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Fig. 1.

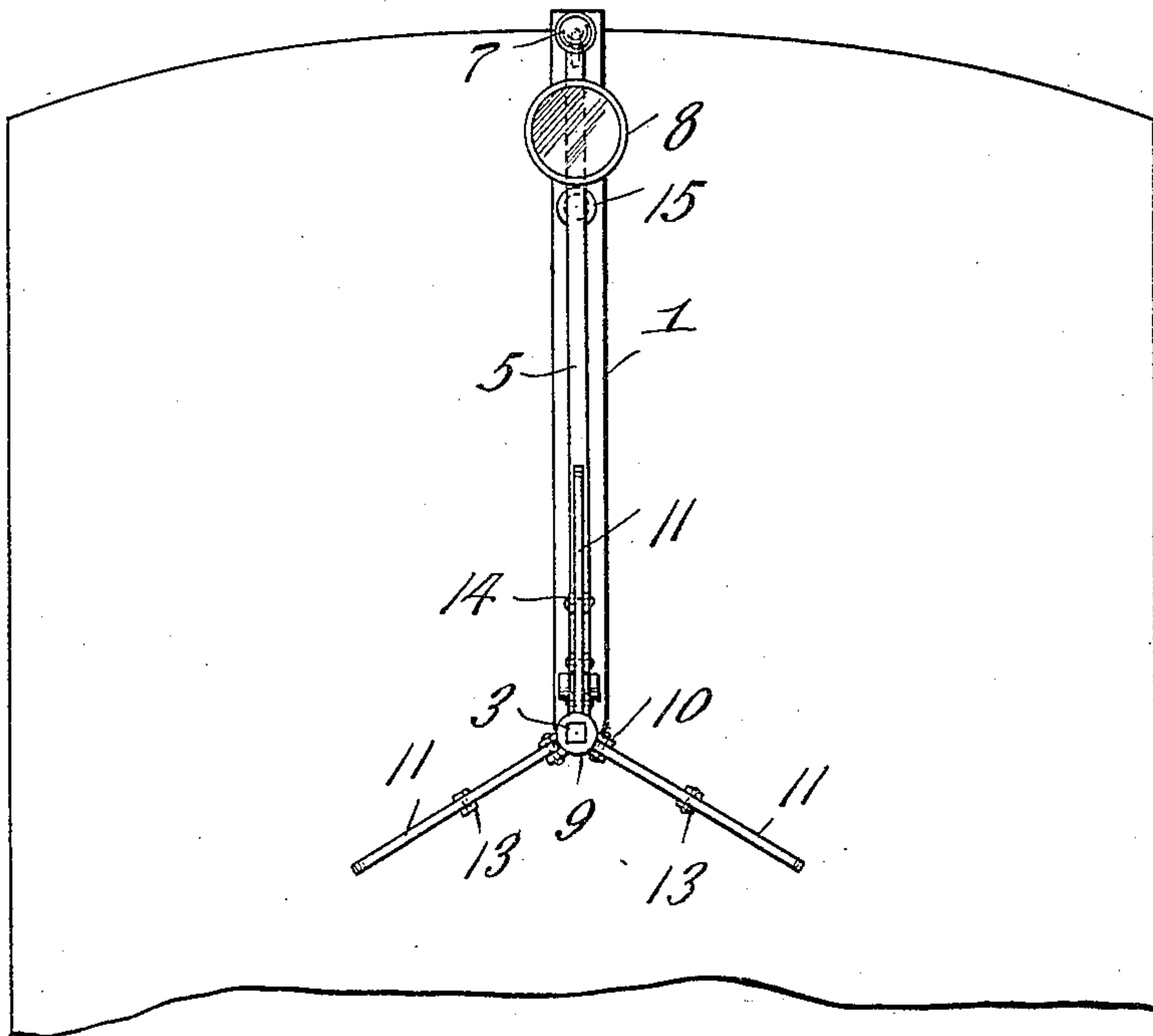
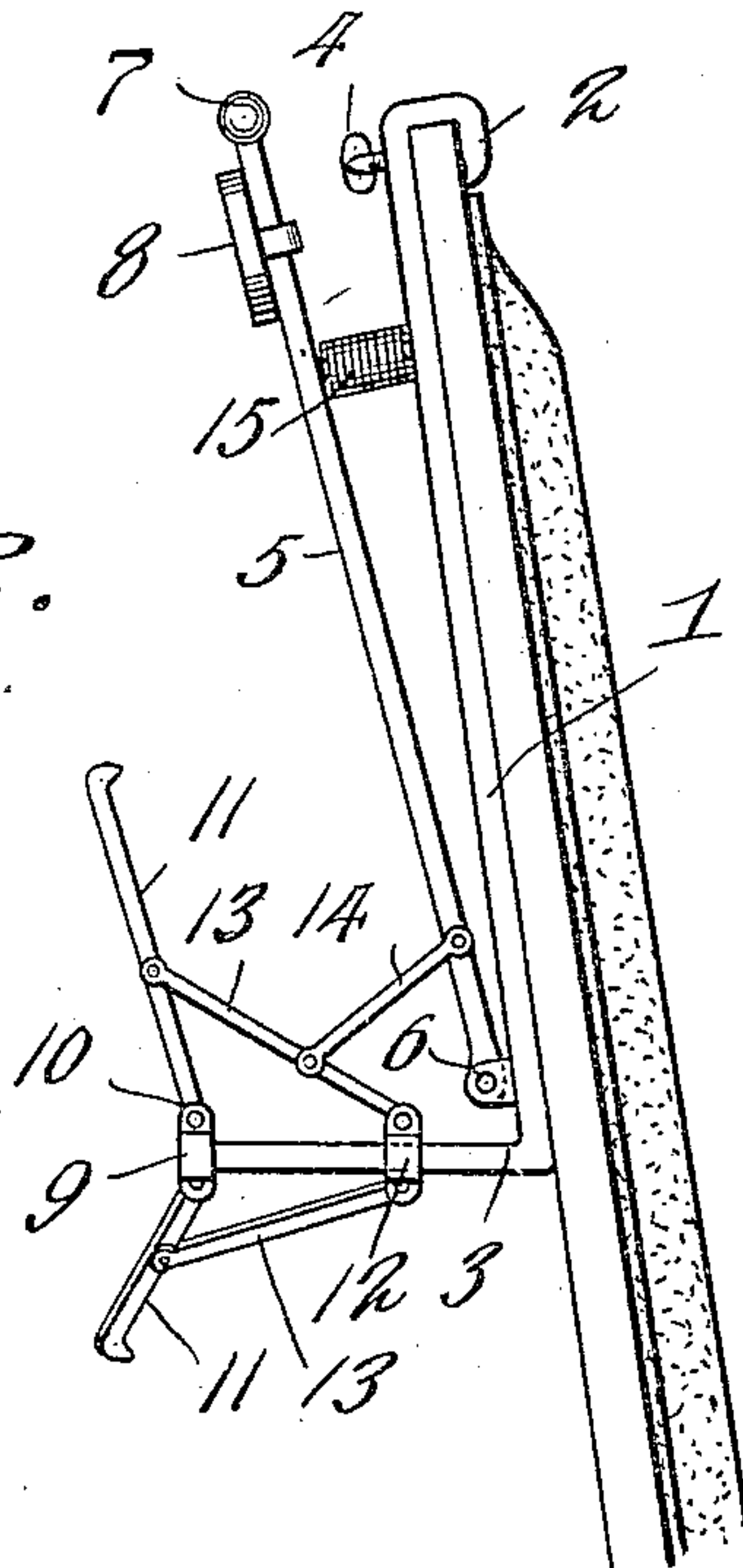


