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## POOR RAILROADING.

There is just complaint now because  
of the management of the railways.  
There is congestion everywhere,  
freight is piled, business delayed,  
and a general wall going up from all quar-  
ters. This is unparadise in the  
railways, indeed it is almost criminal,  
and is more or less the direct result of  
the conduct of the officials who have  
been lining their pockets at the ex-  
pense of the general public and the  
minority stockholders. The bosses sit  
in their offices in Wall Street and fig-  
ure their profits, and let the roads  
run themselves. The lesser  
lights have also been improving their  
opportunities by investing in coal  
mines, in grain elevators, in manufac-  
turing plants, in high class apart-  
ments, in hotels, and indeed in most  
every character of property, whilst the  
roads themselves run to the dogs, the  
tracks become unfit for use on account  
of light rails, rotten ties, worthless  
engines and cars, only fit for the junk  
pile. So loose have these methods be-  
come that recently long lists of dead  
and wounded began to be shown in  
the public prints. Accidents too bar-  
rowing to be read in their details came  
thick and fast, not in one place but all  
over the country, and of a sudden the  
public has become informed of the  
dangers it underwent each time it  
traveled on a train. These things have  
demanded improvement. The roads  
now want money, money by the bil-  
lion, and whilst they are putting on  
necessary improvements business lan-  
guishes. Not long since a builder in  
this town waited three months for  
stone to be shipped from Kentucky,  
that under any decent railroad  
should have been here in ten days  
if it was ordered. Today the vast  
lumber piles in West Virginia are  
standing at the mills awaiting cars,  
when there is a cry every where for  
the lumber. It is rotten! rotten! rotten!

## WASHINGTON LETTER

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—An ap-  
peal has been made to President Roose-  
velt by the Society of Friends of Phila-  
delphia for the establishment of a per-  
manent arbitration congress with the  
consent and co-operation of the other  
nations of the world. This plan is not  
so visionary and emotional as a good  
many of the peace plans put forward  
by international arbitration exponents.  
It recognizes the excellent work that  
has already been done by the Hague  
tribunal and does not propose to sup-  
plant that institution, but rather to  
supplement its work by creating an in-  
ternational congress from which would  
emanate a code of international law.

## THE TROUBLE IN BALTIMORE.

It is amusing to see the difficulties  
surrounding those who wish to be  
called rulers and Democrats in Bal-  
timore, in their hunt for a candidate for  
mayor. Old Dixons had no more  
difficulty when he went out with his  
lantern looking for honest men, than  
have those worthy citizens of Bal-  
timore in getting "the right man." It  
is strange he is so hard to find. Bal-  
timore used to be called a Democratic  
city, but of late it seems not to know  
what it stands, and does more fool-  
things than Swedenham. The trouble  
can be detected in such calls as the  
following where Mr. T. Wallis Black  
stone calls upon Mr. W. Cabell Bruce  
to become a candidate, knowing that  
Mr. Bruce along with many other good  
and great men in Baltimore is said to  
have bolted the presidential ticket in  
1896, and possibly other Democratic  
nominees. He wants Mr. Bruce to  
run, but he apologizes for his record  
as a fence jumper partly in the follow-  
ing language:

His course in this regard has led to  
the criticism from some that he is not  
"regular," but it must be remembered  
that the majority of the voters of Bal-  
timore have sometimes proven irregu-  
lar when men or measures failed to  
meet their approval.

No man can seriously deny that Mr.  
Bruce is and has always been a Demo-  
crat, and none the less so because,  
with a large number of others he has  
at times been forced to differ from  
some who boast that they "have never  
split a ticket."

He has never posed as the bosom  
friend of Capital and Labor, but  
holds, as does every man of sense, that  
both have rights, both are necessary  
to the city's welfare and to each other  
and both should be protected.

A man to be honest must always be  
honest, a man to be called brave must  
not at critical moments show the white  
feather. Thus a man whom we are  
told has "ALWAYS been a Democrat" is  
ought to be able to show a clean record  
or quit blowing. Now this ardent  
admirer of Mr. Bruce points out just  
where the trouble lies here, as well as  
in many other prominent men in Bal-  
timore. They have flickered at a cru-  
cial moment, they dropped the flag and  
ran, and now are creeping back not ad-  
mitting their wrong, but with a bolter  
than than air about them, and in this  
guise are trying to get the confidence  
of those comrades who stood to their  
colors. This they cannot do, hence  
Baltimore is sorely put to, she is hunt-  
ing candidates.

