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Let's Talk

Good grief! Our tenth year is beginning and here we are..... late! And naturally that means that the next issue will be a little late and so on. But, have a little faith, we'll catch up this summer.

Now from good grief to good news. Washington D.C. now allows miniatures and when you add in the recent "legalizings" in Maine and Delaware and then combine that with all the other states in that area, we are, as they say in Las Vegas (and Atlantic City) "on a roll". Sorry to hear of the problems in Pennsylvania, but I imagine even that will be taken care of within a very short time.

No more news on that auction in England; however, the end of March sees one in New Zealand. The Port Nicholson Miniature Bottle Club is behind this one and you can read more about them in the Club Report.

You'll notice a few changes in this issue. Well, time and intelligence willing, there will be quite a few more. The bottle dealer's page is an idea whose time had more than come and you'll also please notice our new Club Directory. And now I find that even it is incomplete if we're to know all the worldwide clubs!

Next time we'll have an ad for a new Scotch book from Scotland... at least that's what Jim Triffon tells me. He says he's on to a new book which has just been published in Scotland and it's a mighty nice little paperback. We'll also have an article about the Senior Curacao company from (of all places) Curacao. Bob Williams in Miami did the research on that one.

No more time or room, so just keep thinking small!

--DMS--

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Our Cover

The bottles on the cover this time are Giveaways or German Porcelains or Schaeffer & Vater collectibles or..... It doesn't matter what you call them, they're magnificent. If memory serves, this is the first time this type of bottle has been seen on the cover, so we're long overdue. These two are solid blue; however, they may also be available in other sizes as well as other colors.

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WHAT'S NEW

Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James Triffon

My six bottles this month are from the United States and Mexico. The three from the U.S. are available in California and the other three in Mexico only.

The unusual bottle of this group is an import from France, De Montal Armagnac V.S.O.P. The bottle is a pale green in color, round, squat with a tapered slender neck, and contents of 80 proof and 50ml. The package is the unusual part, being a wood box of 3/16" thick pine with mitered corners and a vertical sliding front cover. On the cover of the box is a short history or explanation of De Montal.

My next two bottles are from Italy. They are the Patrician Brand Liqueurs familiar to all collectors. These two are new and a change in the labels. The bottles are clear glass, round and stepped in or reduced in size four times to make the unique and unusual shape distinctive to the Patrician brand. The Amaretto label is maroon in color with gold lettering and trim. The contents are 50ml and 48 proof, with a gold color cap. The Sambuca label is light blue in color with silver trim and lettering. Contents are 50ml and 80 proof with a silver color cap. Both bottles are sold as a set in clear plastic containers with a white cord attached to the top. For photographic reasons I did not show the container.

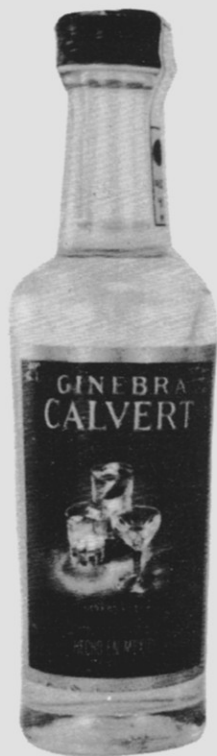
The last three bottles are obviously from Mexico. I am sure the label names and logos are familiar to most collectors. The general shape of the bottles and the labels are different from those we all know. The Calvert Gin is 80 proof and 47ml, in a round, clear glass. The Nikolai Vodka is 80 proof and 47 ml, also in the identical shape and size of the gin. Last bottle is Oso Negro Gin of 50ml and 80 proof. The bottle is distinctive in design with the name Oso Negro embossed at the top on the front and back.



The bottle is basically square in shape, of clear glass, with the two sides slightly pinched in and embossed with a block design, tapered in at the top to a very slender neck and small plastic cork or stopper.

All of these bottles are unusual and unique with the prize being the De Montal Armagnac. It and others may be obtained from Ford's Liquor Store in Anaheim. A little plug for a man (Brian) who is really working for and with the collector. See his advertisement in the back of the magazine.

