, for there was EROCERY STORE

Then Gerty began to cry, and Mr. Flotsam turned his face toward the rocks, as When he seemed to have somewhat recov ered I joined him, ventured upon a fev words of explanation, and slipped into his hand the letter and the forged order, which them in his pocket without examination pressed my hand, and we all went slowly oack to the house.

cept her eyes lowered all the way up from which was still at the door. Mr. Flotsam took me apart and said in a ow voice: "Sir, if you will be so good as ! o use every means to recover the the CANNED GOODS, body, and send it to me, I will pay all exoenses, besides esteeming it a great fa-

with his wish, when Selina's shrill voice was heard exclaiming impatiently from the eoach: "Come, Benjamin! We shall be too He wheeled upon her with a face convulsed with sudden fury and disgust, and

raised his walking-stick menacingly. But managed to control himself, and only gasped out, in a hoarse, choking voice: "Proceed to the station alone, madam; I shall be more circumspect in my choice o I shall never forget the startled look that suddenly leaped into that woman's face-a

look betokening the sudden realization of what she had staked and what she had "What-do-you-mean, Benjamin?" "This, madam: I shall delay my departure from G --- for the noon express, which will enable you to reach home three hours before me. You've the world before you. Don't let me find you there on my return." The last words were pronounced with a Ohio railroad. slow, threatening intensity. She fell back out of view as though he had struck her, the

heard of again by the man she had cheated and desolated, as I a terward learned. Mr. Flotsam declined the offer of my eoach. As he set off on foot down the wild ating him deeply, little as he may have de-Ichabod's body never was found, and

sort of mystery connected with his fate. Indeed, my wife, on this account, sometimes inclines to the opinion that Gerty's Tramp was not so honest and guileless as he seemed; though Gerty herself is never at a loss to defend the memory of her luck-

"I, for one, can fully Appreciate Ichabod's conflicting Emotions, she will say. "He was inspired by a Sublime Forgiveset out on the Long Tramp which must find an ending at the Gates of Bliss."

The Senses as Affected by Sex. If the senses are taken seriatim it will be evident that they are not parallel in men and women. The latter possess, in a much greater degree, the perfection of the sense of touch; those occupations that require extreme delicacy of manipulation, such as lace-"It was the only one of the forgeries | making, embroidery, bead-stringing, ments or observations on the relative an perfection of the sense in the two sexes; the sense of sight, which appears to be equally acute in women and in men. in's In the extreme 'elicacy of taste it is her probable that men excel. Whether ty | they do so naturally, or in consequence | of the cultivation of men's palates is, also as gourmets may be accepted as more frequently found in men than in women. As regards the sense of smell. some exceedingly conclusive experiments have been made by some American savants which appear to subvert our preconceived opinions. The experiments were performed with prussic about double as acute in men as in women. The cause of the difference in this matter between men and women is quite unknown, as is the object of the distinction; but it has one practical "Perhaps I was hasty in acting without | they would do well to bear in mind the fact that odors and perfumes which almost overpowering and decidedly un-

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