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METALLIC EYEGLASS CASE.

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Fig. 1.

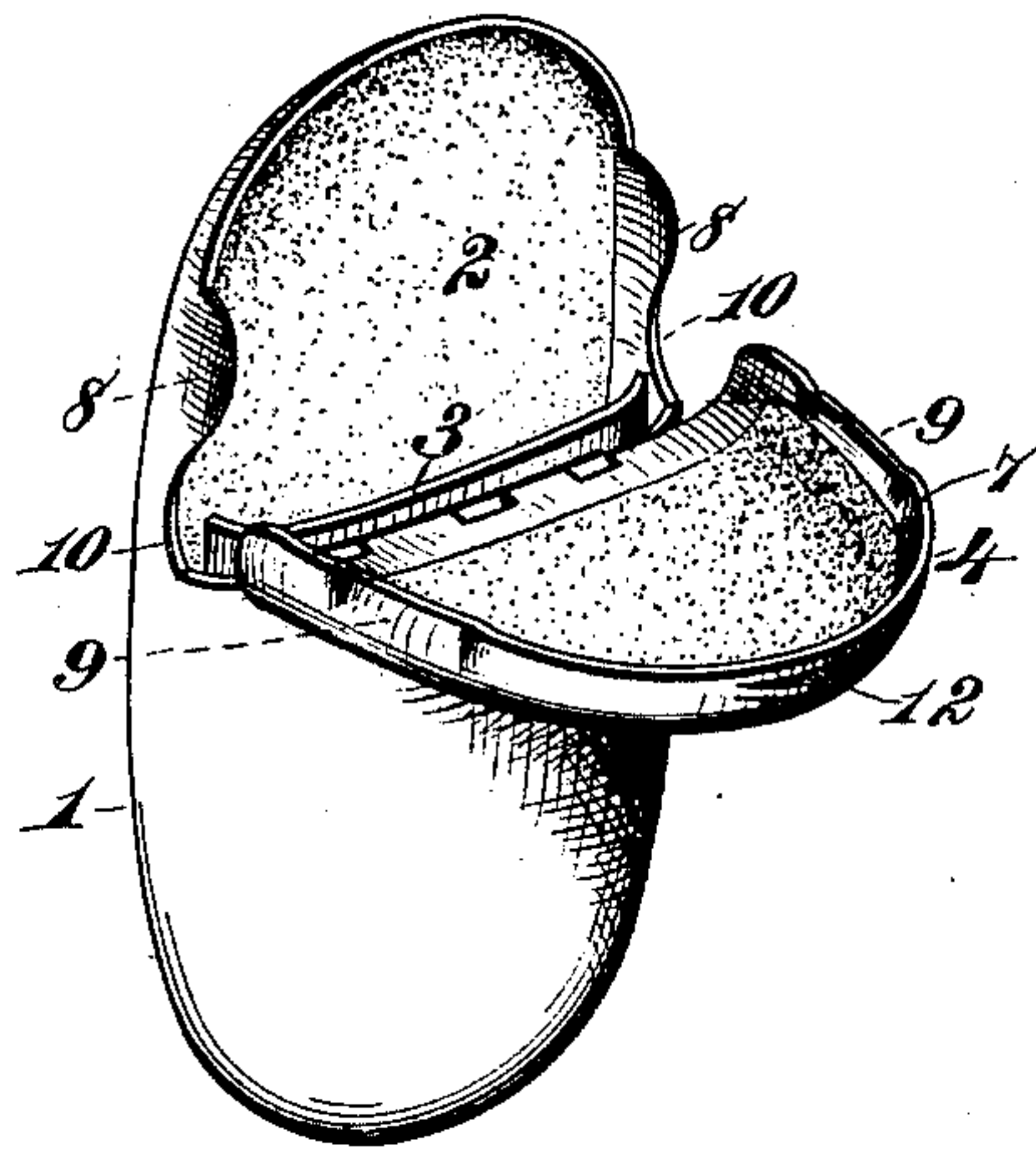


Fig. 2.

