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ABOUT this time in the school year one is very apt to see a few disconsolate looking students. It is written all over their countenances, "O! I have so much trouble, and just see how patiently I bear it." The causes of these long faces are numerous and varied, such as the prospective examinations and consequent grades; extra work occasioned by musicales, holiday entertainments and the like; outside work occasioned by the fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," but if we may venture

the statement it may all be said to be the effect of not properly having work systematized. Hence we scatter our forces over too large a field, and are beaten in this great combat for supremacy. This is a very stale theme but nevertheless quite applicable *here and now*.

AS THE term has advanced there seems also to have been an increase in the number who are tardy at chapel. No doubt some have, at times, valid excuses, but more probably the majority are tardy because they have considered something else of more importance than attendance at chapel. Perhaps it has been an unfinished lesson that has claimed the time, or it may have been that you were having an enjoyable chat with a friend and did not wish to stop just then. Whatever it was, unless something you can conscientiously give as a valid excuse, you may be sure you have lost more than you have gained. The exercises on that particular morning may not have been specially good, they may even have fallen below the average, but the link you have welded

in the chain of carelessness will not be easily broken. History has so often demonstrated the fact that it is no longer prophesy to say that the habits formed in youth will stay with one through life. We are not in school to learn what a certain text book says on a given subject, but to make men and women of ourselves, and surely obedience and promptness are qualities to be desired by every true man and woman. This is one of the little things, yet it is the little things left undone, viewed retrospectively, that reveal the cause of failure in many lives.

THE lecture course was opened with a very fair audience for the first lecture. It usually takes one or two lectures to get into good running order, as some must hear others pass an opinion upon the first lecture before they will attend, so we hope to have a better attendance for the remainder of the course. The admission fee has been placed so low as not to be beyond the reach of anyone, while the benefits to be derived from an attendance are not to be measured by a money valuation. The public speaker of today has much to do in directing the thoughts and in creating new ideas in the minds of the people, and in so doing, he helps to form character. Those who have been engaged for our lecture course are among the best talent of the state, and anyone

will be amply repaid for attending their lectures. These men are not taking the money away with them, but the proceeds are to be turned into a gymnasium fund. Hence we not only profit by it ourselves, but we are giving our money to a cause which is worthy of support.

THE exercises given by the students at chapel form a pleasing change from the old order of conducting morning exercises, and are a benefit to those who take part in them. We do not intend to flatter the writers but simply to express a truth when we say that some of the articles produced this term have been worthy of a place among the recognized literature of the country. This statement may seem overdrawn to some who did not have the privilege of hearing them, but those who did hear them will, we believe, uphold us in our position. THE CRESCENT advocated the introduction of this plan and its predictions of success have been verified. The only suggestion we could make for improvement would be, to have fixed dates for such productions so that friends in the town might know when to attend in order to hear them. This would add to the success of the plan, not only by giving a greater incentive to good work, but also by giving the greater number an opportunity to enjoy and profit by the productions.

VACATION 1891.

BY MRS. MACY.

The school bells are silent,
And over the halls
And rooms of each building,
A stillness now falls.
We're missing the patter
Of numerous feet,
Each morn that went tramping
Along down the street.
Little boys whistling,
Or singing a song,
While academy students
Went briskly along.
There were Tenne and Abble,
And Minnie and May,
And other bright faces
That passed us each day:
Whom the train this morning,
When good-byes were said,
Bore away from their friends,
As onward it sped.
We'll greet some again,
When vacation is o'er;
While others, perchance,
Will return here no more.
With similar interest
And pleasure, as when
Almost our own schooldays
Lived over again—
We've mentally followed
Those midens and youths,
While earnestly searching
For undying truths,
Which will brighten life's pathway,
Until at the even,
They still are found worthy
Transplanting in heaven.

SOME of our eastern exchanges are clamoring to have examinations done away with, while others are just as emphatic in upholding the system. From the different positions taken by men who rank among our best educators it would seem that what works well in one place will not work in another.