Until next time. . . . --J. T. --



BIG 4



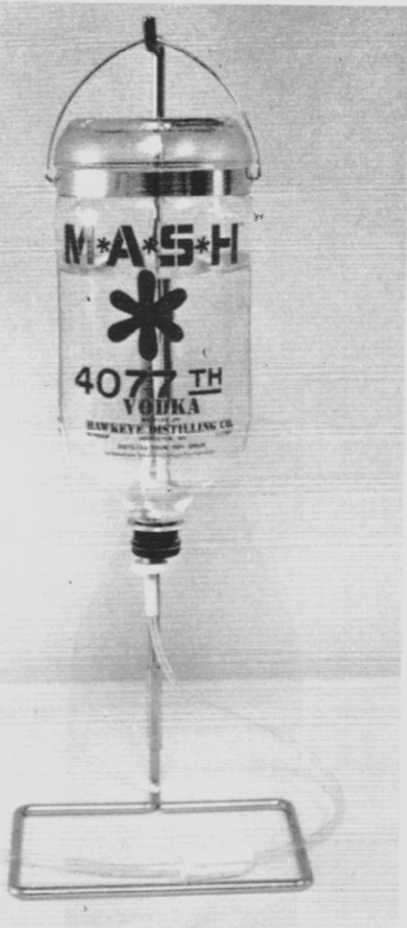
Number 17 is here. This is the new Big Four brothel bottle from Dug Picking. It should be available in stores and from selected dealers around the end of February...or just about as you read this issue.

The Big 4 is found in Ely, Nevada, and has one of the longest bars and nicest dance floors. According to Dug, in the old mining days it had over one hundred working girls who paid the

establishment for the privilege of taking the men outside and who then had to pay again to use the cribs up the street.

For those of you who are fascinated with these brothel bottles, make plans to come to the Lilliputian Bottle Show at the Marriott in June. Dug will be there with new bottles to display, free matches and maps, and some of the most outrageous T-shirts you've ever encountered!

M*A*S*H*



This is one of those rare times when you'll see a large size bottle pictured. The intravenous bottle has been available since late last year and has proven to be a real winner.

The M*A*S*H* 4077TH Vodka miniature made its appearance this year and is already on the bottle "endangered species" list. In short, if you can find one, lots of luck.

According to the producers of this mini, the Hawkeye Distilling Company,

the miniatures were made in a very limited number and are considered to be quite rare even though a new bottle. The largest shipment went to the Simon Levi wholesalers in Southern California and even that shipment was extremely small. Actual numbers we don't know, but we can tell you of one local retailer who sold sixty pieces in less than a week and was told there were no more available on attempting to reorder!

Boulistes

by Joe Levesque

This miniature Cognac label is entitled "Fine Cognac of the Bouliste" to appeal to those who play "boules", a sort of French lawn bowling game. BOULES is the generic word and it is often used interchangeably with the specific: petanques. Those who play petanques or boules are called "BOULISTES".

The attractions of the game are manifold. The principle is immediately understandable: opposing sides try to get their boules to the target - a small, golf-ball sized wooden ball called the cochonnet, (from the word: cochon [pig]) The rules are simple. The game can be played competitively by virtually any even number of people, or can be practiced in solitude. It is genuinely open to players of any age and of either sex. It can be played all day, or fitted in during a 20 minute break. The only equipment a player needs is a set of three stainless steel "boules" about the size of our American baseballs but which are grooved for better grip. Once bought, they will last a lifetime. Petanque can, moreover, be enjoyed at any level of experience and expertise.

