

HER ABDUCTORS MAY BE LYNCHED.

Maud Darrell's Inhuman Treatment Rouses Centre Hill to Frenzy.

She Remembers Being Seized, Carried Away and Then Struck a Blow on the Head.

When She Recovered Consciousness She Found Herself Bound to a Tree and Fainted Again.

DISCOVERED BY A FAVORITE DOG.

Four Men, Jealous of Her Affection for Another, Are Suspected of the Crime, but the Victim Has So Far Refused to Give Their Names.

Leesburg, Fla., Feb. 23.—The abduction and maltreatment of Miss Maud Darrell, of Centre Hill, has thoroughly aroused the citizens of that locality and a word from the young lady is all that is needed to cause a quadruple lynching. Even without a statement from the girl implicating the four suspects, it is not certain that they will not be lynched.

The people are convinced of the guilt of the young men whose names are whispered in connection with Miss Darrell's abduction, and there is a burning desire to speedily avenge the outrage on girlish honor. Under normal conditions Centre Hill has a population of only about 250, but to-day there were fully 1,500 people in the town, and the question on every one's lips was "Has she named the abductors?" The girl has not, however, indicated that she suspects are guilty, and if they are lynched she will not be responsible for the tragedy.

The story of the outrage, names and places being changed, might easily be taken for a tale of the Middle Ages. Last Thursday night there was a social gathering at the home of Mr. James Armstrong, where Miss Darrell is spending the winter. To it were bidden many young men and girls from the vicinity, and the party was a merry one.

ENGAGED TO A LEESBURG MAN.

Since coming to Florida Miss Darrell's affections have been won by a young man of Leesburg, and he was present, Miss Darrell never seemed in better spirits. Up to 10 o'clock she was the life of the gathering. At that hour she left the parlor, saying that she was going to the rear veranda to get a book which she had left there in the afternoon. Her fiancée wanted to accompany her, but she laughingly told him "No."

