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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

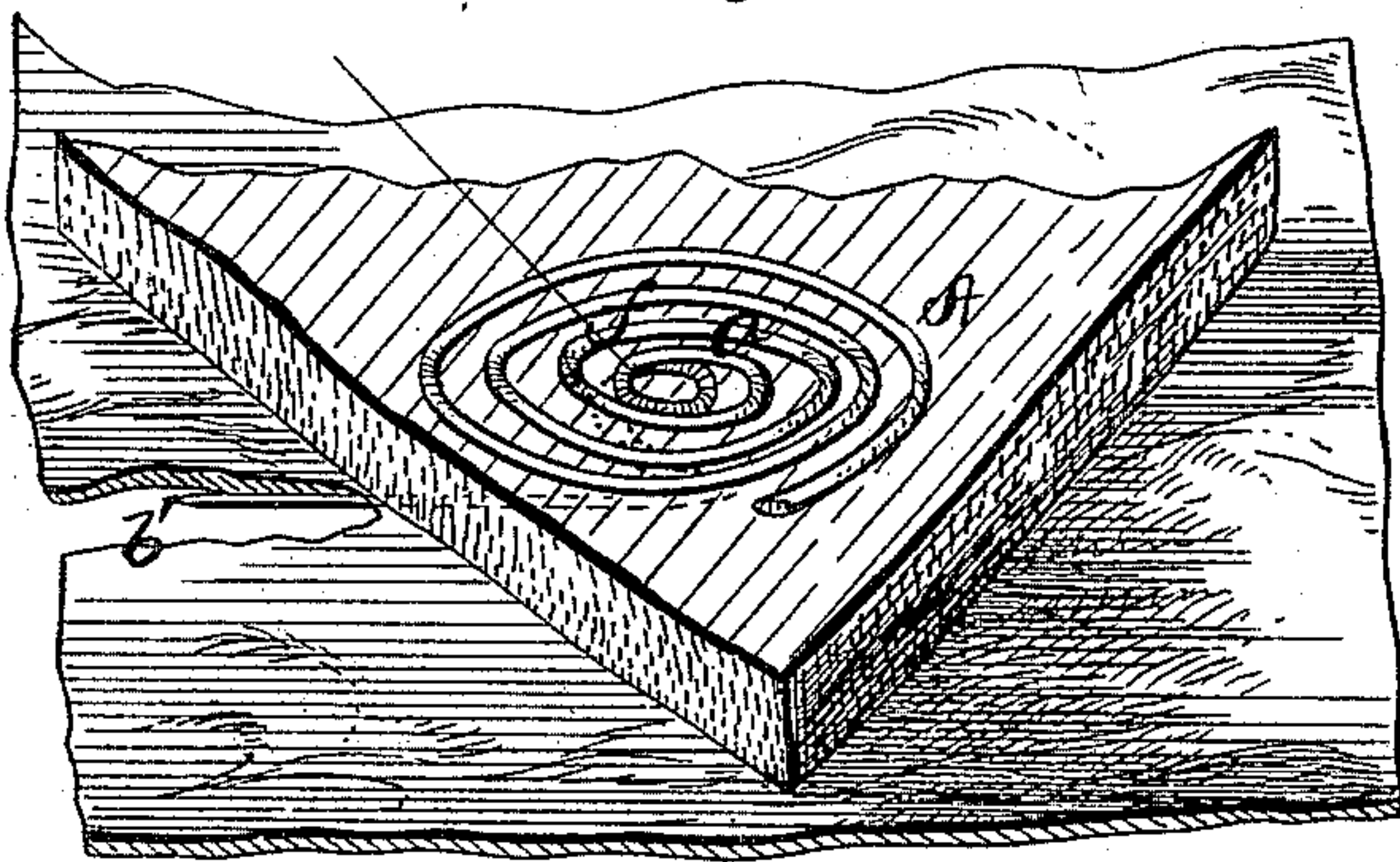


Fig. 5.