We suppose that no one will deny that some students will, during the week before examinations, cram for a grade. Yet that should not be taken as a proof of the worthlessness of examinations. It is quite supposable that the students who do this will get some real good from the practice, however wrong it may be, and that no plan whatever will compel a student to learn what he does not want to learn. To the student who has faithfully performed his duties, examination presents no necessity for cramming, so no harm is done to him. On the other hand it is true that it seems hardly fair for the honest student to receive a lower grade than the one who has simply memorized for the occasion a lot of bare statements which he forgets almost as soon as he has finished his paper. There is another class of students who seem to keep the prospect of examination constantly before them and work toward it during the entire term. Of course this is not the proper aim, yet to some students it is a cause of better work being done than they would otherwise do. In our own case the authorities, after a trial of the other method, have, for reasons best known to themselves, resumed the rule of having examinations. Observation seems to us to indicate the true method of determining a student's standing is neither by examinations alone nor by daily recitations alone, but by combining the two, making the daily grade the more important factor in determining the final average.

DESERVE SUCCESS AND YOU WILL COMMAND IT.

Success may be termed the best possible result under existing circumstances.

He who was born poor and only by long and patient effort has risen to a high station in life has made a grand success; though the one who has inherited all his wealth and yet has used it a good purpose has also made a success of life. But the mere possession of wealth does not determine success.

The pious rural maiden, who spends her life in ministering to the sick and needy though she is never known outside the radius of ten miles, achieves a great success, because she has improved the one talent which God has given her. But had she been endowed with the ten talents as was Florence Nightingale, she would not have stopped with so meager a duty for her master. To succeed does not mean to do something great or grand, but simply to attend to the little duties which surround us each day of our lives. According to this definition *all* may succeed, because all can do their best and the result will be victory.

The two principal elements of success are perseverance and courage. Let us review some of the lives of our successful men and women of the past. Take Lincoln and Grant for instance; it was only by their persistent efforts that they proved themselves worthy of the

highest honors our nation could bestow upon them.

Among the honored women of our day is Francis E. Willard; standing at the head of that grand and noble organization of women working for "God and Home and Native Land." She has worked her way upward from small beginnings.

Also Laura S. Haviland, author of a woman's "Life Work;" in which we read of so many heroic deeds, and of her untiring efforts to help the poor, down trodden slaves to reach the land of freedom.

Webster and Garfield of our own country and Napoleon of France, whose motto was, "Men make circumstances," may be cited as examples of both persistency and courage.

Every young person must have the courage to assert his own rights. Emerson says: "Have courage not to adopt another's courage." There is certainly a great deal for us in that one sentence. It teaches us to stand upon our own individuality and dare to respond to our names in the roll call of life. Fear weakens every fiber of our physical, intellectual and moral being, while on the other hand courage strengthens them.

Every young person of this day and age of the world is entitled to success, but it will not hunt him up, you must

search for it as the miner searches for gold. One must be self reliant. The student that masters his studies by hard mental labor will be more likely to succeed in his life work than the one who acquires his knowledge with little study, because the former has learned to rely on himself for what he gets, while the latter will expect to slip through the world without work.

Idlers never have and never will attain success. It is said that there are few criminals who do not owe their crime to some idle hour.

He has a grand success who has conquered self—that mightiest enemy of the human race, that enemy which blasts the lives of so many young people; while the one who seeks to gratify self is in bondage to the most exacting tyrant.

Let each young man or woman starting out in life, who is anticipating the accomplishment of some great end, and it is presumed that all have such aspirations, ask these questions: Do I deserve success? Am I improving every golden moment?

"What most men covet, wealth, distinction, power,

Are bawbles nothing worth; they only serve
To rouse us up as children at the school
Are roused up to execution; our reward
Is in the race we run, not in the prize.

Those few, to whom is given what they ne'er
earned,

Having by favor or inheritance

The dangerous gifts placed in their hands.

Know not, nor ever can, the generous pride

That glows in him who on himself relies.

Entering the lists of life, he speeds beyond

Them all, and foremost in the race succeeds.

His joy is not that he has got his crown.

But that the power to win the crown is his."

H. G. L.

FASHIONABLE FOLLIES.