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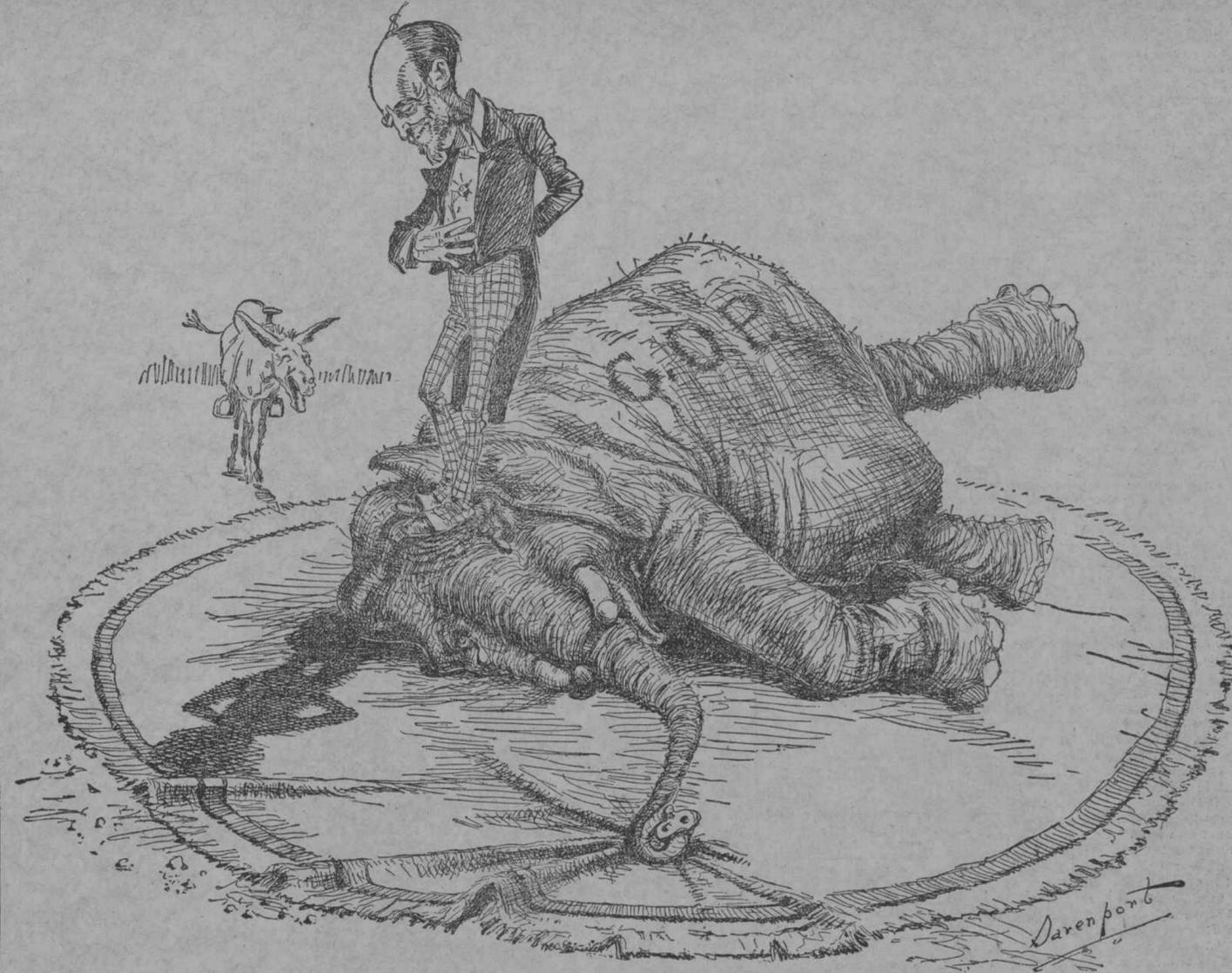
She states that when she went out on the veranda some one seized her and muffled her cries by throwing a shawl over her head. Then she was borne rapidly away. Once she succeeded in freeing her head from the shawl and gave a scream. Then she was struck on the head and knew no more for hours. When she recovered she found herself nude and bound to the tree. The horror of the situation was too much for her and she soon relapsed into unconsciousness. She has no recollection of being stripped and does not remember that her captors offered her any indignity, though there is evidence that they did despite the card left at her feet.

Miss Darrell believes that her captors were four in number, and she has told Mrs. Armstrong that she thinks she recognized the voices of three of them. She has refused to give the names, however, and says her suspicions may be unfounded. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are confident the outrage was perpetrated by young men whose addresses Miss Darrell had rejected.

JEALOUSY WAS AROUSED.

The young lady came from Chicago two months ago to spend the winter with the Armstrongs. Being young, accomplished and very beautiful, all the young men were speedily at her feet. She seemed to care for none, however, save a young man from Leesburg, and her engagement to him was announced three weeks ago. Four young men living near Centre Hill, who had been among Miss Darrell's most persistent suitors, took the announcement very much to heart, and it is alleged, have frequently threatened she should never marry the young man from Leesburg.

Soon after the engagement was announced Miss Darrell began to receive anonymous letters of an obscene character. These letters were turned over to Mrs. Armstrong. She informed her husband, who laid the matter before the Postoffice Department and also employed a private detective to ferret out the authors of the letters. It is generally believed that the authors of the letters and Miss Darrell's abductors



"SO EASY."

CORONER'S VIEW OF THE EGLAU MURDER.

Fitzpatrick Has Theories as to How the Aged Instructor Was Killed.

New Light May Be Thrown Upon the Mystery at the Inquest This Morning.

ELMENDORF'S WORK ON THE CASE.

Police in Conference with the Professor, Who Has Been Making a Personal Investigation—Took Photographs After the Tragedy.

Coroner Fitzpatrick will begin his inquest into the death of Professor Max Eglau at 11 o'clock this morning. The police are confident that they will be instrumental in bringing forward evidence which will point toward the person who struck down the old drawing instructor on February 10.