Somebody, we believe it was the Bal-  
timore Sun, which suggested that the  
revelations made about the Wilson  
Tariff bill recently by senators who  
were enrolling the Senator Gorman,  
had a tendency to drive Democrats  
like Grover Cleveland out of the party.  
The Sun would hardly have discovered  
America, but it does sometimes  
make new and remarkable discoveries.

A man has been found who served  
in the Spanish-American war who shot  
at the president on the battle field of  
Santiago. There need be no necessity  
in going so far for such a case. Ohio  
can furnish them in great numbers  
who have taken shots at him since the  
Spanish did.

At Mr. E. H. Harriman's entertain-  
ment in New York the other night  
there was plenty of love but no  
fishes.

We are enjoying a thaw, but not a  
Thaw case. That luxury is permitted  
only to New York.

Mr. E. H. Harriman, the greatest  
railway man of today, has several  
scalps in his belt. He has that of  
Senator W. A. Clark, and Stuyvesant  
Fish, and reports now say that of  
Mrs. Fish also. He was never socially  
ambitious personally, but he has  
introduced them into New York's smart  
set, so Mr. Harriman took a rest out  
of the sails of Mr. Fish by turning  
him out of the Illinois Central Rail-  
road as president, and thereby took  
a social leader of New York.  
The railroad juggernaut is a merciless  
affair.

All coons as well as all other people  
look alike to Mr. Foraker, so he says.  
The logic of this is that Mr. Foraker  
himself looks like a coon, and the coon  
looks like Mr. Foraker, and they both  
look like each other, and there are  
sons who feel sorry for the coon.

The two cent rate on railroads in  
West Virginia seems to have a popu-  
lar chord in its make up. It has gone  
through in a hurry. This will bank-  
rupt all the railroads out there and  
they will remove their rails up to the  
State line.

The alienist, Dr. Wiley, who testif-  
ied in the Thaw case is the possessor  
of the name only. In other respects  
he was anything but a Wiley.

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every issue of "The Daily Press." It  
is one of many good features. All the  
news and departments worth while are  
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you getting the best newspaper.

## Unprecedented Sleet in Pocahontas

The Pocahontas Times of last week  
tells of the most destructive fall of  
sleet in the upper part of that county,  
on Wednesday night of last week, ever  
known in the destruction of forest and  
fruit trees, amounting to hundreds of  
thousands of dollars. On Tuesday  
night, says the Times, the timber at  
an elevation of about three thousand  
feet was coated heavily with sleet  
which did not melt. Added to this  
was the thoroughly saturated ground  
and the phenomenal fall on the night  
following—dragging over, uprooting,  
breaking down and denuding of  
branches, trees, and breaking of tele-  
graph and telephone wires.

It was not the little pellets of ice-  
frozen rain—which we have been taught  
to call sleet, but the rain frozen where-  
ever it touched, and forming a coating  
of ice over everything. Thursday  
morning every tree presented the pecu-  
liar aspect of being made of glass.  
On the river there was no sleet, but a  
hundred feet above, on the bluffs, the  
trees were covered with the heaviest  
and whitest of frosts and higher up as  
with an immense snow. There was no  
air stirring, and the quietness of the  
damp day was broken every little  
while by the rattle and roar of some  
forest monarch giving way under the  
weight of tons of ice.

The woods now look as if they had  
been slashed through and are broken  
as though heavier timber had fallen on  
them. As good a sugar orchard to be  
found anywhere, consisting of about  
70 thrifty second growth trees, which  
had seen as much care and attention  
as most fruit trees, was ruined to a  
tree—more than fifty living pieces on  
the ground and the remainder split  
and ragged up.

Two out of every three trees over-  
hanging Campbell's right of way fell  
or lapped across the track of the Mar-  
lington & Camden Railway, and con-  
servative estimates place the number  
at a thousand in less than ten minutes.  
On the Greenbrier Division of the C.  
& O. the train Wednesday, was de-  
layed, had to cut out about twenty  
trees before reaching Winterburn, and  
the train following had the same ex-  
perience.

One farmer, going to feed, found his  
fork handle the size of a weaver's  
beem and the haystack encased in an  
armor plate of ice two inches thick.  
Nearby was a wire fence, each strand  
of which, by actual measurement, was  
over an inch in diameter.

The ice stayed on the trees until af-  
ternoon when a warm south wind  
sprang up, causing the water to run  
and the ice to fall in showers. Chunks  
of ice, to the weight of several pounds,  
fell continuously, and to venture un-  
der a tree was all a man's life was worth.

The woods now present a scene of  
desolation only equal to that which  
follows in the wake of a hurricane or  
the woodman's axe. Trees lying prone  
here, there and everywhere; splintered  
snags, bare and white as ghosts; sap-  
lings matted, twisted and broken;  
limbs littered the ground making it  
almost impassable. The foliage of  
spring will in a measure close up the  
gaps, but a generation's time will not  
more than renew the work of a desola-  
tion of a night.