IN taking this subject it has not been my intention to suppress the fashionable world, nor to predict what shall be in the future. It would be impossible for me to do it if I should try. But to consider for a short time some of the wrong notions people had in the past, as well as some we have at the present, under the head of "Fashionable Follies." First, we should have the definition. Fashion is a prevailing prac-

tice or style; custom or conventional usage in respect to dress, behavior, etiquette and the like. Fashionable; according to the fashion. Folly; absurd or imprudent act; a state of being a fool; want of good sense; levity, weakness or derangement of the mind; a thoughtless proceeding.

In olden times, if any one got sick or something happened to them, it was always supposed to be the result of

witchcraft. If a storm arose, or anything happened out of the usual order, they believed at once that some one in their neighborhood was bewitched, and they went to work immediately to find out who it was, and what they had done. It was a very easy matter, by their laws, to prove some one bewitched, and put them to death. Throughout the middle ages, although they had dispensed with the most of their punishments, there were very few people who did not believe in the realities of witchcraft, and until the sixteenth century no one was bold enough to publicly object to their former ideas. The people of today, would call these former notions, in the words of the definition given, the prevailing custom, absurd, imprudent or thoughtless actions.

Sectarianism is surely a folly. Many people have been taught to believe that their church and their ways alone are correct, so they "pen up," as it were, their churches and schools, and devote their work entirely to them, not allowing their members to attend any other church or associate with any one who does not belong to their denomination, and thus they form very narrow views on religious subjects. Of course it is all right to attend to the work of our own church, but we should not be so sectarian as to think no one is right but ourselves. In some churches today there are people who still persist in holding to the rules and forms of the church when first organized. They will not

adopt anything that is in any way attractive or like other churches.

Not many years ago a man in Pennsylvania who was in good circumstances, sent enough money to build a church at a place in North Carolina, on the condition that the bible was not to be read in it. So some people think they are so well "established" they do not need to read the bible in church. Now I do not mean, by some things I have said, to ridicule our parents of the churches, or bring their work up in a light way. I speak of them with all reverence. They have acted nobly, done their work well, and laid excellent foundations for churches, but in our growth with each other and in education, we have become too large for the "old shoes." We have found new and better ones and in order to do the work we should, we must wear them.

The most saddening thing in religious follies is to see a church professing to serve and follow the one Great Leader, try to clasp hands with the world and take as much of the worldly actions into the church as possible, take societies into the church and associate with them when the majority of the members of those societies are not Christians and do not care in the least for worship. It is all right to be sociable with this class to a certain extent. Speak kindly to them, deal with them in a way that will bring them to Christ, instead of bringing them into the church without salvation. Some

think we should not spend so much time and money in missionary work, and that we should begin at home. Yes, "Charity begins at home but do not let it end there." If you will watch those people who can and will not pay anything, or help in any way the foreign missions, I think you will often find they do not help the home missions much either. Those of us who cannot go to foreign fields should at least encourage all who can.

There might be much said on the line of political follies, but as I am a woman I shall not attempt it here.

One thing which might be termed a scientific folly is that of Dr. Tanner, who lived forty days without eating, and now wants to be buried alive and remain three days, to prove that Christ was not really dead when he was in the tomb.

There is an idea prevailing some places on the line of moral follies, that of "sowing wild oats." People say "boys will be boys," and "girls will be girls." That is very true, we would not ask them to be anything else. But the idea that there is a time in their young lives in which they are to be let entirely alone, and that their parents and friends should conclude they are just "sowing their wild oats," is surely a wrong one. It seems very hard to impress the fact upon the minds of some people that "every one must reap what he sows."

Please imagine for a moment a lady

of very stately appearance, riding in a railway car, dressed in the richest of clothing, with an elaborate display of trimmings, a large hat with lovely plumage, plenty of jewelry, and in fact almost anything you might mention in that line, and who appears very comfortable. A very refined and educated lady opposite thinks of finding a companionable lady, so takes a seat beside her and begins a conversation. They are riding now past a lovely wheat field, and the first lady says: "They's a right smart chance o' wheat out there, ain't they?" Well, yes, there might be, if you only knew what the lady meant by the expression. Do not clothe yourself with unnecessary finery trim your hat with as much as it can possibly carry, and then put it on a head with very little in it.