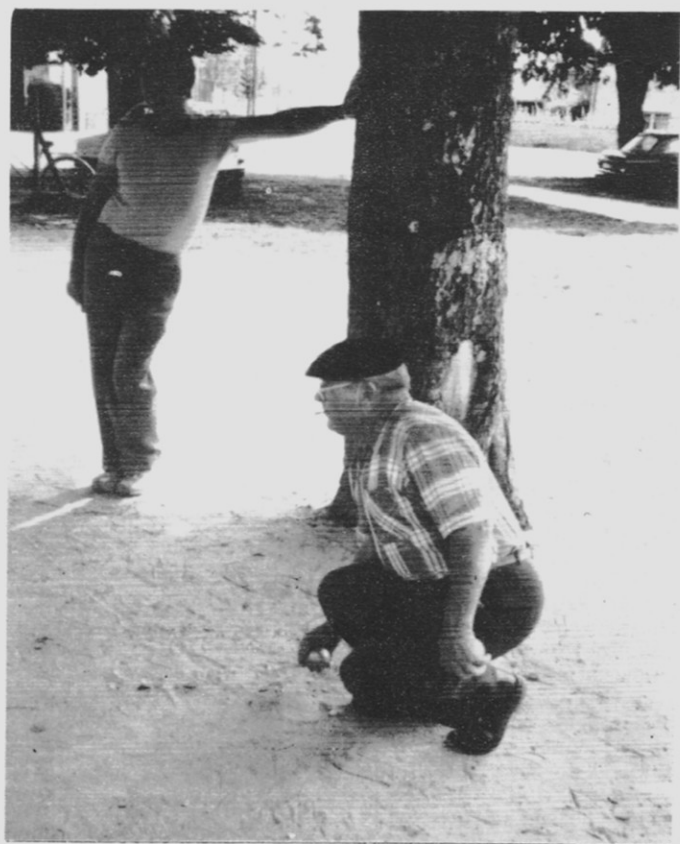
BOULES is a rather quaint French custom, like eating frogs' legs and keeping dead cigarettes dangling from the lower lip. It is part of the French scene - a town square, a church in the background, a bar, a group of men drinking wine or pastis, the babble of their gossip joined by the metallic clinks of the steel boules being hurled by the petanque players near by. The game is of major importance in the fabric of provincial French society. It is also played on the Boulevards of Paris. Deals are struck, life-long quarrels are begun, and patched up, secrets are revealed, true love is discovered and wives are unfaithful while their husbands play on.

Let's drink to the BOULISTE!

--Joseph Levesque--

The COGNAC Newsletter





Scotch for the Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

This month's article features scotch from the past, which were introduced by small companies for local trade. As with last month's bottles, they were commonplace some thirty years ago. Today these bottles are real collector's items. Many of the eight featured here were done for small companies in England... particularly the Midlands.

Our first bottle is GOLDEN EAGLE. Most collectors will have the current one bottled by the Metropolitan Scotch Whisky Blenders. This little beauty was bottled for a small firm in the south of England in the 1950's called Tyler & Co., Ltd.

The second bottle this month is nicer to see in colour. Over the top of the cork cap is a tartan seal in red and yellow. This is just one of many bottles Russell's of Leith did in the post war period. It is only found these days in old collections.

A new GLEN ESK has appeared on the shelves in the whisky miniature shops of Scotland. It is a 12 year old single malt and is distilled by Wm. Sanderson & Son of Queensberry. The one pictured also came from the Esk region of Scotland, bordered by the two rivers of the North and South Esk. This bottle was done by J.W. Christie and Son of Montrose. Like most whiskies of this period, it is no longer on the market.

BEN NEVIS. As you can see by the label, this gem was bottled for the hotel in Fort William. For collectors who are not geographically minded, Ben Nevis stands behind the town of Fort William and is the largest mountain peak in the United Kingdom. There is a current bottle still on sale called Dew of Ben Nevis. The one in the photograph was purchased at the hotel in the 1940's.

R.O.L. Many years ago the beer breweries up and down the length of Great Britain used to have their own brands of spirits for sale in their own hotels and public houses. Like most







things after the last war, the miniatures vanished from the shelves. A few firms still have their own brands in their wine lodges (Yates Blue Label, for example). The one in the photo is just another gone for good. It was bottled for the Newcastle Breweries in the 1960's.

FINE OLD. As I said in my introductory note to this article, central England had many good miniatures of Scotch years ago... well, this bottle is just such a one. A quite unique story of how I came by these bottles from central England: I bought them from a deceased collector's wife. She told me that both she and her husband used to be very keen watchers of Test cricket. They traveled from their home in Scotland to watch the matches, but on each

visit always brought back some miniatures of Scotch from the small firms which in those days were plentiful. (In future articles I will feature some more bottles from this area like Gay Boy, The Laird, Point to Point, Dumbarton, and several others.