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY HARVY WILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dighton, in the county of Osceola and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hat-Holders for Theater-Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hat holders especially adapted for use on the backs of theater chairs and other articles of furniture, the object of this invention being to provide a hat holding device which is adapted to be folded into small compass so that it may be conveniently carried and which may be used in theaters and other places of amusement for holding the hats without danger of their becoming injured and the said invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is an elevation of a hat holder constructed in accordance with this invention, the same being indicated as being in place on the back of a theater chair. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

In the embodiment of my invention, I provide a hook 1 which is adapted to engage the upper edge of a theater chair or the like, as at 2, and to lie with its stem on the back of said chair and at the lower end of the stem of the hook is an outwardly extending arm 3. Near the upper end of the said arm is a set screw 4 to secure the hook firmly to the chair back. A lever 5 is pivotally connected at its lower end to the stem of the hook, as at 6, so that the upper end of the lever may be moved toward and from the upper end of the hook. Preferably, the upper or free end of the lever is provided with a knob or handle 7 and on the lever is secured a small mirror 8 for use to assist in putting on the hat. A collar 9 is firmly secured to the outer end of the arm 3 of the hook and is preferably provided with pairs of radially disposed lugs 10 as here shown, between which lugs are pivoted the inner ends of hat engaging arms 11. A collar 12 is slidable on the arm 3 of the hook. Links 13 are pivotally connected to the hat engaging arms and to the said movable collar and one of the said links is connected

by a link 14 to the lever, hence by operating the lever the hat engaging arms may be extended outwardly to engage the inner side of a hat at different points and may be drawn inwardly to release the same. A spring 15 is placed between the upper portion of the stem of the hook and the corresponding portion of the lever to normally press the latter outwardly and cause the hat engaging arms to be held in engagement with the crown of the hat so that all danger of the hat becoming casually disengaged from the holding device is obviated.

What is claimed is:—

1. A hat holding device comprising a device for attachment to the back of a chair or the like and having an outwardly extending arm, a collar slidable on said arm, hat engaging arms pivotally connected to the said arm, links connecting the said hat engaging arm to the slidable collar, a lever and a connection between the said lever and the said slidable collar for the purpose set forth.

2. A hat holding device of the class described comprising a hook for attachment to the back of a chair or the like and having an outwardly extending arm, hat engaging arms pivotally connected to the arm of said hook, a collar slidable on the arm of said hook, links connecting the said collar to said hat engaging arms and a lever fulcrumed to the hook and operative to move said slidable collar.

3. A hat holding device of the class described comprising a hook for attachment to the back of a chair or the like and having an outwardly extending arm, hat engaging arms pivotally connected to the arm of said hook, a collar slidable on the arm of said hook, links connecting the said collar to said hat engaging arms, a lever fulcrumed to the hook and operative to move said slidable collar, and a spring to move the lever in the required direction to cause the same to maintain the hat engaging arms normally in extended position.

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

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