"Parafal" Tuesday Night.  
Since Wagner's celebrated festival  
drama of "Parafal" has been announ-  
ced for Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Ever-  
ly quite a considerable degree of inter-  
est and expectation is evidenced among  
all classes of theatre-goers. The play  
essentially appeals to the intellect, and  
one whose best enjoyment is gained  
through that medium cannot find a  
more worthy vehicle than "Parafal,"  
as presented by Messrs. Martin and  
Emery's capable company. The spec-  
tacle, however, cannot fail to please all  
classes. There is something in its pro-  
duction that will appeal to every in-  
dividual taste. But there is that some-  
thing in the "drama of all dramas"  
sweetly pervading its four absorbing  
acts, that never fails to hold its audi-  
tors from beginning to end, spellbound  
with intense interest and pleasure.  
This something, in its sweetly human  
story, told with its expressive symbols  
and allegory, and enhanced and ori-  
ented with air of mysticism and orien-  
talism surrounding and permeating it  
all. Parafal patrons should bear in  
mind that the first lift of the curtain  
will occur promptly at 7:45. Owing to  
the auditorium being in darkness one  
can be seated after this time, till the  
conclusion of the first act.

greatly expediting the work of that di-  
vision of the Postoffice Department  
and ought to result in giving a much  
more prompt and effective service than  
has ever been given to the public by  
the Department before. Instead of  
holding letters in the dead letter office  
for months at a time as has heretofore  
been the practice, a large force of  
clerks has been put at work opening  
and inspecting misdirected mail as  
soon it reaches the office. All of the  
letters which can be returned to the  
senders are immediately forwarded and  
the aggregate value of this mail is  
also up from the fact that from \$6,000  
to \$10,000 a month is thus restored to  
small transmitters in the inspected  
letters. Last month 80 per cent of  
the mail which was returnable was sent  
back under the new system and in a  
little while it will be possible for all of  
the mail having the address of the  
sender inside to be returned as soon as  
it reaches the dead letter office.

Senator Beveridge has expressed him-  
self very forcibly over the report of the  
Judiciary Committee of the House  
which returned his anti-child labor bill  
to the House Appropriation Commit-  
tee with an adverse indorsement. The  
Judiciary Committee decided that it  
was impossible for the federal govern-  
ment to interfere with the internal af-  
fairs of the various states by prohib-  
iting the products of child labor from  
entering Interstate Commerce. Sen-  
ator Beveridge says that the action of  
the Committee was a mere subterfuge  
and aimed to prevent the bill from  
ever coming to a vote and relieve the  
members of Congress from the neces-  
sity of placing themselves on record in  
opposition to the measure.

## The Clifton Forge Negro School.

Walter Edward Harris in the Rich-  
mond Times-Dispatch of Monday,  
writes from Washington as follows:  
"The People's High Industrial  
School" is the rather high sounding  
title of an institution at Clifton Forge,  
Va., in which Washington people are  
becoming interested, through the  
efforts of the head of the school, and  
some of the white board of visitors  
thereof. Rev. Geo. E. Fountain, a young  
colored man, who is the pastor of the  
colored Baptist church at Clifton  
Forge, is the principal of the school,  
and has been very interesting people  
in it for some time.

The school has about a hundred in-  
mates, boys and girls. Its object is  
to train negro youth for domestic ser-  
vice. Pupils are taught to read and  
write, and given an elementary knowl-  
edge of arithmetic. Further than  
that the principal makes no effort to  
train his pupils intellectually.

"I try to make my pupils honest, and  
to give them a sense of honor," said  
Fountain. "I believe that if the negro  
servant were given a strong sense of  
honor he would prove an acceptable  
servant. He is not acceptable now, as  
a rule. The trouble which the people  
of the South, where the negro predom-  
inates, are having in obtaining good  
servants is disheartening to contem-  
plate, when I think of the splendid  
opportunities which the field of domes-  
tic service offers the negro. The de-  
mand for farm laborers in the South,  
which he will not, is also a condition  
which confronts us.

"I am trying to teach the negro to  
work. I am not trying to make a  
teacher of him. I do not try to make  
him a lawyer, or doctor, to make him  
believe he may aspire to be a Sen-  
ator, or Representative, or Governor,  
I am doing the best I can to teach him  
to work with his hands in a field where  
his services are needed. I am trying  
to make good cooks and maids of the  
girls. I am trying to have them taught  
how to do the work wanted of them,  
and I am trying to give them principle  
which will not only make them honest,  
but which will make them honorable,  
and do their work to the best of their  
ability, and stick to their positions.