PIGEON BLEND. Well, there is no mistaking this label; it is certainly unique. Samuel Dow of Glasgow were responsible for producing it. Pigeon racing is still a very popular hobby in the United Kingdom, and one wonders if the label had some bearing on this.

Well, this time we close with a real gem called O. E. It has a picture of the old tollbooth at Edniburgh and is certainly one for the connoisseur Scotch collector!

--R. H. --

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



So you thought that you had seen them all. Well, speak of the devil. Here he is hanging around Boozeville. With all the sinners that live here, this should be good pickings for him. But this devil doesn't look mean. He appears to be on the mischievous side. That's a happy face. He's just looking for a good time.

This all blue bottle is 6 1/2 inches tall plus the cap. The crown mark and number 8248 are on the bottom. The name of course is 'HORNY DEVIL'.

This is the type of bottle that would be given to a real character. A someone who was full of jokes and fun. Probably someone who everyone liked and who they liked to play tricks on. It would have to be someone you could call a horny devil and he would just laugh at it. That's why there are so few of these bottles around... most of the old guys in this saloon are real crabs!

Well, excuse me, I've got to go up to the bar for a double shot. The devil made me do it! --L.M.--



MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay

Most mini beers were produced in the period from 1933—the end of prohibition—up to the 1950's. Competition among breweries was fierce and the large national breweries were knocking off smaller regional brewers right and left. Discretionary advertising such as mini beers simply could no longer be justified. However, around 1970 U.S. mini beers made in Taiwan began to appear in souvenir and novelty shops. These still can occasionally be found in airport gift shops, flea markets, and truck-stop gift counters, etc. Occasionally they can be found in brewery gift shops as well. As the Taiwan gift merchants are still quite active, new brands could show up at any time. If you are lucky enough to find them in a gift shop, you can expect to pay around \$1.50 a pair, so relative to their older counterparts, these minis are quite inexpensive, yet fun to collect.

Fourteen different Taiwan minis are catalogued in my book. The ten U.S. brands are pictured in this article.

The Stroh's (MI-12) and Dixie (LA-4) are pictured first. I found the Dixie in a flea market in the New Orleans' French Quarter in 1978. However, since that time they seem to have disappeared. I traded for my Stroh's, having never seen them for sale myself.

The Budweiser bottle with the strange looking cap (MO-38) is the oldest of the Taiwan minis, showing up in U.S. markets around 1970. The bottle is plastic, but like the glass versions, has Taiwan embossed on the bottom. The cap is unique. The label can be dated by the number of branch breweries listed. For example, the eighth branch brewery in Merrimack, NH, opened in 1970 while the ninth in Williamsburg opened in 1972. In collectors' jargon, the label shows "eight cities" and thus dates between 1970 and 1972.





Ski Country



Here is indeed a sneak preview for you! Shown here is the first unveiling of the 1983 Fox and Butterfly bottle. Word hasn't been given yet as to exactly when this one will be released, but it will certainly appeal to all the fans of the Fox on the Log. The contemplative look on our fox's face and the quality design and workmanship in the bottle make for a shire fire hit!

If you're wondering what else is on the scene, the 1983 club-plaque bottle

is now available; however, you must belong to the club to get this one. This is the fourth in the series and maintains the high standards already established. The Squirrels is a most welcome addition to the group.

The other recent release was the Gyrffalcon. This bird flew in about the middle of February and is already difficult to find.

Next time we'll have a magnificent new bird to show you. Just wait!