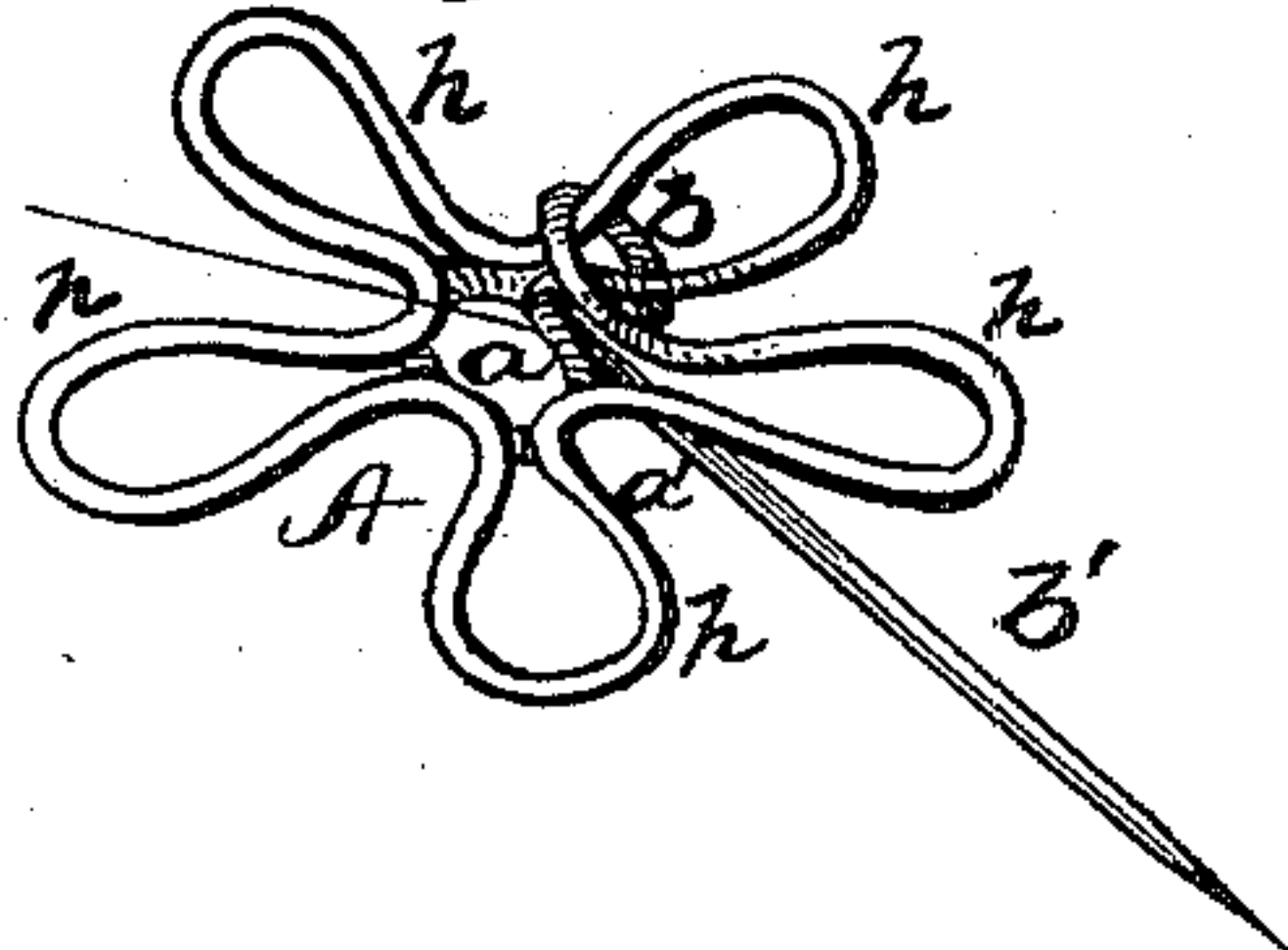
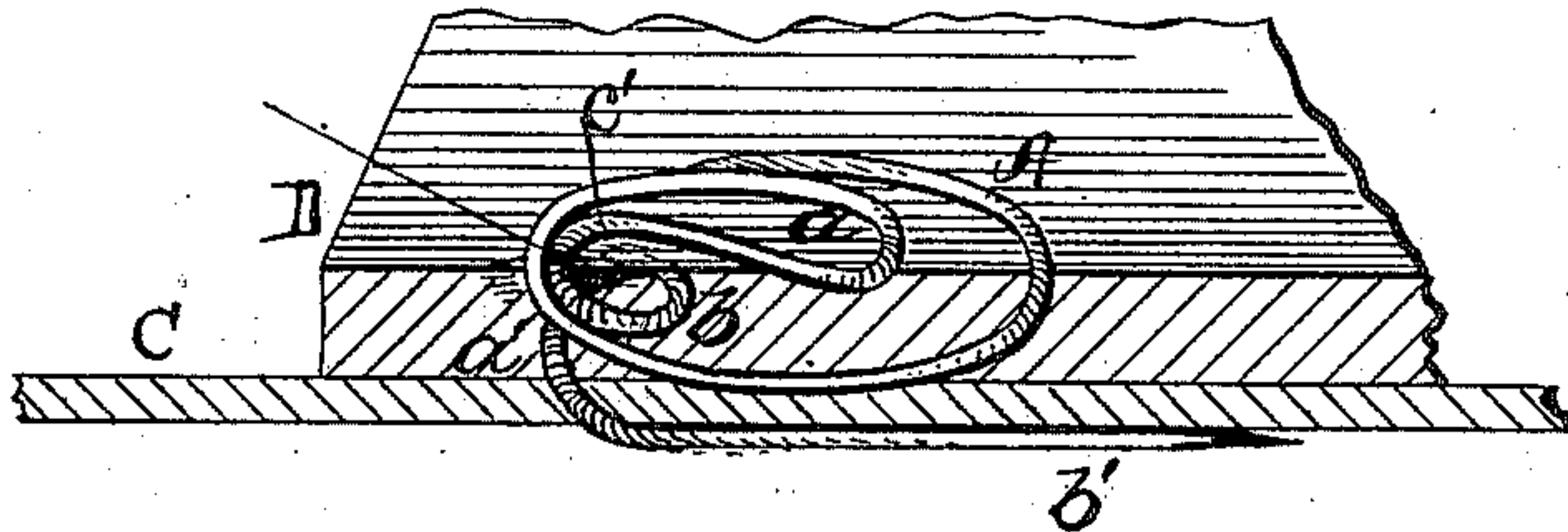


