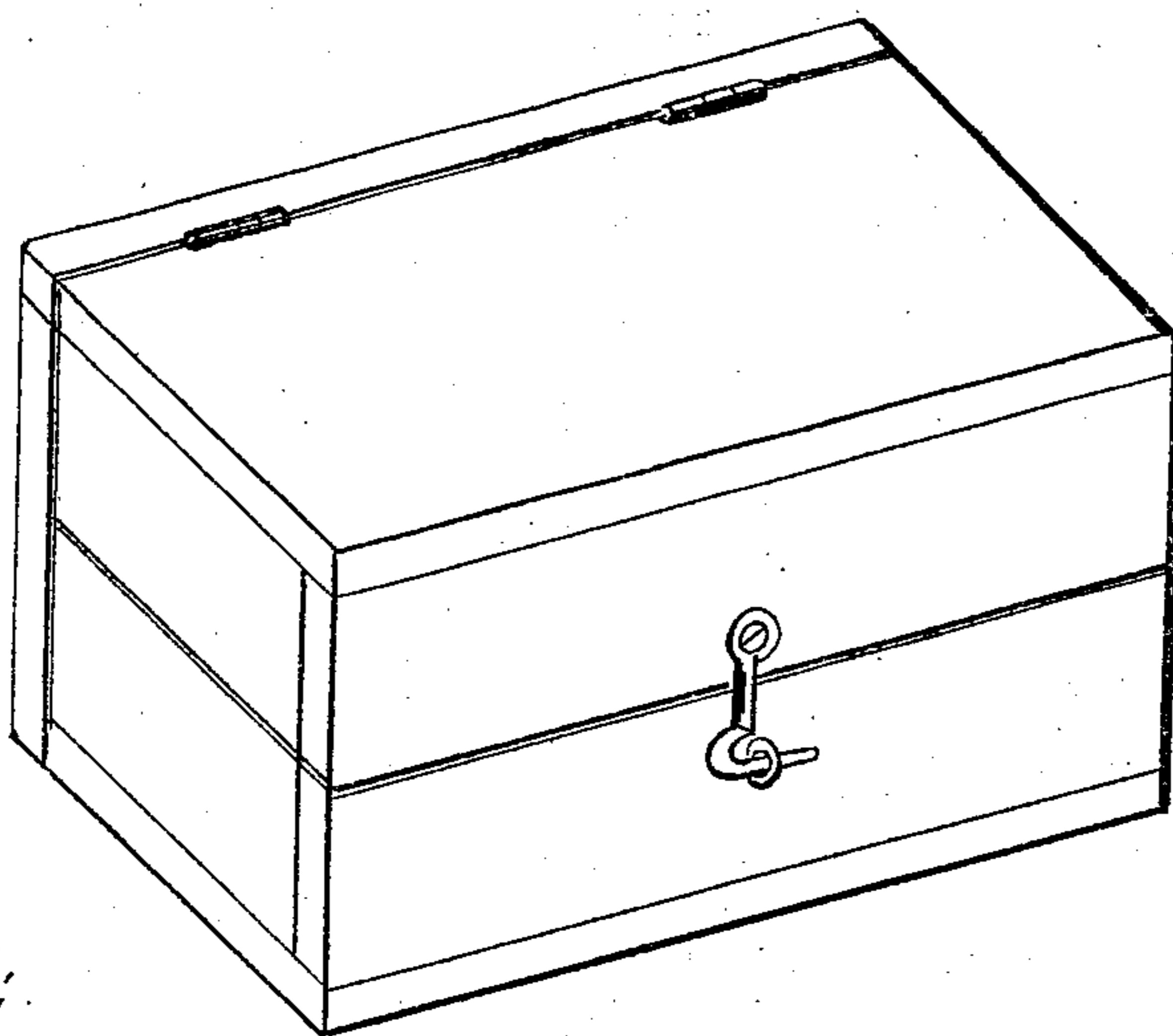
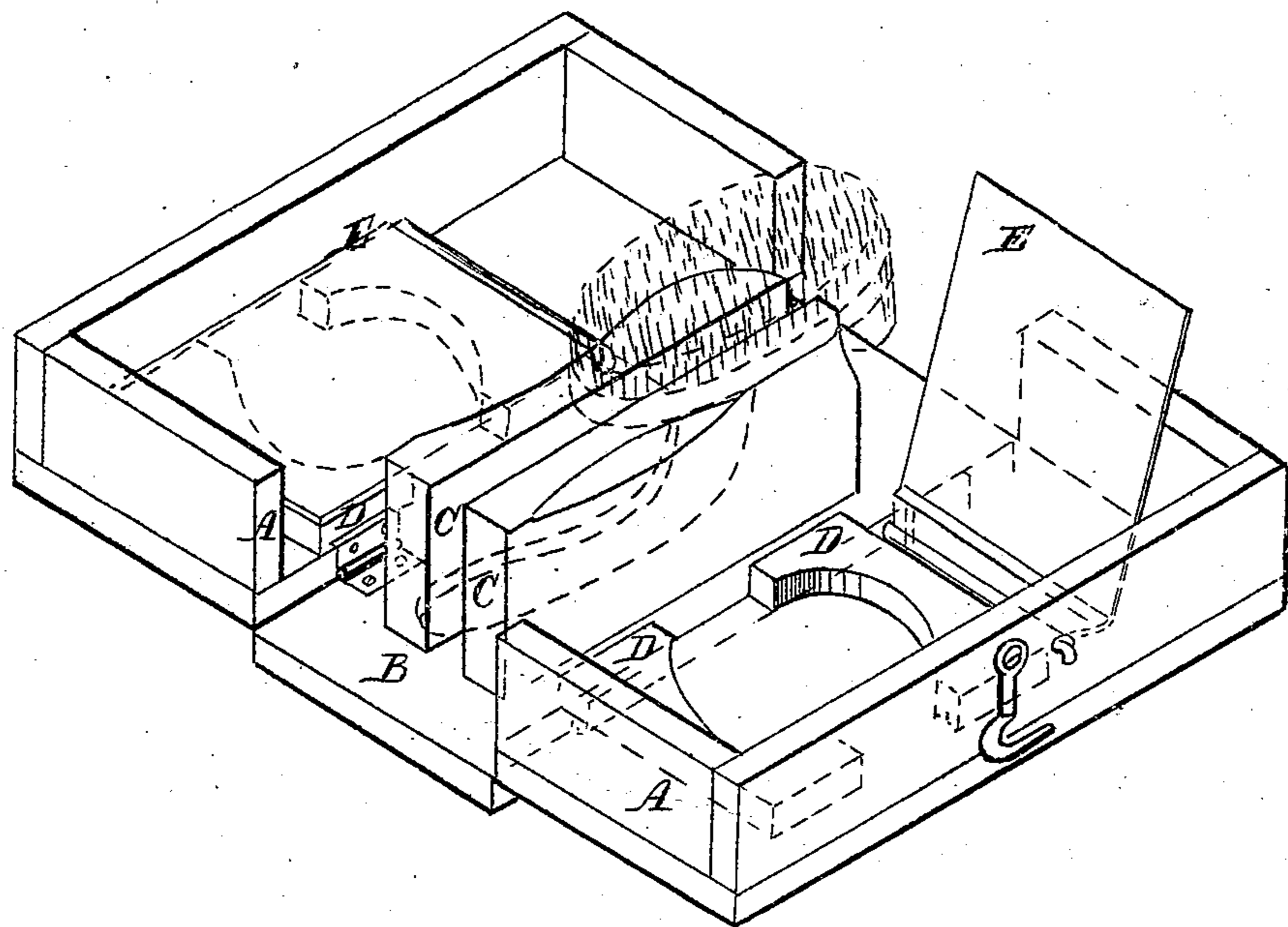