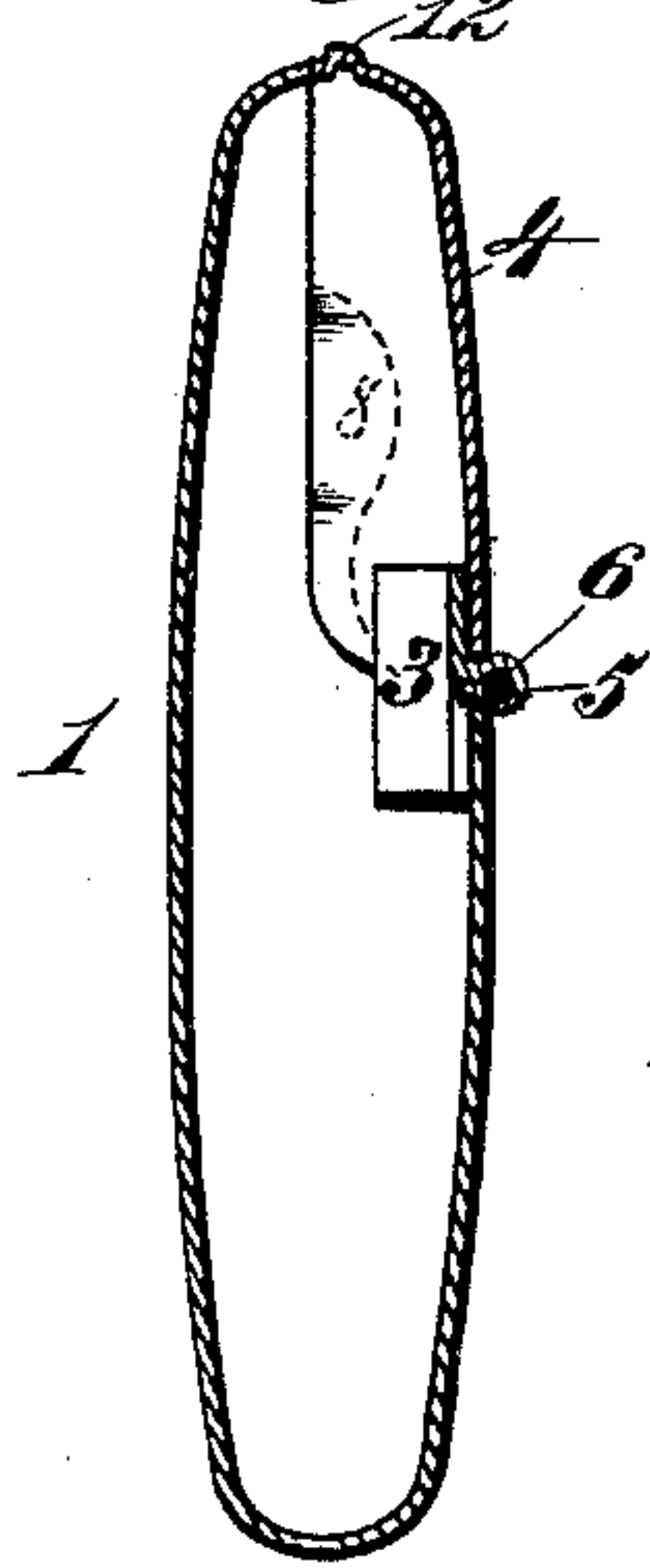
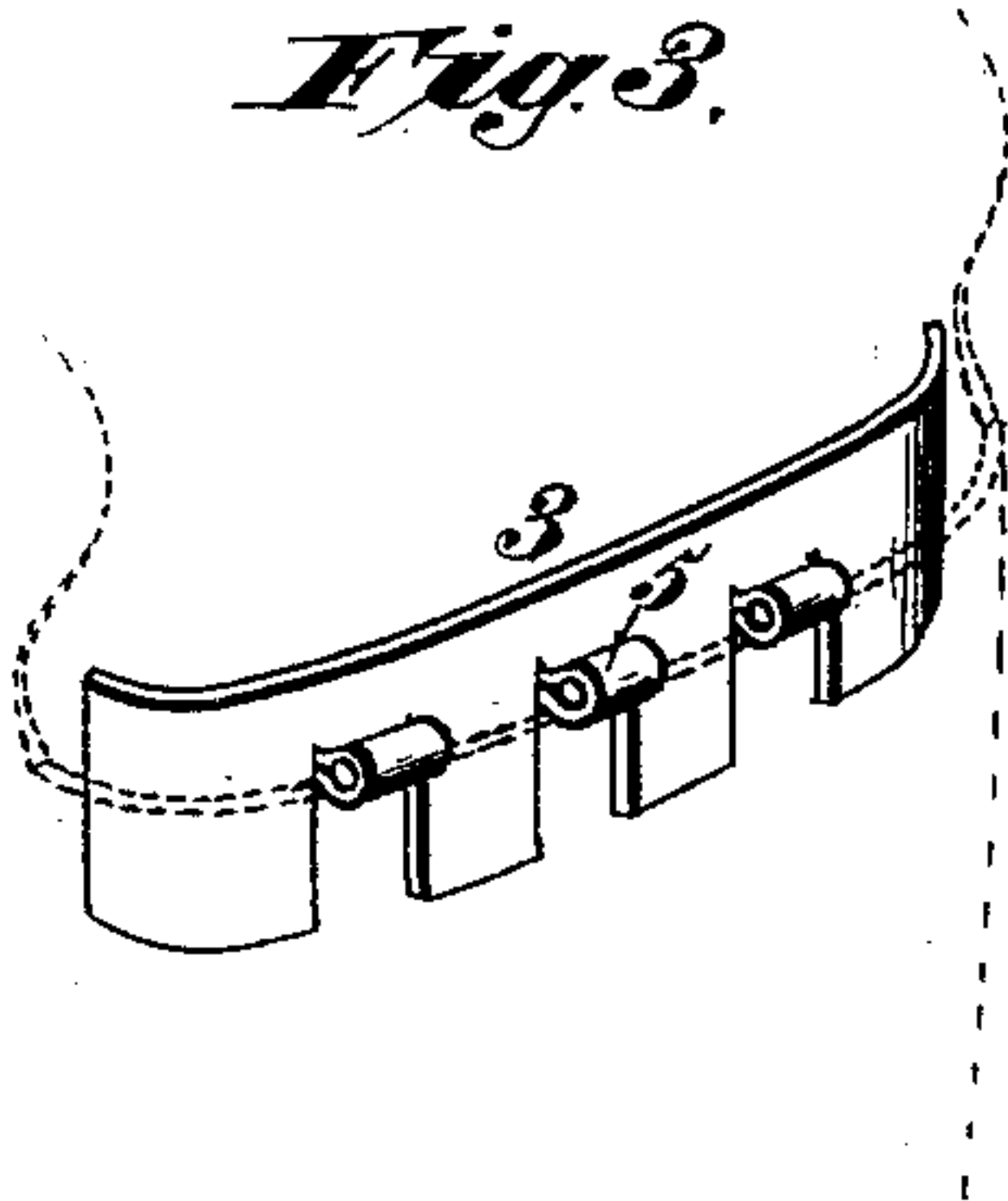


