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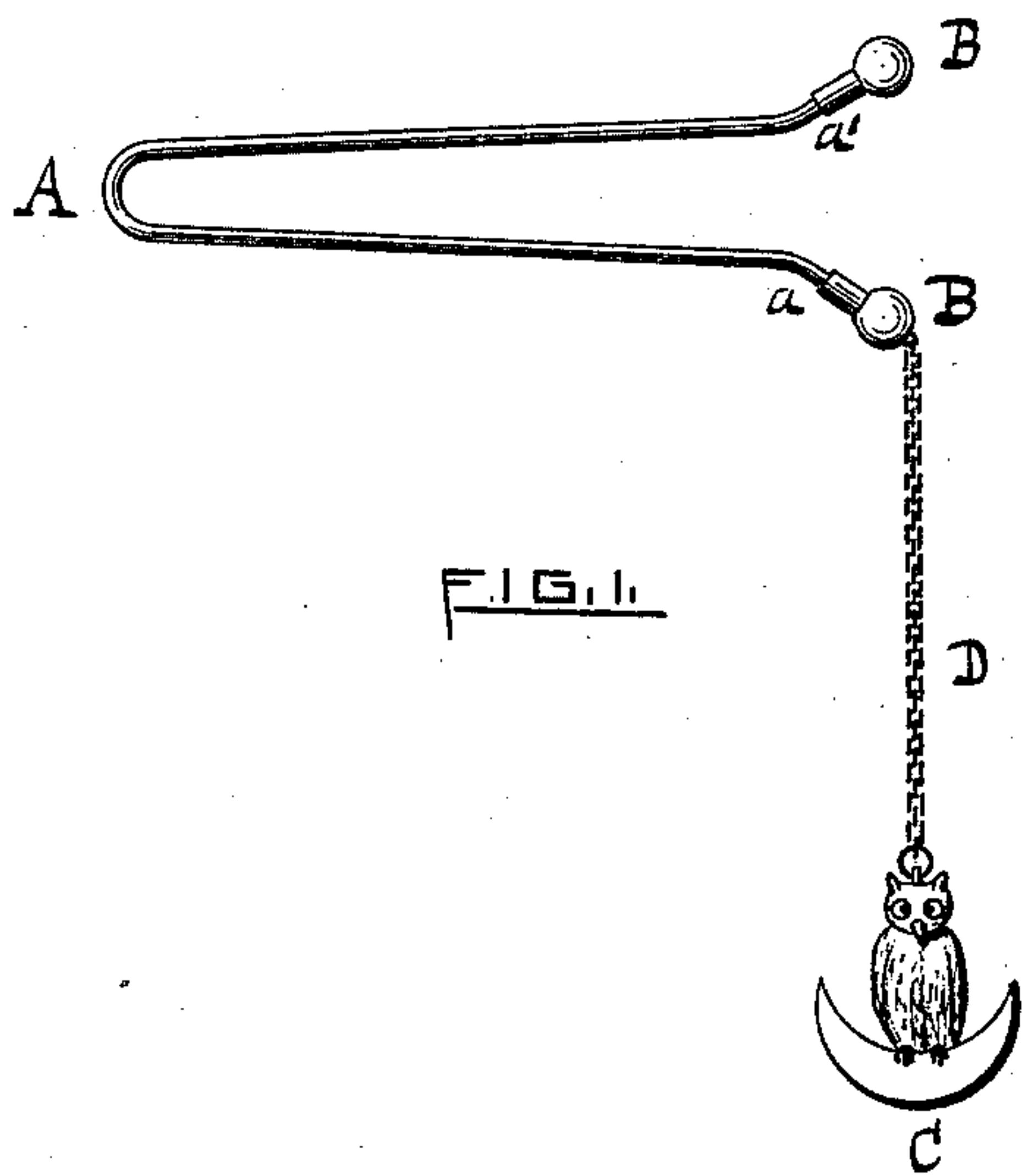


FIG. 1.