Ski Country

Guide



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| 1. MAJESTIC EAGLE | 76. DRUM EAGLE | |
| 2. SNOWY OWL | 77. MALLARD DUCK FAMILY | |
| 3. PEACOCK | 78. KING EIDER DUCK | 140. DEER DANCER |
| 4. GILA WOODPECKER | 79. MUSKIE | 141. BARREL RACER |
| 5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK | 80. SCREECH OWL FAMILY | 142. BUFFALO STAMPEDE |
| 6. RAM | 81. RED-TAILED HAWK | 143. RINGNECKED PHEASANT |
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| 9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR | 83. BARN SWALLOW | 145. DUCKS UNLIMITED |
| 10. GOLDEN EAGLE | 84. BOB CRATCHIT/TINY TIM | WOOD DUCK |
| (aka MOUNTAIN EAGLE) | 85. FIGHTING PHEASANTS | 146. ANTELOPE DANCER |
| 11. MALLARD DUCK | 86. SAW WHET OWL | 147. PASSENGER PIGEON |
| 12. CANADA GOOSE | 87. BALTIMORE ORIOLE | 148. JAGUAR |
| 13. PEACE DOVE | 88. BLUE JAY | 149. GYRFALCON |
| 14. COLORADO SCHOOL OF | 89. RED-WINGED BLACKBERD | 150. SQUIRREL PLAQUE |
| MINES BURRO | 90. BASSETT HOUND | |
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| 16. FOX ON A LOG | 92. COYOTE FAMILY | |
| 17. HARPY EAGLE | 93. ARKANSAS LABRADOR | |
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FROM THE ORIENT

by Jim Triffon

The following nine bottles are from the Orient, or Japan, to be explicit, with one exception, the Suntory Royal "SR" is imported into the United States. The "SR" bottle has been shown before, but this is a new version with a change in the color of the label to a light tan. The shape and color of the bottle remain the same in design and color and the contents are 50ml of 86.8 proof whisky.

Next is another very distinctive and lovely bottle of beautiful design and proportion. This is Kingsland Nikka Whisky of 50ml and 86 proof. The bottle is rectangular in shape, of clear glass, fluted on the front, back and sides. The label is dull gold in color with black letters and a shaded copper border around the square label. Placed over the cap is a clear plastic cover with the edges cut or molded at a 45 degree angle and polished to appear as a faceted jewel. This small touch makes this a very distinctive bottle.

My next two bottles are from the same companies as the two previous bottles described. These are both brandy decanters of 50ml and 86 proof. The Nikka Brandy V.S.O.P. is of clear glass, round in general shape with wide deep flutes around the base. The labels are black with gold letters and trim. The Suntory decanter is of different shape in clear, embossed glass. The bottle is round, tapering in or down toward the bottom. There are four lines of raised embossing, two in front and two in back, and an embossed emblem in a circle above the label. The neck label is black with white and gold lettering and the main label is light tan in color with black letters. As in the two previous bottles, the caps are very distinctive and attractive. They are a molded plastic to give the appearance of cut and ground glass stoppers. The four bottles are examples of miniature bottle design and art at its finest.



The last five bottles comprise a set of five from Kobe, Japan. They were produced for sale at the Fair "Portopia" '81 at Kobe. The five are filled with sake, a Japanese Rice Wine (or Beer) and are a standard cylindrical shape, brown in color and of 50ml capacity. The very distinctive feature of these five bottles is the label and the packaging. The labels are multi-colored and appear to be a free form paint-



ing of various scenes pertaining to the city and the port of Kobe. The packaging of these bottles is most unique as they are in a compartmented box, fitted for each bottle. The box sports a bright red interior and a dark blue exterior. There is a lift out lid with several scenes of city life inscribed in

black and white.

For the collector, specialist or general, all of these bottles are worth having because of their unique and excellent design.

Future articles will have more of these unusual and interesting Oriental glass pieces.

--J. T.--

KOBY'S

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by Bob Koby



Shalom:

It has been a few issues since I've been able to forward new pictures to M. B. C. But as most of you know, it has been getting somewhat harder to find new bottles of old vintage. I've been running ads in the local papers and the only calls I am getting are from people who travel on vacations in the U. S. A. and bring back the empty minis from the flights. I welcome their calls but it sure irks me when they want to sell those empties for \$1.75 each. However, there might be a glimmer of hope for the near future. I am in the process of negotiating two collections that number 1900 minis. Some of these will make for new material that will I hope be forthcoming for the

three clubs I also contribute to.