If you are in limited circumstances do not buy the cheapest goods you can find for clothing which will not last long, and then trim it in the latest and richest trimmings. Better have something plain that will be serviceable. If you cannot afford a nice dress for the morning at home and another for the street, get one for the street, so you will not have to wear the morning dress on the street. Although it may be the style to wear trailing dresses, do not wear them up town in the mud.

If your husband is a hard working man with a small income, do not use up all he makes in gay clothing for yourself and your children, that you

may appear as well as your rich relations. These are all Fashionable Follies.

The entire record of human growth may be traced consecutively to the household, and every gift of enlightenment has crossed the threshold with new blessings. The first organization in society is the family. If the individual tries to lead a secluded life it would be impossible. Each life has an influence on other lives, and all should work together. Customs are the first products in the course of society. They are ruled by the feelings and reasonings of individuals, and sometimes those reasonings are very narrow. Some decide on one way of running things, and will not listen to anything else. When a change is made in the customs of society by those who have studied the matter and know it to be the best course for the society in the outcome, it may make a little confusion at first in getting those plans in action. Other people do not wait for promised results but at once object to the present confusion.

There is a place where the people are not accustomed to co-education, many being prejudiced against it, notwithstanding the perfect success with which it meets in other places.

When a society is not progressing as it should, it set to work immediately to make new and more binding rules. It is, therefore, somewhat of a burden to carry people along who cannot, or,

rather, will not, join with the majority.

The greatest hindrance to the progress of society throughout the world today, is distinct classes. In the Southern states this is especially noticeable. On account of the races of people, their knowledge, wealth and prejudices, it hinders very much the growth of society. "Growth," says Bascom, "may be entirely arrested by inflexible customs, and so society becomes immobile or falls into decay, according to the energy of the agents at work."

Many people have the fashionable idea that school is an unhealthy place for children. They do not want them to study very hard for fear they will get sick. And for fear of injuring their minds they should only take pleasant studies, just the ones they like best. It is a great folly with some to only take practical studies; those which they can find immediate use for, not thinking of the time which is coming to them, when, in their business life, they meet with "ten college graduates where our fathers met one." Others think that intellectual development is enough; simply to go to school, study over a large number of books, paying no attention whatever to the practical part. We must have both the intellectual and practical to complete our education.

Parents sometimes send their boys to college and keep their girls at home, with the absurd idea that boys need more education than girls, and that all

the higher education a girl needs is to know how to dress and look pretty and get married.

"All is not gold that glitters," so we may see many things which are pleasing to the eye for a short time, but examine them closely and you will often find they are not made of the best material.

A REMARKABLE TREE.

Up on the east side of North Seventh street, about midway between Poplar street and Girard avenue, stands a strikingly curious tree, which attracts the attention of every passer by. It stands just in front of a stable yard, and the employees of the place say that dozens of people come to them every week and make remarks or ask questions about the strange growth. From the thickness of the trunk at the base the tree is probably about forty years old, but its branches and foliage are new and fresh and look as though they were but the growth of a year or two. The trunk runs straight from the ground to a height of about fifteen feet.

Above this for a short distance is a thick, globular mass of foliage, the leaves appearing to grow directly out of the wood. Above this growth run up three thick stalks or stumps six or eight feet high, also covered with a dense, close mass of foliage. When the tree is viewed from the north side it presents a startling resemblance to a giant human hand protruding from the earth.

The three big stumps at the top represent the three middle fingers, and upon either side of these can easily be seen configurations of the surrounding foliage which correspond to the little finger and thumb.

The explanation of the phenomenon is a curious one. The tree was once full grown and vigorous, but was attacked by blight or some other disease and the dead trunk was pruned down to its present proportions, whereupon the present new growth developed.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The new telescope for Chicago University is to be forty-five inches in diameter, or eleven inches larger than the one at Lick Observatory.