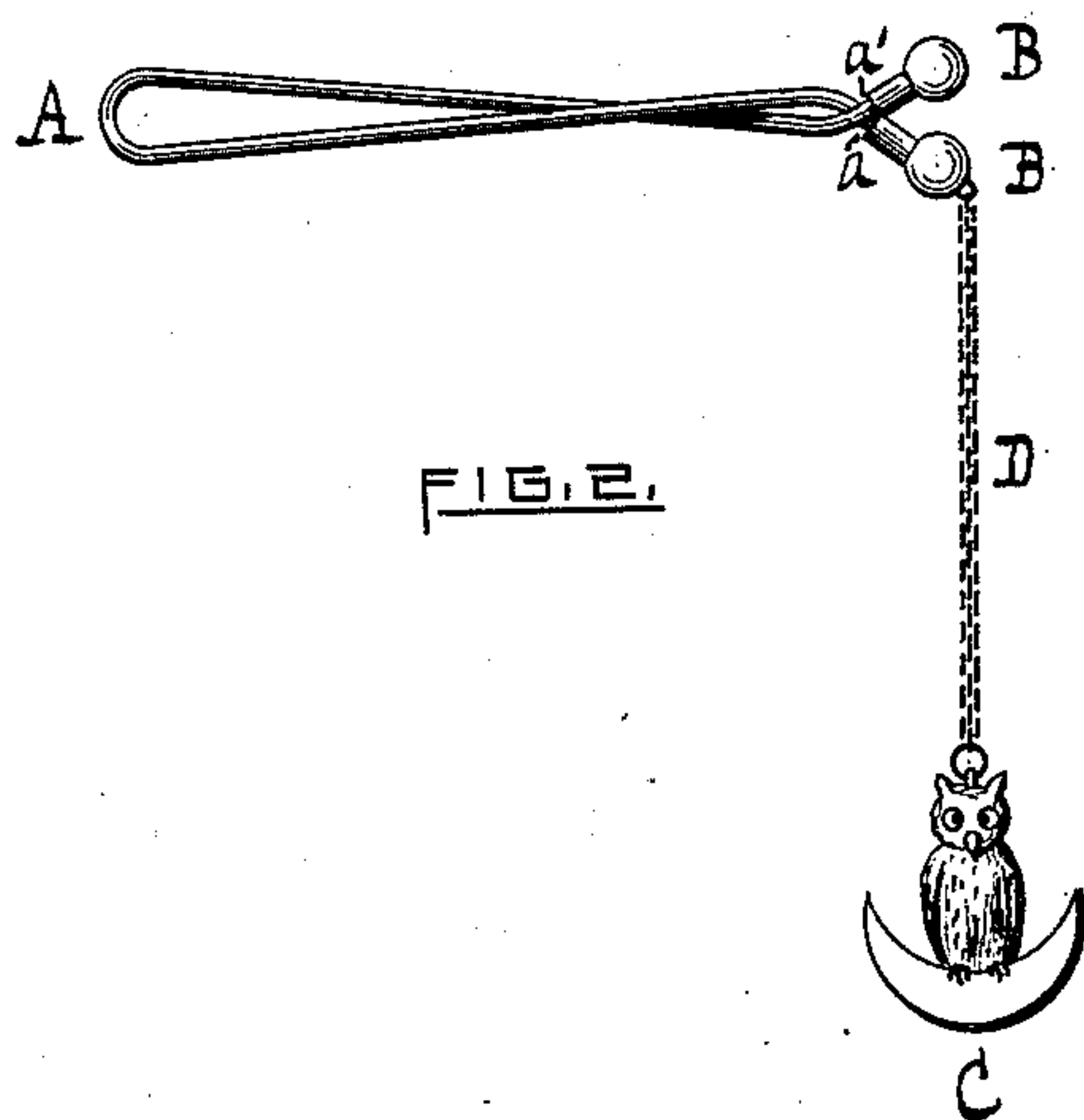


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. HODGE, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new
5 and useful Improvement in Button-Hooks; and I declare the following to be a specification thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Like letters indicate like parts.

10 Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention, showing the button-hook open. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing it closed.

My invention consists of a button-hook made of spring-wire, and having bent ends
15 which are capable of interlocking by being twisted upon each other, substantially as hereinafter described.

The hook A is made of spring-wire, having its ends *a a'* bent outwardly in divergent di-
20 rections, as seen in Fig. 1. On each end of the wire is a ball or knob, B, from one of which a pendent charm or ornament, C, is hung by the chain D.

When in the position shown in Fig. 1, the
25 hook is used for buttoning gloves, boots, &c., in the usual manner. When not required for use, the ends can be interlocked and closed, as shown in Fig. 2. This is done by passing the bent end *a* of the wire over the bent end *a'* by
30 a twisting movement, which results in the engagement of the ends by the resilience of the spring-wire of the hook. When thus locked, the button-hook can be more conveniently car-

ried in the pocket or pocket-book or can be readily attached to a glove, watch-chain, or
35 button. By inserting one end of the hook through a button-hole and then interlocking the ends it is securely held and cannot be lost. If thus fastened in the button-hole or upon
40 the button of a dress or garment, it presents the appearance of a fob-chain on account of the pendent ornament or charm; or, if inserted through the ring of a watch and then locked
45 over a button of the garment, it protects the watch from theft or loss. In all these ways it can be worn as an article of personal adornment, and yet is instantly detachable and ready
50 for immediate use as a buttoner.

I claim as a novel and useful invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The improved button-hook A herein described, made of spring-wire, and having each
55 end bent outwardly at an angle to form interlocking shoulders, as shown, which ends normally spread apart in the same plane when free, but are capable of interlocking by the re-
60 silience of the wire when one end is twisted over the other, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the spring-wire button-hook A, having the bent ends *a a'* and
65 knobs B B and the pendent ornament C and chain D, substantially as shown.

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