The coroner believes that Eglau was killed by a single blow, probably delivered in the heat of anger, and the rest of the bloody work was done by the assassin so as to confuse the investigation. The police, up to a few days ago, sought to solve the mystery by analysis, but they have now completely changed their method. They are working on synthetical lines—"putting two and two together," as Captain Casey says—and the results are most promising.

The coroner will subpoena Frank Dean, cashier of the Fifth Avenue Bank. If there is a check in the possession of the bank for the December salary of Professor Eglau the coroner wants to see it. If it is indorsed with the name of the dead man he thinks that signature can be proved a forgery. This might lead to the discovery of a motive for the murder. The coroner considers that, in view of the deep mystery surrounding the whole case, no detail is too small to be taken up and most thoroughly sifted. The inquest will be held at the coroner's office, and the names of the principal persons who may be able to shed light upon the matter will be put under a crucial examination.

ELMENDORF WORKING WITH THE POLICE.

Professor Dwight Elmendorf, an instructor in the Institute for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes, who has been most active in trying to trace the assassin, said a few days ago that it was probable that much time would not elapse before he would be able to lay his hands on the assassin. It may perhaps soon be realized. He has been working away from the lines first followed by the police, and now discarded by them. It is significant that the police have now sought him. It is more than probable that they regard his theory with some importance.

Detective Price, of Police Headquarters, called on Professor Elmendorf yesterday and remained in conference with the instructor for one hour and three-quarters. The interview must have been important. The professor left the house at No. 201 East Sixty-eighth street, and hurried downtown. Price returned at 3:30 o'clock and after a brief talk with the professor took his departure. Elmendorf then hurried around to the East Sixty-seventh street Police Station. It was then 4:40. Captain Casey was not in at the time, so he whispered a few words to the Sergeant in charge and left.

Professor Elmendorf later explained that he had called to see one of the detectives employed on the case. He had not related his interest in it, and was hard at work trying to supply some links which would make his theory unassailable from any side. He does not believe the murder was committed by any one outside of the home.

LOOKING FOR BLOOD-STAINED CLOTHING.

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the young instructor it is thought that something important will soon develop. His knowledge of the institution, its affairs and their duties, and the daily routine of the place—all these added to his keen faculty of observation will serve the police well. Elmendorf says the murderer must have got blood on his clothing. So says the coroner who has made a thorough examination of the scene of the murder. And here comes a point on which the police are working. There is no record of how much clothing is owned by each pupil who stays in the institution. It is impossible to ascertain also the number of workroom blouses in Professor Eglau's room. There may be one missing.

The assassin, who was so cool in arranging how the body should be found, would probably put on one of the blouses before he set to work hacking the body after death and leaving indications of what appeared to be a most desperate struggle. This is only one detail in the new search. The police are endeavoring to ascertain whether from the wardrobe of any person in the entire institute any articles of clothing are missing.

Now, after two weeks, they may find some trace; they may not. They may develop something to-day, but it is extremely doubtful whether Chemist Scheele will be called by the coroner to testify concerning bloodstains found on the shoes of William Fitzgerald. The coroner declares that Scheele acted without his authorization or that of the coroner's counsel.

"Another thing I am firmly convinced of," said Coroner Fitzpatrick last night, "is that the large circle of blood found in Eglau's room was not caused in the manner first reported. It was then believed that it was caused by Eglau's dying struggles to get up after having been struck down. I have carefully considered the matter, and am satisfied that the circular stain referred to was caused by the attempt of some one to wipe or sweat up the blood for the purpose of obliterating a footprint."

It is my belief that the murderer stepped in the mud of his victim and, noticing the impression, obtained a mop or cloth and knelt down to rub it out. I believe also that the blood stains on the floor, rather parts of hands, were made by the murderer while on his knees in the manner stated. I explained most of this theory to Principal Greene, and showed him, I think, where I was right, although he argued the contrary."

