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Jewel Box.

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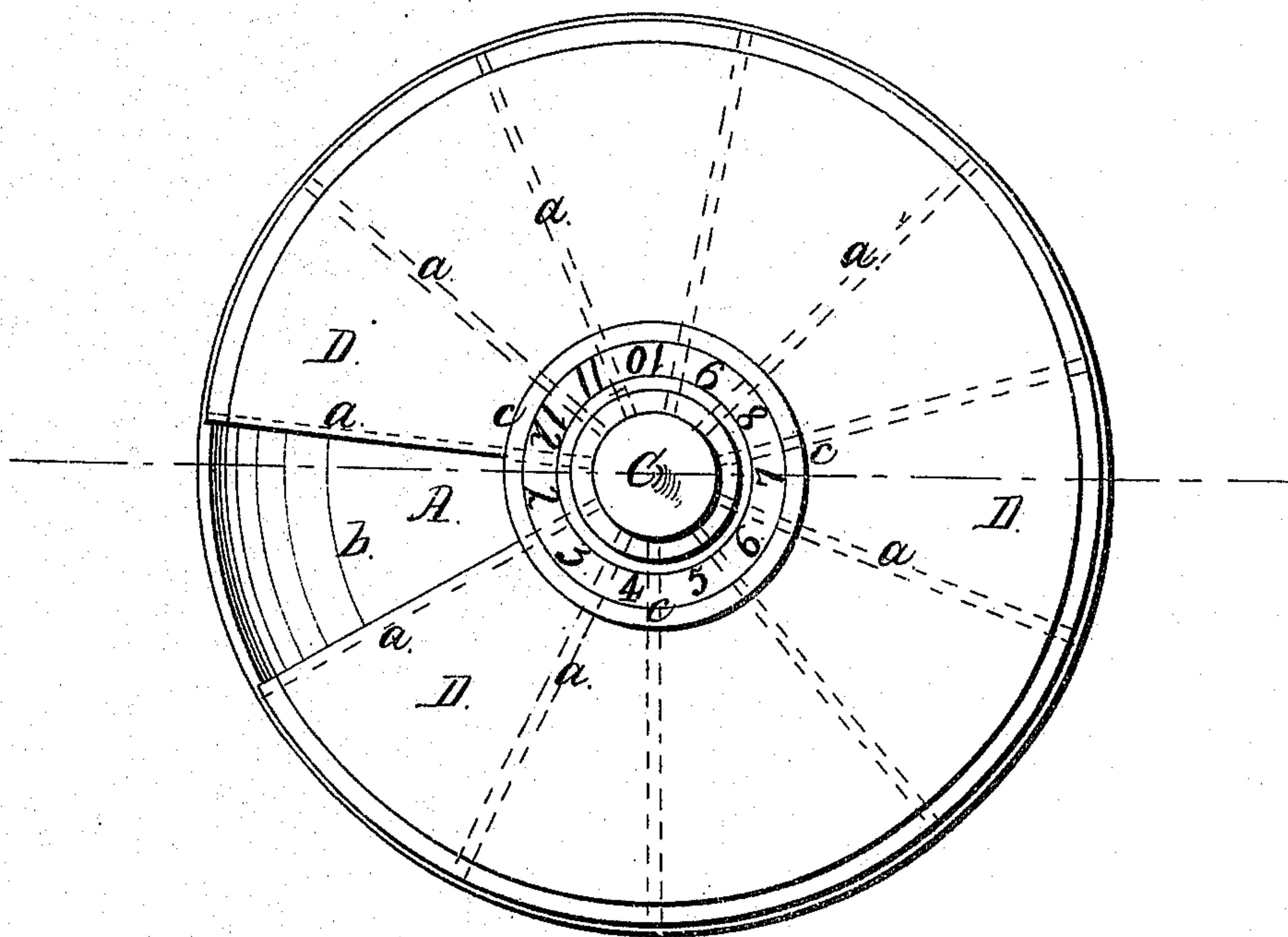
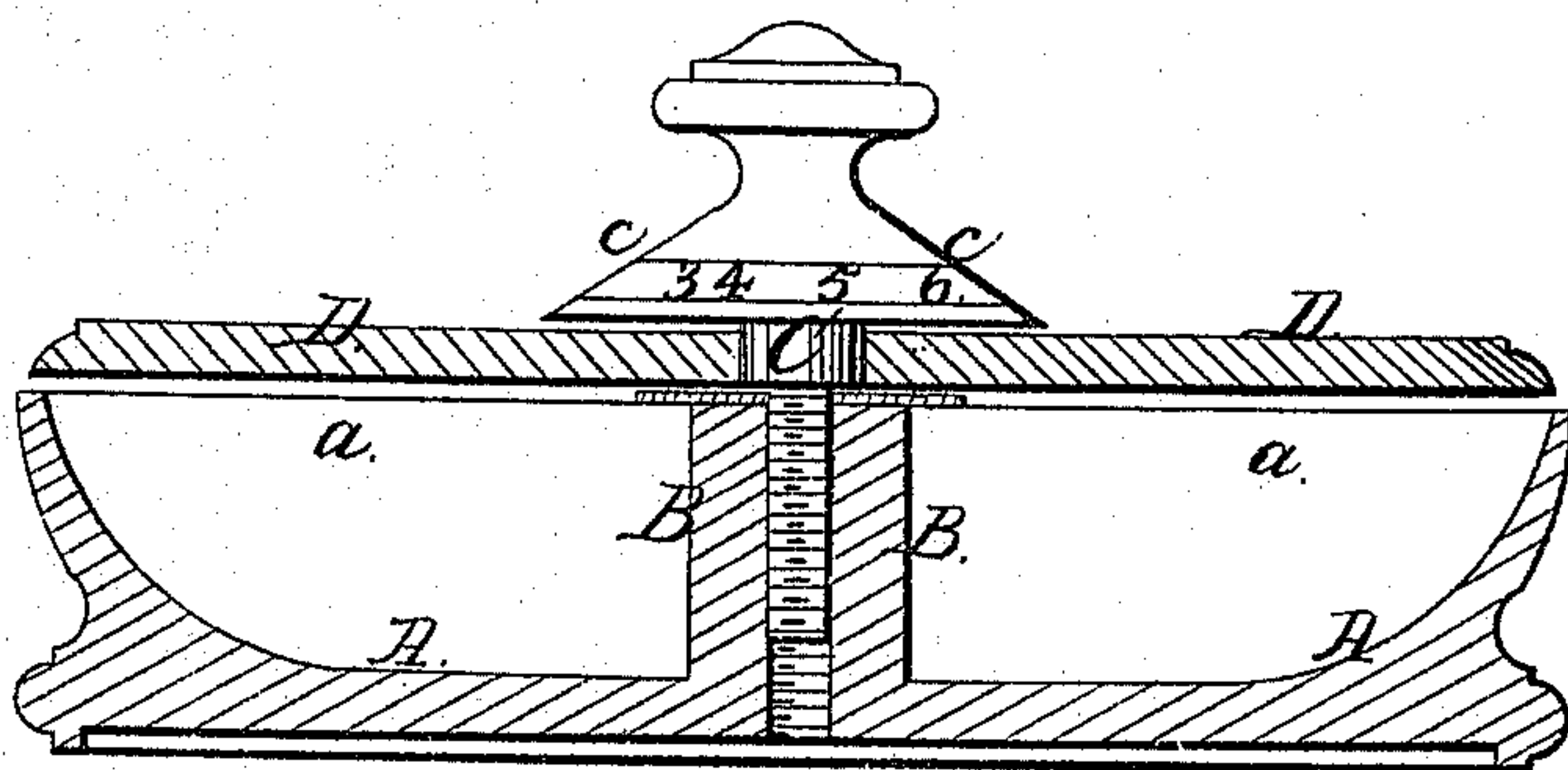