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT G. CHASE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fitchburg, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Metallic Eyeglass-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction of metallic cases for eyeglasses, &c., the object being to produce a neat, convenient, and inexpensive dust-proof casing provided with a lid transversely hinged on the flat side of the case to an interior transverse lip, whereby the hinge-joint is rendered firm and close, said case having on each side of its entrance a snap-fastening so constructed and arranged as to obviate side strain of the hinge in closing the case.

The invention consists of a metallic case constructed as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved eyeglass-case partly opened. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same closed. Fig. 3 is a view of the hinge-joint.

The numeral 1 designates the body of the case, which is preferably formed of a single piece of metal in any suitable or well-known manner, so as to present a flattened oblong or rounded surface without any sharp angles to wear the pocket. One side of the case, at either end, is formed with an entrance-opening, 2, through which access is had to the interior of the case.

Beneath the inner transverse edge of the opening 2 is secured a transverse lip or flange, 3, to which a lid, 4, is hinged. By referring to Fig. 3 it will be seen that the stationary eyes or bearings 5 for the hinge-pin 6 are formed integral with said lip or flange 3, while the other bearings for said pin are formed on the lid, as usual. It will also be seen that the ends of the lip or flange 3 do not extend quite across the opening 2, but are turned inward sufficiently to permit the passage of the lid-rim 7 in closing and opening the case. When the lid 4 is closed, its hinged end has a firm support on the lip or flange 3, which also serves to form a close joint and effectually exclude the access of dust or dirt at the hinge.

It will be observed that as the lid is hinged on the flat side of the case by means of a pin extending nearly across the same, said hinge is rendered strong and durable and but little exposed to strain.

On each side of the opening 2, and integral with the body of the metallic case, is a snap, 8, by which the lid is fastened. These snaps are curved slightly inward, and corresponding indentations, 9, may be formed in the rim 7 of the lid, if desired. At the inner side of each snap 8 the edge of the case-body may be slightly cut away or concaved, as at 10, to allow a free movement of the lid and prevent any liability of binding at the inner ends of its rim. On the outer end of the lid-rim 7 is a thumb-catch, 12, which enables the case to be readily opened with one hand. When the case is closed, there are no loose or open joints to admit dust, and the lid-rim may be fitted so accurately as to render the necessary joints almost imperceptible.

The case may be made of any suitable metal, either plain-surfaced or ornamented according to any appropriate design or method, and, if desired, the case-body and its lid can be provided with a lining. It is obvious, also, that the case can be made of sufficient length and in a suitable form to receive spectacles instead of eyeglasses.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. An eyeglass-receptacle consisting of a case having a body of substantially flattened oblong form, and having a transverse entrance-opening across one end, bounded by a flange, a transverse flange secured across the inner edge of the said entrance-opening, and a flanged lid hinged to said transverse flange to close the transverse entrance-opening, substantially as described.

2. An eyeglass-receptacle consisting of a case having a closed body of substantially flattened oblong form, and provided at one end with a transverse entrance-opening provided at its opposite sides with the snaps 8, and a lid hinged to the transverse inner edge of said entrance-opening and having a flange, 7, the opposite sides of which engage the side snaps, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a metallic case

having an opening, 2, provided on its sides with snaps 8, of a lid, 4, having a rim, 7, substantially as described.

4. The herein-described metallic case, having an opening provided with side snaps, a lid hinged transversely across the inner edge of said opening, and a lip or flange secured beneath the hinge joint, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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