On the Wednesday following the murder I called at the institution to make some measurements, and while there Principal Greene dropped down on his hands and knees and tried to demonstrate just how Eglau could have fallen. He put his hands in the blood marks on the floor, then turned around, as he wanted to show the position of the victim, and he had fallen through, and then pointed out that his theory would not hold on account of the position of the thumbs. "If a man falls, and both hands strike the floor, the thumbs point toward each other. In this case they were reversed, showing that he must have fallen with his hands crossed, assuming that the blood stains were made by the victim himself. That is nonsensical, and I so told the principal."

THERE WAS NO STRUGGLE.

"I am also satisfied that there was no struggle of any kind in that room. I believe that the old man was struck down, and that the murderer committed the crime without the aid of anybody else. Having made sure of his victim by a second blow, he leisurely proceeded to make measurements of the body, so as to make it appear as if a great struggle had taken place."

"Suspicion has been directed to many quarters, but so far it is only suspicion. It is possible that the inquest will reveal something, and if I have to go to court on anything, I will begin it to-morrow. I have issued subpoenas for everybody who has in any manner been connected with the case. "I am particularly anxious to get at the bottom of the story that a check had been issued for Eglau's salary for the month of December, but that he never received it. It may be that the check was never issued at all, but if it was issued, then some one committed forgery in indorsing and cashing it. That might possibly furnish a motive for the murder. When informed that Professor Elmendorf had taken photographs of Eglau's room the day of the murder, and that these photographs showed the position of the dead body as well as all the blood stains, the coroner said: "Well, that is news to me, and I cannot understand what motive he had in doing it. However, they will be of great use, and I am glad he did it."

BODY THIEF CONFESSES.

He Implicates a Prominent Physician Connected with the Drake Medical College at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 23.—The identity of the man arrested here yesterday for grave robbery has been established. He was recognized this morning by persons who had known him in Omaha as Ed Claycomb, a well-known crook there and an all around bad man. He has been a member of a gang of grave robbers that have worked in this section for several years. There are four others in the gang, according to the statement of Officer McLaughlin, of the Rock Island road, who came in from Omaha to-night to look up the case. Claycomb has refused to say a word about himself, and will be taken back to Omaha to-morrow.

Claycomb is pretty well identified as the robber of some graves at Iowa City two or three years ago, and the officers believe they will find he has been connected with the gang that was doing the same kind of work here some weeks ago, one of the results of which was the discovery of four bodies in the Drake Medical College, stolen from cemeteries near the city.

There is, however, a mystery connected with the case which the officers have not yet solved. In his testimony before the coroner's jury on Saturday evening the expressman who hauled the trunks containing the bodies said that Claycomb told him to come to the office of Dr. Wilton McCarthy for his money. Dr. McCarthy is a member of the faculty of the medical school and a demonstrator in anatomy. The expressman's statement was very straightforward and there is little doubt of its accuracy. But when Dr. McCarthy was seen this evening he refused to talk about the matter further than to say he could tell a story if he was so disposed. He finally told the interviewer to call again in half an hour and he would possibly have something to say. When seen the second time he dictated the following statement:

"The papers of this morning stated that the expressman said on the stand that he had an engagement with Claycomb, or Smith, to meet him at my office. I had no knowledge of such an engagement and did not meet them at my office. I will say further that I did not have an engagement to meet any one for that purpose at my office, and if such meeting took place, I have no knowledge of it."

The statement is anything but an explanation, but it was all the doctor would make. The officers believe they will be able to prove that the medical faculty knew the bodies were coming, and that they had had like transactions with the same gang of grave robbers before.

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DIED IN A TROLLEY CAR.

One Passenger Who Didn't Leave at the End of the Route—Body Kept in the Car.

