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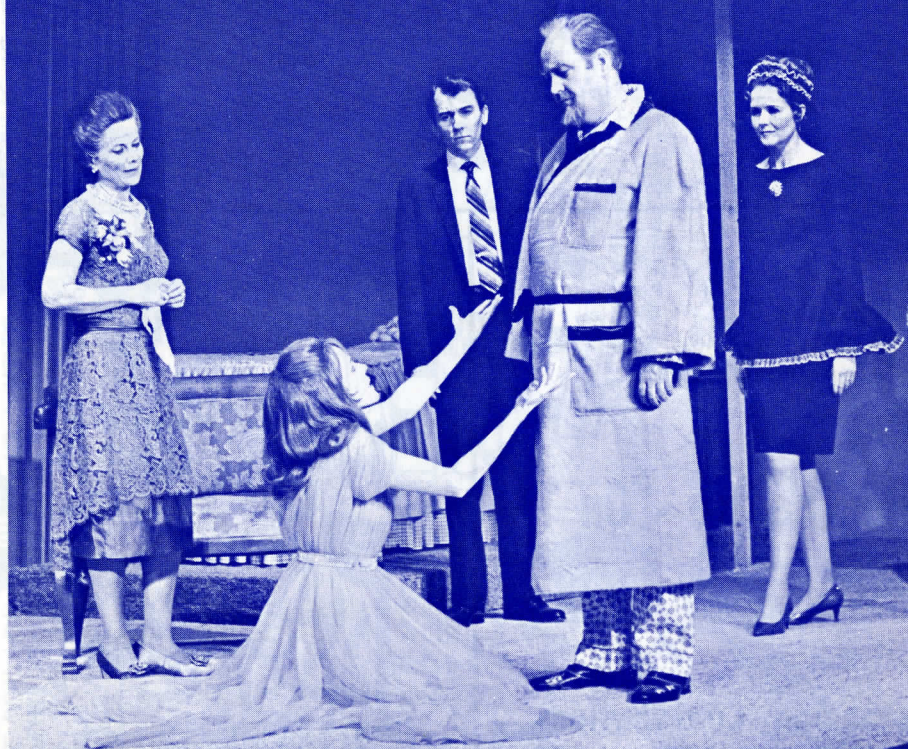
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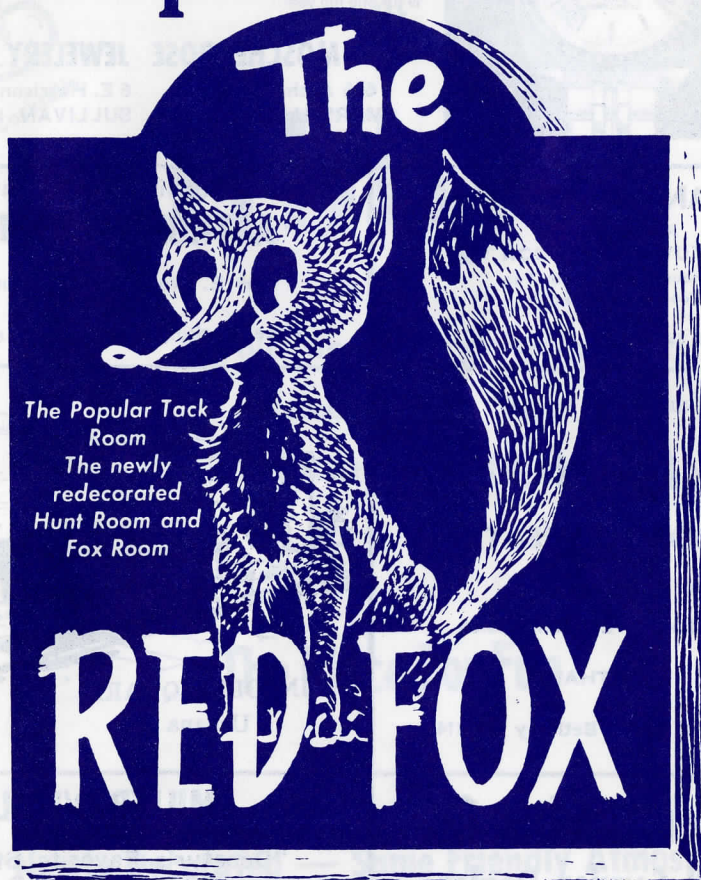
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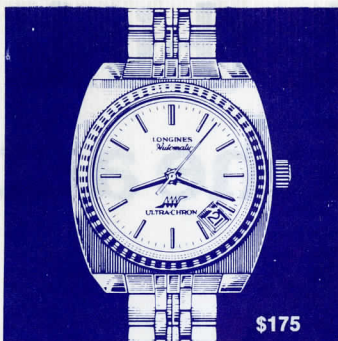
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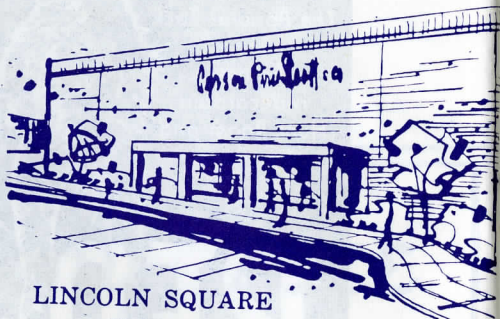
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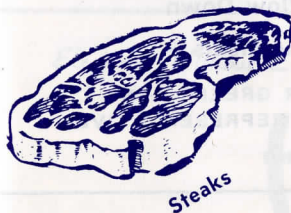
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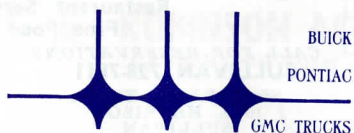
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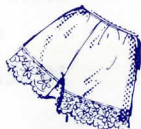
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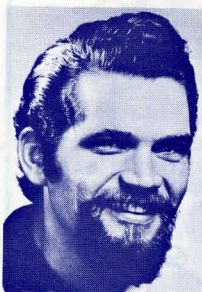
