

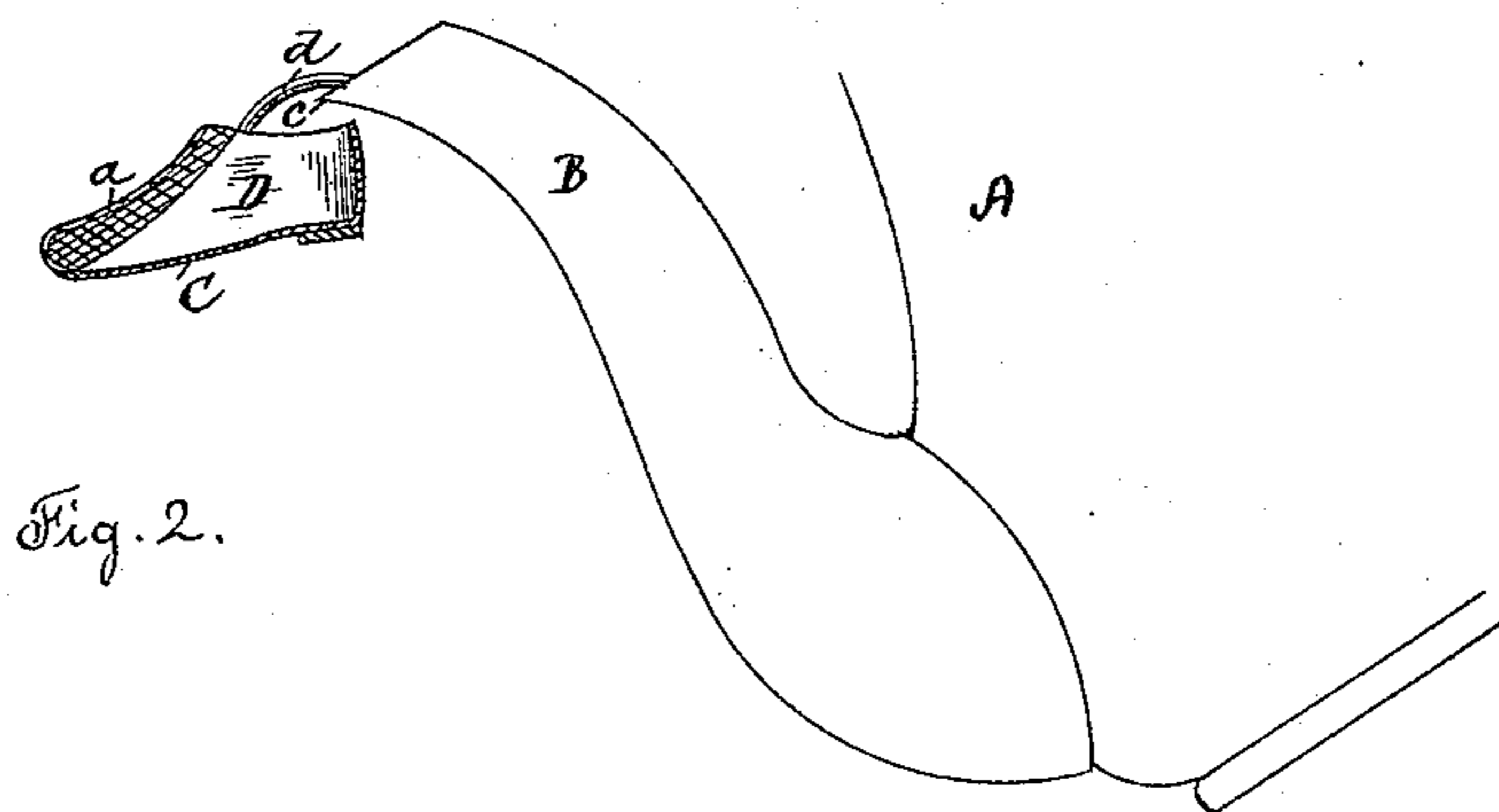
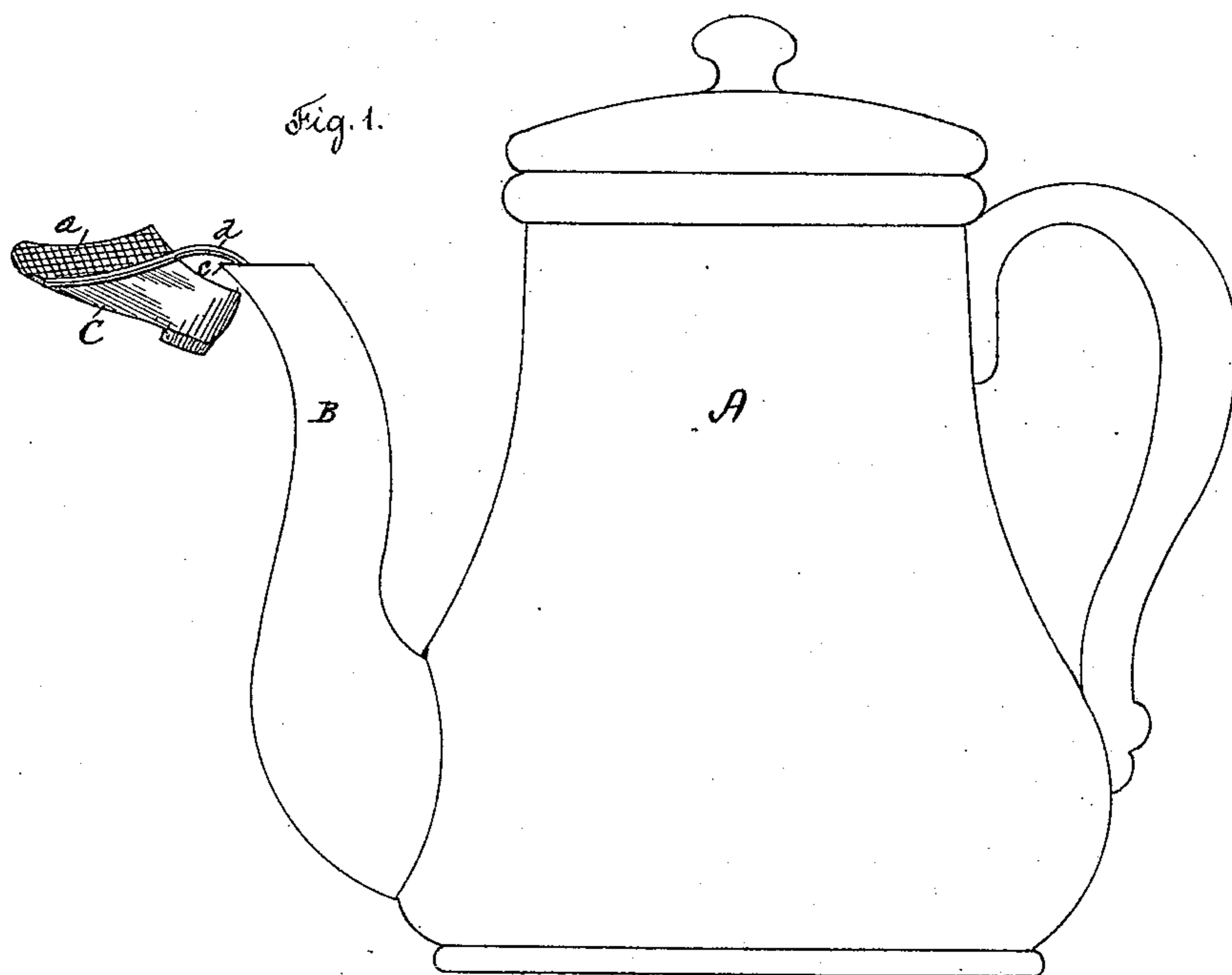
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## TEA-POT STRAINER AND DRIP-RETAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES O. DRAPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pawtucket, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Tea-Pot Strainer and Drip-Retainer, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention consists in a detachable tea-pot strainer having a receiving chamber, which is adapted for straining the tea and for catching and holding the drip from the spout and from the sediment in the chamber when the tea-pot has been brought back from its inclined pouring position to its normal upright position.