The body of a woman whose identity could not be learned lay until midnight last night in Car No. 87, of the Fifth Avenue trolley line, Brooklyn, awaiting the arrival of Coroner Coombs. When the woman boarded the car at Twenty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, about 8 o'clock, Conductor Cornack Rogers noticed that she looked unusually pale. The car reached Fulton ferry and all the passengers alighted but this one. Conductor Rogers approached her, but was surprised on touching her to learn that she was insensible. Her eyes were dilated and she stared wildly.

An ambulance from the City Hospital was hastily summoned, but with it arrived the surgeon pronounced the woman dead and refused to remove the body. A policeman from the Second Precinct Station arrived with the ambulance, and took charge of the body pending the arrival of Coroner Coombs. The ambulance surgeon pronounced the case as one of "heart disease."

The dead woman was about fifty-five years old, five feet six inches tall, of dark complexion and had gray hair. She wore a black serge suit, with velvet collar. Her hat, which was trimmed with black felt, bore the label of "Reichfeldts, No. 294 Sixth avenue, New York." In her pocket was found a steel crucifix. She wore a heavy gold finger ring and small earrings.

THEATRE MANAGERS COMBINE.

Leading Places of Amusement Make a Two Years' Agreement.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—Manager Hartz, of the Euclid Avenue Opera House, last night announced that a combination of the managers of some of the leading theatres in the principal cities of the United States had been formed. The arrangement guarantees to the houses in the combination thirty weeks of first class attractions during each season. It is to go into effect next August and to continue for two years.

The New York agents of the combination are Klaw & Erlanger and Al Hayman, who will do the booking for the circuit. The theatres in the combination are the Hollis and Museum, of Boston; Montak and Company, of Brooklyn; Garrick, Empire and two others in New York; Academy, in Baltimore; Lafayette, in Washington; Walnut, Broad, Chestnut and Opera House, in Philadelphia; Alvin, in Pittsburgh; Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland; Columbia Square, in Chicago; Davidson, in Milwaukee; Taber, in Denver; Baldwin and Callahan, in San Francisco, and theatres in Salt Lake City, Kansas City, Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans and other cities in the West and South.

THE ROCKHILLS NOT INVITED.

M. Patenotre, the French Ambassador, Did Not Ask Them to His Dinner.

Washington, Feb. 23.—M. Patenotre, the French Minister, gave a dinner to-night, and coming as it did, so soon after the announcement of strained relations between the Minister and Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, the list of guests was subjected to a close scrutiny by society people of this city. The Rockhills names were conspicuous by their absence. Only a small party was entertained, among them being Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller and Martin Crawford, the novelist.

Prisoners Escape from an Ohio Jail.

Warren, O., Feb. 23.—Five prisoners escaped from the County Jail here this morning by assaulting Turnkey Lucius Bartlett with the arm of an old chair and taking his keys while he was unconscious.

Turnkey Bartlett will recover. The men had planned the escape, having gone so far as to improvise cloth ropes to tie the Turnkey if necessary.

"Want" advertisement in the Journal will be repeated in Das Morgen Journal, without extra cost. If under Help Wanted, Purchases and Exchange, Houses, Flats and Apartments to Let, Lost and Found, Auction Sales, Boarding Wanted, and Business Opportunities.

WITH PISTOL AND RAZOR.

Cook and Curley Quarrelled and Each Tried to Exterminate the Other.

Thomas Cook and Ennis Curley, who were friends until yesterday, were locked up in the Coney Island Police Station last night, charged with assault in the second degree. Curley visited Cook, who lives on Coney Island, last night, and they got into a quarrel, and each tried to exterminate the other.

Cook cut Curley on the head with a razor and Curley fired two shots from a revolver at Cook, but missed him. Dr. Pierce attended the wounded man. Both are colored.

THEY ASK FOR ARBITRATION.

Woonsocket Universalists Call for a Tribunal to Settle Differences with England.

Woonsocket, R. I., Feb. 23.—The Universalist Church congregation of this city this evening gave a public patriotic service and adopted resolutions in favor of a tribunal for the arbitration of differences between the United States and Great Britain, this tribunal to be permanent in the sense of always being available.