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respected members of society."—John Quincy Adams.

The Reflector, of Oregon State University, laments the fact that they have no athletic association. It suggests that one reason why Yale attracts more young men than Harvard is its supremacy in almost every branch of athletic sports. A college without organized athletics certainly needs waking up on the subject.

Exchange.

Gen. Diaz was inaugurated as president of Mexico on Dec. 1st.

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The best article we have seen on American tin plate was custard pie.—Ex.

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An artist declares that in 99 cases out of 100 the left side of the human face is more perfect in outline.

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Life is short—only four letters in it. Three quarters of it is a "lie" and half of it is an "if."—Ex.

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The *Mount Union Dynamo* has come out in a new dress and now presents a decidedly better appearance. The December number contains an interesting article on "Our Unknown Land."

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The *Antiochian* contains an article on reading which is full of common sense, such as the following: "More often we commit assault and battery on a sentence, grab at the words, and grind along from one paragraph to another with the whirr of a cider press. The voice, the vehicle of expression, should carry its load from the printed page to the mind of the hearer smoothly and noiselessly, not creaking and straining under its burden.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, 579,663 immigrants arrived in the United States, of whom 2,801 came in violation of laws and were returned.—Ex.

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The best part of one's life is the performance of his daily duties. All higher motives, ideas, conceptions, sentiments in a man are of no use if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Glance at those men who have won for themselves a national reputation and whose deeds we celebrate; and as you study their history, it will soon become apparent that they won their fame by hard and incessant labor. He who wishes to climb the ladder of fame and plant his light as a guide for humanity must do something for mankind. One cannot gain influence and renown by lying in flowery beds of ease, but must grapple with, and master the many hardships that present themselves along the pathway of life. Men who have distinguished themselves by achievements have slowly risen from obscurity, growing greater and greater, until they gain influence and recognition by all means.—*Spectator*.

Local and Personal.

—Fog.

—Rain.

—M u d.

—Snow.

—Did you ever get left?

—Cows in the college yard; run, boys run.

—Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—Santa Claus lost his bundle before he reached our sanctum.

—Austin & Stanley have the finest lot of holiday candy in town.

—Ethel Beherrell has been absent a few days on account of sickness.

—President Newlin attended a meeting of the presidents of Oregon colleges at Portland, Dec. 17.

—The electric bell must be fond of its own music. It sometimes refuses to stop at the proper time.

—Oran Edwards claims he has gained thirteen and a half pounds since the gymnasium was completed.

—Samuel Hobson located himself upon the belfry and took photographic views of the town after the snow came.

—C. J. Edwards intends to flee to the mountains to enjoy the pure, fresh air (?) during vacation. It seems that Clarence is always mindful of his morning (A. M.) treasure.

—"There's a point to remember" Latin.

—Fred Vantress has been out for a few weeks.

—The football is taking a rest, the snowball having taken its place.

—Ask Charlie Wilson if he doesn't think all republicans are religious.

—E. B.—"We should have been there but the matron wouldn't let us go."

—The ladies' athletic association has the use of the gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays during the noon intermission.

—"William Penn" appeared with a new printing press. Hear ye! Hear ye! All work guaranteed and done to order.

—The faculty and a few other friends were the recipients of an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Ong to dinner, the 17th inst.

—Two of the teachers were over from the public school to enjoy the spectacle presented by the students undergoing examination.

—Several boys had a pleasant wait out at the railroad track one Sunday afternoon. Ask the matron what they were waiting for.

—Miss Myrtle Price tried the effects of phosphorus and other chemicals as a cosmetic, applied in a hot and instantaneous manner while working in the laboratory. She finds it has a lasting effect.

—Weren't those bangs handsome after their owners had their scrummage in face washing with the first snow of the season?

—Verily, the mysteries of the laundry bill are many and deeply hidden. Ask Ballard why he paid two in order to get his collars.

—The local editors scratch their heads and look sober, but are compelled to quote the proverb, "There is nothing new under the sun."

—Herbert Cash has good powers of mimicry, as was evident from his "Sketches from Life in London," given at the Crescent Society.