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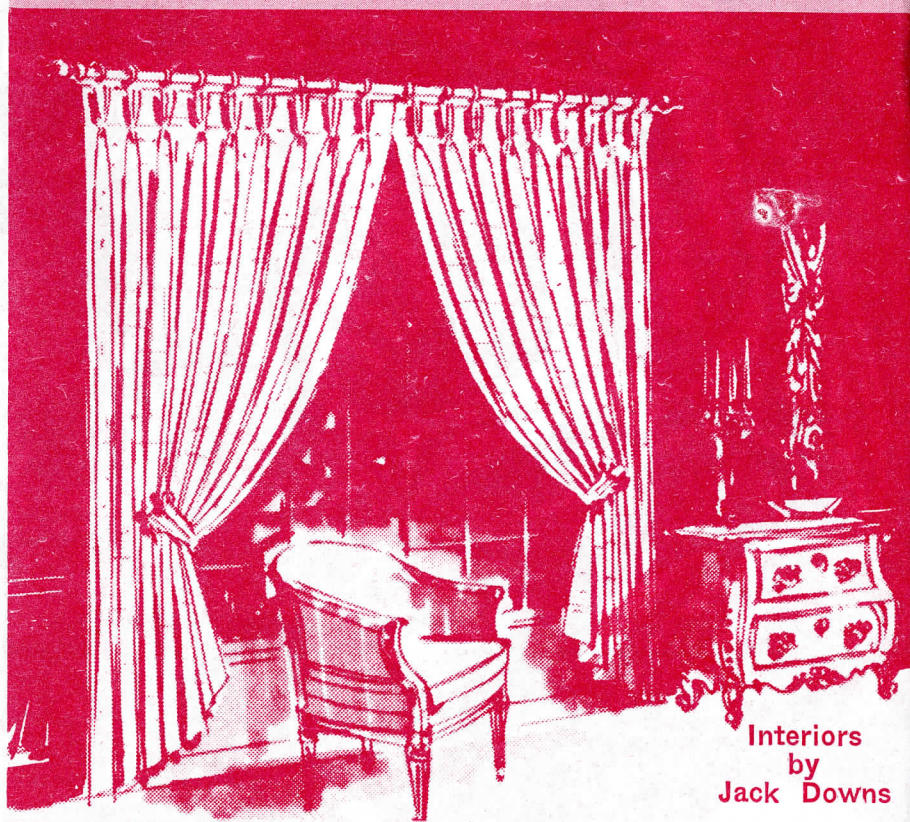
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In the early years of The Little Theatre-On The Square, only musicals were presented for perhaps eight or nine weeks during the summer months. The first musical staged was *Brigadoon* which will be presented for the third time this season. In the initial years, the theatre operation was referred to as Guy Little, Jr.'s. "Summer of Musicals" but after thirteen years, it is "The Miracle of Sullivan". Syndicated news media have written about this miracle and the miracle-man in numerous newspapers and magazines, almost always introducing the theme of "Broadway in the Country".