To brighten up your day I found a few pictures that I hope will stimulate your quest for these bottles. The last few shows I attended in Skippack and Chicago I found a great interest amongst some collectors for pop bottles.

Some of you might already have them or have seen them in other's collections. For those who might be looking for them, I sure hope you find them. The three straights from Cobbs Creek are to show you in case you have not noticed the label variations of the two blended whiskies, the size and shape of the letters, shapes and workmanship of the bottles themselves. Enough for now. See you all in Chicago in April!

--r. k. --



BISQUIT-DUBOUCHE

by Fred Jinkens



Bisquit was founded in 1819, at Jarnac, France. During the Nineteenth Century, it was one of the most important cognac firms... in 1899 it was one of the three largest producers of cognac in France.

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Pictured here are three bottles from Bisquit. The first is a VSOP, the flat shape is a new line that they have just started bottling. The bottle was brought back from Austria by a good friend of mine, Bill Benedict. At the bottom of the main label are the words "Ausland-

ische Erzeugnis" which means that the cognac was bottled in Austria.

The second bottle is really a prize. It was imported by the Indochina Trading Company, Ltd., Hong Kong, during the 1950's. The cognac inside was especially made to be mixed with soda, and was best over ice. The main label is in a class by itself as the labels used for the Asian market are usually quite unique.

The last in this series is a VSOP sold in Mexico during the 1940's. The top is plastic and screws on covering the cork that seals the bottle. The bottle is unique in the aspect of the flat shape that is not common among Bisquit's fine line of miniatures that were made in the 1940's.

--Fred Jinkens--

NOTE!

After one year of publication on a quarterly basis, Joseph Levesque has announced that the COGNAC NEWSLETTER will be published bi-monthly starting with the May-June issue.

The COGNAC NEWSLETTER has enjoyed phenomenal success during its first year and normally contains 16 pages jam-packed with information such as articles by Fred Jinkens and Joseph Levesque; a Connoisseur's Corner; Recipes; Hit Parade; Label I. Q.; Question Box; Historical anecdotes related to certain labels; Travelling articles, etc.....

The reading material is not restricted to Cognac miniatures, and articles relating to other subjects are appearing more frequently. In fact, its magazine style and in-depth stories make good reading for every member of the family, and at \$7.50 per year, it is certainly a worthwhile investment.

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Many of you belong to the Mid-Atlantic club and have seen Don Prosize both at shows and in his capacity as chief cook and bottle washer for the club. Don't be dismayed if you haven't received a newsletter from the club as Don has been waging a battle with Mother Nature and she's currently ahead! Seriously, Don has been under the weather so we all wish him a speedy recovery and definitely want to see him in attendance at Skippack and Chicago.

Speaking of Skippack and Chicago, the times for both of these shows are almost at hand. The show and sale in Skippack is (as usual) at Bill Johnston's barn and this time is on Sunday, April 10th. That's exactly one week after Easter. The get together in Chicago is only six days after that as it's on April 16th and 17th. Please note the ad elsewhere in the magazine.

The Lilliputian Club in Southern California finally settled down and decided to have a two day show this year. For all you nay-sayers who have stated that

we had to have a two day show out here, it's time to put your money where your mouth is. Since this is our home territory, we already know that this year's show will be bigger in many more ways than just an extra day. Already we have had more interest shown by both local collectors and dealers. And, if all goes according to plans, there will be several foreign guests in attendance also.

Earlier in this issue, the Port Nicholson Club of New Zealand was mentioned. For those of you who are interested, the club is now printing its own newsletter and is encouraging foreign membership. For all details write to David Smith c/o the address shown on the adjoining page.

We certainly would like to hear from some of the other clubs so that we might include your news also. Jean Davis still edits a good newsletter back in Michigan but haven't had too much news from that area lately. Likewise with the Northwest and Northeast clubs. C'mon, folks, toot your own horn. You only have members to gain!

As a parting shot, take a good look at the classified ads each time, you'll be surprised how often people are interested in getting together to start a club. And remember, we'd just love to have enough clubs to make that list larger and larger!

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