If a girl trained in my school should  
leave her mistress without so much as  
an hour's notice, even, I should feel  
that we had failed to make her the  
kind of servant we are trying to make.

"This is a white man's country. The  
negro ought to think of it as his to  
rule. It is his in the sense that he was  
born here. The white man has always  
ruled wherever he has been. The negro  
must do the work at his own will only  
if he is to be a citizen. I never talk  
politics to my pupils, for that mat-  
ter. The negro never bettered his  
condition by his vote with it. The bet-  
ter. The best leaders have been the  
white men, and I am trying all the time  
to make the negro think better of the  
white man, and the white man of the  
South is the best friend the negro  
ever had."

"I have nothing to say of the  
Brownsville affair," he said, when the  
subject was introduced. "I do not  
think the negroes are doing themselves  
any good by discussing that subject.  
But I will say this, the President never  
does the negro race a service by ap-  
pointing one of them to office. Such  
appointments always create a senti-  
ment against the black man on the  
part of the whites and do the whole  
negro race harm. Let the white man  
hold the offices. I am not trying to fit  
the negro for office-holding. I am try-  
ing to teach him to work with his  
hands, and earn an honest living and  
a good living."

Regarding Booker T. Washington,  
he said that "Washington was doing  
a fine work, but he goes into politics  
entirely too much."

About a dozen of the prominent  
white citizens of Clifton Forge are  
members of the board of trustees of  
the school, and many of them have  
contributed to its support. Money to  
keep the school going is badly needed.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that  
contain Mercury,  
as mercury will surely destroy the  
sense of smell and completely derange  
the whole system when entering it  
through the mucous surfaces. Such  
articles should never be used except on  
prescriptions from reliable physi-  
cians. The damage they will do is ten-  
fold to the good you can possibly de-  
rive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure,  
manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co.,  
Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and  
is taken internally, acting directly  
upon the blood and mucous surfaces  
of the system. In buying Hall's Cat-  
arrh Cure be sure you get the genu-  
ine. It is taken internally, and made  
in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney &  
Co. Testimonials free.

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How to Find Out.  
Fill a bottle or common glass with your  
water and let it stand twenty-four hours;  
a sediment or set-  
tling will indicate an  
unhealthy con-  
dition of the kid-  
neys; if it stains  
your linen it is  
evidence of kid-  
ney trouble; too  
frequent desire to  
pass it or pain in  
the back is also  
evidence of kidney  
trouble. There is  
nothing in the  
urinary passage, it  
corrects inability  
to hold water and  
scalding pain in  
passing it, or bad  
effects following use  
of liquor, wine or  
beer, and overcomes  
necessity of being  
compelled to go  
often during the  
day, and to get up  
many times during  
the night. The mild  
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tion reading this generous offer in this paper.  
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ber the name, "Swamp-Root." Dr.  
Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the ad-  
dress, Binghamton, N. Y., on every  
bottle.

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Hammer blows, steadily ap-  
plied, break the hardest rock.  
Coughing, day after day, jars  
and tears the throat and lungs  
until the healthy tissues give  
way. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral  
stops the coughing, and heals  
the torn membranes.

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mers and wedges; 1 Studbaker wagon and  
chain; 2 heavy draft horses with har-  
ness; 1 set lead harness; set of rollers for  
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tra set of new flues for engine; 1 lumber  
rule; 1 log rule.

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## On a Drunk.

Editorial from the New York World.

The inevitable attack of delirium  
tremens has followed Wall street's  
prolonged financial debacle. Millions  
of Theodore Roosevelt are now dan-  
cing around the victim. Phosphores-  
cent spectacles gleam from every nook  
and corner of the stock exchange.  
The gnashing of Presidential teeth is  
heard above the roar of traffic. The  
sky is darkened by Big Sticks that  
hang in clouds. There is no refuge  
from the terror by day or the pestilence  
that walketh in the darkness. And  
the worst is yet to come.

He is going to order a horizontal  
reduction of 10 per cent in railroad  
rates. He is going to squeeze all the  
water out of railroad stocks. He is  
going to prevent the issue of new se-  
curities. He is going to burn the Con-  
stitution at the stake. He is going to  
obliterate State lines. He is going to  
investigate everything and sentence  
everybody that owns stock in a corpora-  
tion to life imprisonment. He is going  
to abolish the Supreme Court. He  
may be well hang Congress, espe-  
cially the Senate. He is going to in-  
dict everybody that has more than \$7.  
Everything over \$11 is a swollen for-  
tune and must be confiscated.