Guy Little, Jr.'s. education and training in all phases of theatre make him aware that young persons aspiring to a career in theatre need professional training. Therefore, he offers an Apprenticeship Scholarship Program each season for 25 to 40 talented students. The Little Theatre-On The Square is one of the few theatres in the country which has such a program—most theatres require tuition for their training program.

Guy met his wife, Jerili, while both were attending the University of Miami, from where they graduated. They have been married for 16 years and have two children, Vanessa, age 14 and Sean, age 8. The entire family has taken part in the theatre operation in various ways: Jerili has appeared in over fifty productions on the Sullivan stage along with starring in other midwest theatres; Vanessa is following in the footlight career, holding her Actors' Equity membership for three years now with many fine acting parts behind her; Sean alternates his interest between theatre and an avid curiosity about farming, although, he has had several good stage appearances, also. Although Guy is primarily known as a producer, his rare appearances on his own stage delight the steady patrons. He usually assigns himself to walk-on parts which are brief but a necessary part of the show and little does the audience know that perhaps he was assisting in some technical, costume or administrative duty just moments before and after his appearance. He works in any department which might be in need of trained services, if he feels that department needs extra assistance. He has directed, designed, built scenery, taken charge of props, acted as lighting and sound technician along with some major and minor roles on stage. However, most of his time is spent scheduling his long season, negotiating for new musicals and plays and for the outstanding stars from Broadway, Hollywood and television, staffing the theatre with top directors, musical directors, choreographers, scenic and costume designers, technical directors and the other necessary staff personnel. Mr. Little personally casts all the roles in all of his major productions and selects the apprentice company after auditions in New York, Chicago and Sullivan.

Guy is blessed with parents who believed in his ability to succeed in opening a professional theatre and Mrs. Guy S. Little, Sr. has not only made a few appearances on stage in the early years but has been in charge of the ushers and box office during the past thirteen years. Guy S. Little, Sr. who has been a successful farmer and farm manager for many years, has served as the theatre's business manager and jokingly refers to himself as "A Dollar-A-Year Man".

The attendance at The Little Theatre-On The Square has been truly a "miracle", rising from the original 8,000 to over 80,000 in just the few summer months of operation each year. Attendance this season, with 26 weeks duration, is expected to go over 85,000 persons.