Figure 1 represents the tea-pot in its normal upright position, the attached strainer being shown in elevation. Fig. 2 represents the same when turned to an inclined position for pouring the tea through the strainer, the strainer being shown in section.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the tea-pot, to the spout B of which is attached the strainer C by means of the wire d, which extends downward into the cavity of the spout B, as usual in tea-pot strainers.

The strainer C may be made in any desirable form or design and of any desired material, and in the drawings is shown as made

in the form of a shoe, with the wire-gauze or foraminous material *a*, through which the tea is to be strained, in the upper forward portion of the chamber D of the shoe, the heel portion of the chamber D being made to extend backward under the projecting end *c* of the spout B, so that the drip from the spout B and from the retained sediment in the chamber D, when the tea-pot is again placed in its normal upright position after pouring the tea, will be caught and retained in the tight rear portion of the said chamber D, from which it may be discharged at a subsequent pouring of tea.

I claim as my invention—

A combined tea-pot strainer and drip-retainer having an attaching-wire adapted to enter the spout of the tea-pot, and having a straining and drip-retaining chamber provided with a forward foraminous wall through which the tea is to be poured, and a lower drip-retaining recess at the rearward portion of said chamber, whereby the resulting drip from the foraminous straining-wall will be retained in said chamber until the tea is again poured, substantially as described.

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