Ex-Congressman L. W. Hutton presided and prominent persons made addresses. The resolutions will be sent to the Rhode Island Legislature.

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But for Prompt Treatment the Error Would Have Cost a Life.

Druggist Hartmann's Little Daughter Mixed Oxalic Acid with the Drug.

Isaac Bernheim Swallowed a Quantity, and Then Discovered His Danger.

LIKE THE CASE OF OTTO OEDENHALL.

He Died from Strychnine Poisoning on October 20 Last After Taking Epsom Salts—That Mystery Never Explained.

Isaac Bernheim, a distiller, living at No. 983 Flushing avenue, Williamsburg, had a narrow escape from death Saturday night by swallowing a quantity of oxalic acid for Epsom salts. The mistake had been made by Druggist Henry Hartmann, at No. 132 Forrest street.

Bernheim went to the drug store and asked for a quarter of a pound of Epsom salts. When he returned home with the package he gave it to his wife to mix a dose for him. After swallowing a portion of the dose prepared, Bernheim detected the peculiar taste, and then found that he had taken poison. A call was sent to the Homeopathic Hospital, but before the surgeon arrived Bernheim was given half a dozen glasses of soap water as an emetic, and was soon out of danger.

Druggist Hartmann, when seen last night, explained that his twelve-year-old daughter, Annie, who had found a bottle of oxalic acid, emptied the contents into a box of Epsom salts without telling him.

The case is similar to that of Otto Oedenhall, who died from strychnine poisoning October 20 last. Otto had been given a dose of Epsom salts by his mother and almost immediately was made seriously ill. For a time the family thought his sufferings were merely due to the salts. Then they realized something more serious was the matter. By the time the physician came the lad was dead.

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MISSOURI DEMOCRATS AT WAR.

Hope of Harmonizing Silver and Sound Money Men Abandoned.

St. Louis, Feb. 23.—All efforts at harmonizing the conflicting elements of the Missouri Democracy have been abandoned, and the war for supremacy between the silver and the sound money wings has begun in earnest. A circular signed by leading Democrats throughout the State was sent out to-day calling for a meeting of sound money Democrats in this city next Thursday. The circular's closing sentence reads:

"This meeting is to decide upon and promulgate a declaration of belief and a line of acting for those Democrats who do not subscribe to the strychnine in the independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and who will not be read out of their party in consequence thereof, nor be deprived of the right of expressing their convictions."

Ex-Governor D. R. Francis, whose name heads the list of subscribers to the circular, said to-day: "The 16-to-1 political heretics have made so much noise in Missouri that sound money Democrats in this city next Thursday the fight for the principles of true Democracy. There are thousands of men true to the party who will not bow to the desecrating fetich of free silver."

WHEN they put a man in jail, he suffers on his natural inclination. His enjoyment of life is limited. He cannot eat what he likes, nor as much of it as he would like. If he transgresses any of the rules of his diet, he is punished for it. He suffers, gets little sympathy. Dyspepsia starts with indigestion, and may lead to almost any chronic disease. Pleasant Pills cure constipation. Constipation means a variety of things—it shows itself in many ways. At first, perhaps a little heaviness in the stomach, a little sourness, windy belchings and heartburn. Headaches begin to come pretty soon after that, and biliousness and a foul taste in the mouth in the morning. Chronic constipation is almost inevitable, and it is probably the most serious trouble that ever takes hold of a man. Its removal is simplicity is the thing that makes it most dangerous, because it leads to neglect. Constipation means that the body is holding poisonous, impure matter that should be gotten rid of. The poison is being reabsorbed into the blood and the whole body is being filled with it. Impurity in the blood may lead to almost any disease. There is no telling what may come of it. Constipation is the start of it all. And yet people are careless about it. It is the most serious thing in the world, and the easiest to cure if you go about it right. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pills cure constipation. Cure it positively, certainly, infallibly. Cure it so it stays cured. Cure it so you can stop taking medicine.

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