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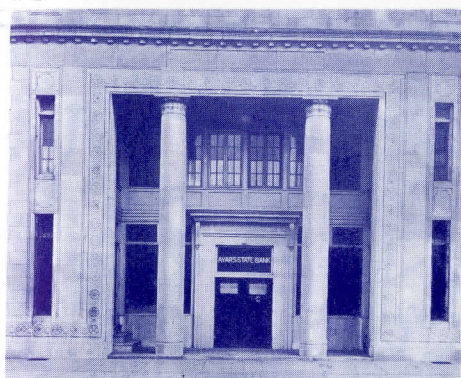
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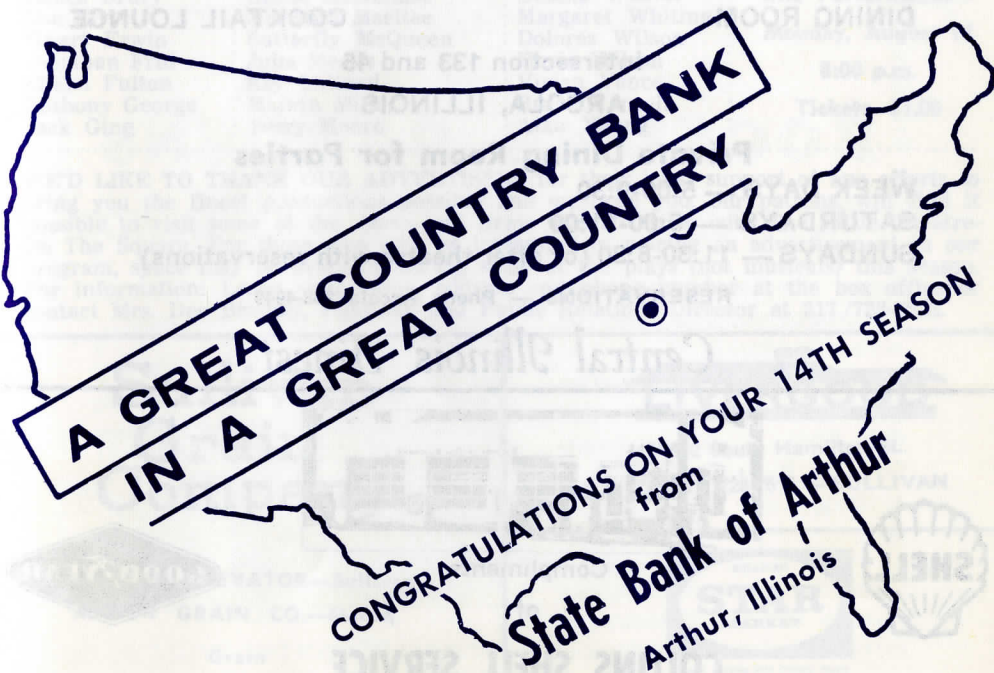
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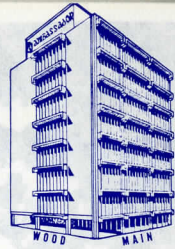
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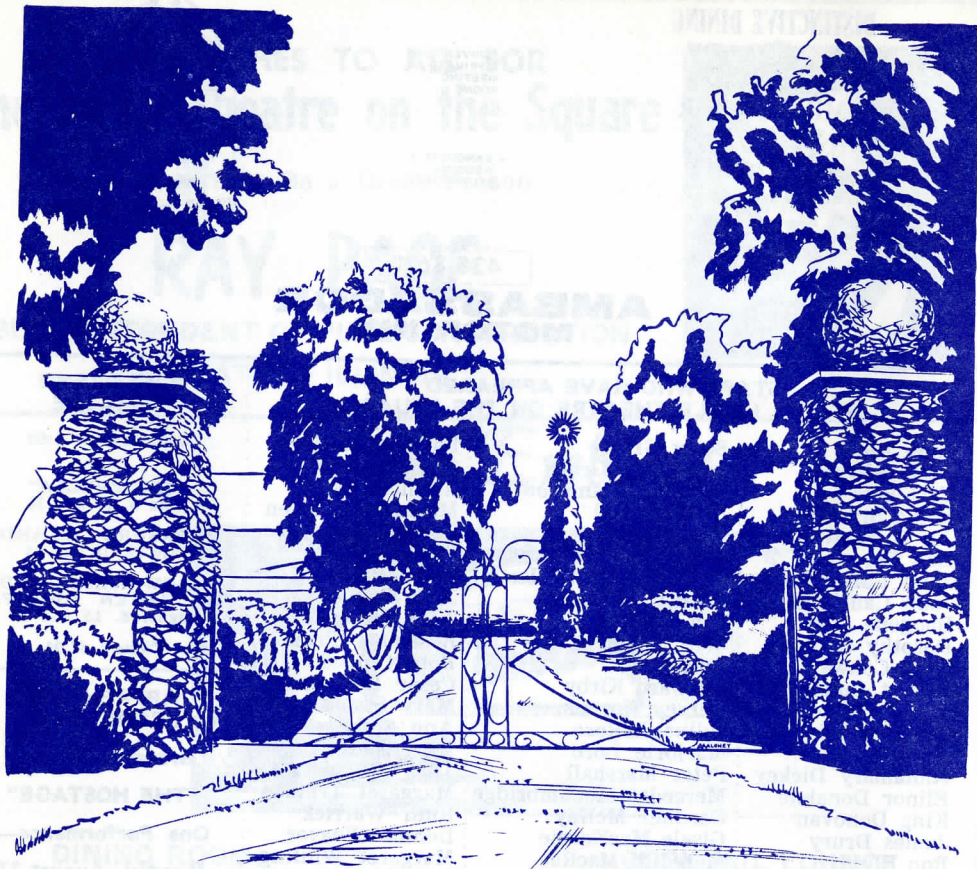
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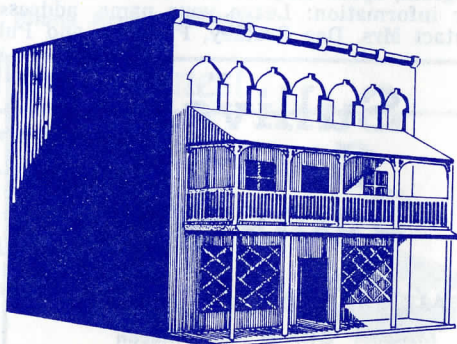