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IMPROVED BLACKING-CABINET.

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

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWSON P. KEACH, of Baltimore, Maryland, have invented a certain new and useful improvement for enclosing, in a small and convenient portable cabinet, the apparatus for blacking boots or shoes on the feet, by which the dust and dirt, necessarily attending the cleaning and blacking the same, are confined to the enclosure during the process, and when finished, the dust may be easily emptied from the end of said cabinet, and the same neatly closed, confining the blacking-implements in the smallest compass, suitable for gentlemen travelling, as well as at home, the following being a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My improvement consists in the formation of a box, which opens right and left, leaving the bottom board flat, on which are permanently and securely fastened two boards, (edgewise,) sufficient, in width and length, to form a support for the foot while the leather is being blacked, and being separated about half an inch apart, leaves between them a space convenient and exactly sufficient to receive and securely hold the handle of the brush when not in use.

On the inner surface of the two sides of the box or cabinet, the box of paste-blackening, and its cover, may be secured either by clamps, or by any other suitable fastening, and a cover, of tin or other suitable material, secured at one side, so that the same may open and shut, protects the blacking in the box from the dust brushed from the leather preparatory to blackening it.

Claims.

1. Arranging the foot-rest upon the bottom of a box, whose sides and ends open outwardly on either side, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with a box thus constructed, I the blacking-receptacles and covers, constructed as described.

3. Making the foot-rest in sections, to serve as a receptacle for the brush-handle, as described.

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