—The entertainment to be given by the Crescent society the 23rd inst. is anticipated to do honor to the college. A large audience is expected.

—The botany class spent the last week of the term in the preparation of lectures on topics assigned by Prof. Jessup, to be delivered before the class.

—It is no secret, for Mr. Cash has publicly announced that he has learned to love the little things of late. "An open confession is good for the soul."

—Coughing seems to be the latest and it also seems to be contagious. The tune will be started at one desk, then another and another will join in, it goes from desk to desk from one corner to the other until the whole room is in an uproar.—Chamberlain's Cough Syrup is a ready relief.

—Marguerite Price called during the last day's examination to have the pleasure of seeing what she escaped by leaving school before the end of the term.

—Those who have secrets to tell should remember that the reading room is a poor place to tell them. Others can not avoid hearing them when told in an ordinary tone.

—"Christmas is coming with its good cheer" this fact is verified by some of the industrious college girls who have been improving every golden moment during the intermissions making presents for "our brother."

—Prof. Vance, Miss Hinchman, Chas. L. Jessup and Miss Howard shared mush and milk with Mr. Bowerman and wife, at a recent date. They speak highly of the repast also of the entertainment, of the host and hostess, of the evening.

—"Hark! Did ye not hear it?" "Hear what?" Hear that war had been threatening our beloved Crescent Literary Society. It most certainly has but upon investigation the rebels proved to be non-members of the society. The final trial to be had was indefinitely postponed and the accused set at liberty without loss of blood or money. But we are sorry to say, that the loss of words and threatenings was great and has not yet been estimated. How ever we are now at peace once more.

R. E. Hoskins is engaged soliciting orders for King's Hand-book of the United States. The book one of unusual merit, and that Mr. Hoskins will succeed is readily foreseen.

—We take fresh courage when we think of the proverb—"The darkest hour is just before day." After examinations comes vacation with its sleighing and skating we would say in the east but here we will say with its fogs and its mists.

—The reception given at the boarding hall in honor of Chas. L. Jessup in order to manifest to him the best wishes and kindest regards of his many friends on the 15th inst., the eve previous his departure for southern California, was quite an enjoyable affair to all present.

—The first lecture of the series was given by President Whittaker of Willamette University, the 9th inst. His subject was, "The Thing that Does It." Pres. Whittaker is a fine speaker and knows how to interest his hearers. The audience appreciated the lecture to the fullest extent.

The bad weather prevented many from attending the Crescent exhibition, but those who were present enjoyed the program which was well rendered. The program was as follows:

Address,	H. T. Cash, Pres.
Essay,	Mattie Stratton.
	Music.

Oration;	Elmer Jessup.
Chronicle,	H. F. Allen.
Recitation,	W. F. Edwards
	Music.
Essay,	O. J. Hobson.
Oration,	Dacie Stanley.
Recitation,	Myrtle Price.
	Music.

With the exception of one or two speaking too low, the productions were well rendered. The recitation, "The Gypsy Flower Girl" by Myrtle Price was especially worthy of mention and showed that she had given it careful study. The music rendered by Mr. Story, of the city, was also highly appreciated and received a hearty encore. In spite of the rain and snow the students kept up a running fire of snowballs among themselves in the way home.

—O the long examinations!
 O the hard examinations!
 Ever nearer, nearer, nearer,
 Come they, staring in our faces,
 Come they like a lion thirsting
 For our fresh and tingling heart's
 blood.
 We will slay this thirsting lion,
 We will conquer Caesar's army,
 We with Time can conquer all
 things.
 Give us then the time required
 Give us then the grades desired
 Give O! give us nought and eighty
 That not in vain our work will be.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have carefully examined King's Hand Book of the United States, and do not hesitate to say that it is the best work of the kind I have ever seen. It is to my mind the Kernel of American History. The compactness, interesting style, and systematic arrangements of its matter, its maps, statistics, and illustrations combine to make it an invaluable book of reference for both office and sitting room; while its remarkably small size, light weight and its flexible binding especially recommended it to the progressive teachers and student as a convenient as well as a desirable companion.

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