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# Who's Who in the Cast . . .

**MEREDITH MACRAE** (Sally Bowles) Like the "Flying Fondas" and Nancy Sinatra, Meredith MacRae carries the name of a famous and well-known family. However, unlike some young performers who tend to exploit their famed appellation, Meredith indeed perpetuates and honors the "MacRaes", for she is a true representative of the new generation of exciting young stars.

The beautiful blonde offspring of Gordon and Sheila MacRae was born the oldest of four children in Houston, Texas, and began her career working in her father's films at the age of seven. After two years at UCLA as a top-rated English major, Miss MacRae withdrew from school to devote her efforts to her craft, and has since become one of the busiest and most popular performers in Hollywood, as evidenced by her credits. She became a regular on the *My Three Sons* television series for two years, co-starred in ABC-TV's *The Young Marrieds*, and is at present a four-year veteran on the popular television series *Petticoat Junction*.

Aside from her television series, she is a semi-regular on the syndicated series *What's My Line?*, a Royal Crown Cola spokeswoman, a sought after television game show player, a regular guest on late night variety-talk shows, a summer stock star, a member of the *Petticoat Junction* personal appearance troupe, a recording artist for both Capitol and Imperial Records, and a singer who appears in concert when she has the chance. Meredith is also preparing a nightclub act which will debut in Las Vegas when she feels the time is ripe.

Miss MacRae's away from show business interests are varied, ranging from water skiing and writing poetry to playing bridge and collecting art.

Miss MacRae was married to actor Greg Mulavey in April, 1969, who is at present on location in Mexico shooting a film with Richard Burton. She and her husband plan to work together whenever possible and eventually open their own film production company.