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED RECEPTACLE FOR WATCH-KEYS AND OTHER ARTICLES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, M. Z. CRANE, of New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Receptacle for Watch-Keys, and other Articles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of my improved receptacle.

Figure 2 is a vertical central section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention relates to an improved box for retaining different kinds and sizes of watch-keys, or watch-crystals, or other articles.

And it consists of a circular cover, provided with an aperture of the same size as one of the compartments in the stationary circular or polygonal box, and adapted to be rotated around its central pivoting-pin, whose head is enlarged, and marked or numbered to correspond with the number of compartments in the stationary box. By forming the cover so as to bring its aperture in line with any one of the marks or names on the head, the contents of that compartment which contains the articles indicated will be displayed, and can be reached.

A, in the drawing, represents a circular or polygonal box, made of wood or other suitable material.

In its centre projects a pillar, B, which forms the bearing for a screw or pin, C, by means of which the cover D is pivoted.

The pin C is stationary with the box, while the cover can be freely turned around it.

The interior of the box is, by means of a series of vertical partitions, *a a*, shown by dotted lines in fig. 1, divided into an equal number of compartments.

The cover D has a slot or recess, *b*, cut into it, as large as one of the compartments of the box. By turning the cover the said slot or recess can be brought above any one desired compartment, to disclose its contents.

The pin C has a head, *c*, formed on it, above the cover, which head is enlarged to receive a series of marks, figures, or inscriptions, one above and for each compartment of the box, to indicate the contents of the same.

In this manner, a nice receptacle for all sorts of small articles, cigars, spices, &c., is provided.

The aperture of the cover can be closed by means of a folding or removable lid, if desired.

I am aware that a round box, divided into compartments, like mine, has already been arranged, rotating under a stationary cover, but it is evident that it is much more convenient to turn the light cover than the heavy box, and, moreover, the marks on the head *c* makes my box, unless it is made of glass, still more convenient; and

I do therefore claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The cover D, provided with an aperture, *b*, of the same size as one of the compartments in the stationary box A, and adapted to be rotated around the fixed pin C, whose enlarged head is marked or numbered to correspond with the number of compartments in the box, all arranged and operating as described, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 9th day of September, 1868.

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