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. ANDRAL KILMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rug-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 represent different forms of the fastener. Figs. 4 and 6 represent two different forms in use.

This invention relates to a fastener for temporarily holding a mat or rug down upon a carpeted or otherwise covered floor.

In ordinary use mats or rugs are simply laid upon the floor without being fastened at all. In use the edges become turned up, and there is constant liability of a person catching the foot under such edges and either running the risk of injury from a fall, or at least disarranging the mat or rug.

This invention produces a device wherewith the mat or rug is securely held in place without any injury to it or the carpet beneath, and yet at any time the fastening can be removed, so that the mat or rug may be taken up.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A indicates this fastening, which in all its forms consists, essentially, of a piece of stout wire having the head *a* and the shank *a'*, with spiral *b* and the elongated pin-point *b'*, the latter running substantially radially out from the head *a*, and the spiral being between the point and head, and all made of one piece, as shown. A fastener having these salient features may be otherwise modified in many ways, several of which are shown.

In Fig. 1 the head *a*, after being made of a single turn, *c*, of the wire then has a reverse curve, *c'*, given it before the spiral *b* is made.

This reverse *c'* forms a shoulder, which prevents the fastener from being screwed too far into the mat or rug, as is clearly shown in Fig. 6. Here the letter C represents a carpet, and D a rug. The first form of fastener is seen securing the two together. The shank *a'* is forced through the mat and carpet, the fastener being turned like a cork-screw until the shoulder *c'* bears against the mat. The head *a* lies flat on top of the mat. The parts are securely held together, and can be separated by unscrewing the fastener.

Fig. 2 is slightly different from the form in Fig. 1, in that in Fig. 2 the point *b'* projects outwardly at the end of the wire, instead of at right angles, as in Fig. 1, thereby giving another spiral.

In Fig. 3 there is no shoulder; but the end *d* of the wire is caught over the body of the wire, forming an eye, *d'*, which is the equivalent of the shoulder *c'*.

In Fig. 4 the form therein shown has the head made of close spiral *f*, which tends to keep the fastener from being turned too far into the mat or rug.

In Fig. 5 the head *a* is made with several circumferential curves or scallops, *h*, which make it a little more ornate. The shank *a'* is turned over one of these scallops before the spiral is given to it.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The carpet, rug, or mat fastener A, having the head *a*, spiral *b*, and the elongated pin-point *b'*, as set forth.

2. The carpet, rug, or mat fastener A, having the head *a*, spiral *b*, and the elongated pin-point *b'*, the head having the reverse curve *c'*, forming a shoulder, as set forth.

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

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