**DAVID DWIGHT** (Cliff) made his Sullivan debut as Patrick Dennis in *Little Me*, this season's first musical. David, a singer-actor from Chicago may be a familiar figure to many central Illinois people as he has done many television commercials of national coverage. He has also been the announcer-host for his own radio show, *Music In The Morning*, and other radio interview shows. Just recently, David was featured in the NBC television special *Royko At Best*. He has worked in industrial and trade shows for Buick, Schick Safety Razor, American Institute of Interior Designers, and many others. His stage credits include *South Pacific* at Chicago's In The Round Dinner Playhouse, *Brigadoon* in New York, *The Fantasticks*, *Three Penny Opera*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Lady's Not For Burning*, *Zoo Story*, *Celebration* and many more. David has sung with many symphony orchestras around the country and has appeared in various opera and oratorio roles. When not busy in the theatre, David teaches voice at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill.

**BARBARA LEA** (Fraulein Schneider) returns to Sullivan this season in her first singing role. Vocalizing is nothing new to Miss Lea, however, for after graduating from Wellesley College as a music major, she began a highly successful career as a jazz singer. She recorded

three LP's and won the "Down Beat" Critic's Poll as The Best New Singer in 1956 and received coverage in *Time Magazine*.

On the West Coast she has been very active in theatre, appearing in productions of *The Lower Depths* and *Nude With Violin* at the ART Theatre in Phoenix, Arizona, and the lead in *Guest In The House* in Los Angeles. Barbara will be remembered by Central Illinois audiences for her character roles in *Solid Gold Cadillac*, *The Seven Year Itch* with Eddie Bracken, *Gigi* with Margaret O'Brien, *Sunday In New York* with Gary Conway, *Grace In Bus Stop* with Edd Byrnes, *Kate In The Miracle Worker* with Katharine Houghton, *Irene In Under The Yum-Yum Tree* with Jack Haskell, Mrs. Paroo in *The Music Man* and Mae in *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

**JOHN KELSO** (Herr Schultz), a Sullivan favorite for many years appeared in the first production of the 1970 season in *A Thousand Clowns* with James Drury. John then appeared as Eddie Brock in *Born Yesterday* with Betty Grable and traveled with the company to the Kenley Star Theatre in Wichita, Kansas. He then returned to Sullivan for his multi-character role in *Little Me*.

Last year, he played the role of Sakini and directed *The Teahouse Of The August Moon* with Ron Ely, played Charlie Davenport in *Annie Get Your Gun*, directed *Do I Hear A Waltz?* starring Patricia Morison, played Jerry Cohan in *George M!*, Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man*, Herbert in *You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running* with Imogene Coca and directed *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

Mr. Kelso has appeared in Chicago area theatres and most recently was featured with Dan Dailey in *The Odd Couple*. In St. Louis, he appeared with Virginia Graham in *Barfoot In The Park* and Marie Wilson in *Born Yesterday*, and directed the Academy Award Winning actor, Gig Young, in *Nobody Loves An Albatross*.

**DIANE GIBBONS** (Fraulein Kost) makes her third appearance at The Little Theatre this season, having already appeared in *Something Different* with Alan Sues, and *Little Me*, with Harvey Korman. After schooling at the University of Wisconsin, Luther College, Goodman Theatre and Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, Miss Gibbons was seen at Pheasant Run Playhouse in *Picnic* with Edd Byrnes and *Jenny Kissed Me* with Rudy Vallee. Diane appeared for Guy Little at his Piccolo Playhouse in *The Happy Time* with Margaret Truman, *Wake Up, Darling* with Michael Rennie, *Never Too Late* with Imogene Coca and *Come Blow Your Horn* with Jack Ging. In Chicago she has been featured in *How To Succeed In Business . . . , Funny Girl*, *Little Me*, *Hotel Paradiso*, *Teahouse Of The August Moon*, *Abie's Irish Rose*, *The Music Man*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Diane is most popular on national television commercials.

**PAUL BENJAMIN** (Emcee) is an exceptionally talented young actor-singer-dancer who made his Sullivan debut as Brucey in *Little Me* earlier this season. In his native Chicago, he has appeared in productions of *Carousel*, *Oliver!*, *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Our Town*, *Sweet Charity* and *Once Upon A Mattress*. A theatre scholarship student at Loyola University, Paul recently played the Emcee in *Cabaret* at DePaul University.

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