Capital is prostrate. Industry is  
paralyzed. Labor is famished. The  
very stones in the street are crying for  
bread. And still the ghastly dance  
goes on. Not a captain of industry  
can leave his office but hundreds of  
grinding Roosevelt pursue his cab.  
They swarm around him at dinner.  
They poison his coffee. They stuff  
his imported cigar with Presidential  
messages. They leer from the foot-  
board of the bed while his bloodshot  
eyes plead in vain for sleep. They  
scream the gibber, they howl; they  
make night hideous with their tor-  
ments. There is no escape.

Battered legions of Roosevelt ride  
over the land and the grass refuses to  
grow under the horses' hoofs. The  
stones crumble into dust. Vegetation  
withers and passes away. The earth  
yawns and the mountains scurry to the  
sea. The sky is ordered to keep off  
the premises.

There is nothing left in all the world  
but Theodore Roosevelt. The heav-  
ens are rolling up like a scroll, and  
seven Roosevelt, each wider than the  
rest, are doing the rolling up. The  
sun is afraid to look down upon the  
dreadful scene, and promptly sets a  
swat from the Big Stick. The moon  
flies in terror, and a round headed man  
in a Rough Rider uniform chases her  
out of the firmament. Even the stars,  
which are millions of miles above  
Trinity spire, blink and cover in hor-  
ror. Their turn may come next.

Flesh and blood cannot endure this  
agony much longer. Two years more  
of Roosevelt is likely to find all Wall  
street in a padded cell, while the at-  
tending physicians shake their heads  
ominously. Already the suffering of  
the victim melts the coldest heart to  
pity.

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## TRUSTEES' SALE

OF

### Saw-Mill and Machinery!

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by  
F. H. Clark, party of the first part, and  
undersigned as party of the second part,  
editors secured in said deed default  
having been made in the payment of the  
debt secured therein, I will offer for sale  
at public auction to the highest bidder at  
eleven o'clock a. m., on the

16th day of March, 1907,  
at the depot of the Chesapeake & Ohio  
Railway Company at LOW MOOR, A. L.  
LEGHANY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, the fol-  
lowing personal property, to-wit:

One No. 1 Frick Mill; 1 20-horse power  
Frick Engine; 1 swimming out saw; 1  
set of rope and blocks 150 ft.; 1 log truck and  
chairs; 3 pair grubs; 1 log jack; Gant  
hook, etc.; 3 crosscut saws and axes, ham-  
mers and wedges; 1 Studbaker wagon and  
chain; 2 heavy draft horses with har-  
ness; 1 set lead harness; set of rollers for  
offsetting lumber; set 400 ft. of 1 1/2" piping  
for lifting water to E.; 1 jet pump; 1 ex-  
tra set of new flues for engine; 1 lumber  
rule; 1 log rule.

TERMS—CASH. A. C. GURDON,  
Trustee.

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## On a Drunk.

Editorial from the New York World.

The inevitable attack of delirium  
tremens has followed Wall street's  
prolonged financial debacle. Millions  
of Theodore Roosevelt are now dan-  
cing around the victim. Phosphores-  
cent spectacles gleam from every nook  
and corner of the stock exchange.  
The gnashing of Presidential teeth is  
heard above the roar of traffic. The  
sky is darkened by Big Sticks that  
hang in clouds. There is no refuge  
from the terror by day or the pestilence  
that walketh in the darkness. And  
the worst is yet to come.

He is going to order a horizontal  
reduction of 10 per cent in railroad  
rates. He is going to squeeze all the  
water out of railroad stocks. He is  
going to prevent the issue of new se-  
curities. He is going to burn the Con-  
stitution at the stake. He is going to  
obliterate State lines. He is going to  
investigate everything and sentence  
everybody that owns stock in a corpora-  
tion to life imprisonment. He is going  
to abolish the Supreme Court. He  
may be well hang Congress, espe-  
cially the Senate. He is going to in-  
dict everybody that has more than \$7.  
Everything over \$11 is a swollen for-  
tune and must be confiscated.

Capital is prostrate. Industry is  
paralyzed. Labor is famished. The  
very stones in the street are crying for  
bread. And still the ghastly dance  
goes on. Not a captain of industry  
can leave his office but hundreds of  
grinding Roosevelt pursue his cab.  
They swarm around him at dinner.  
They poison his coffee. They stuff  
his imported cigar with Presidential  
messages. They leer from the foot-  
board of the bed while his bloodshot  
eyes plead in vain for sleep. They  
scream the gibber, they howl; they  
make night hideous with their tor-  
ments. There is no escape.

Battered legions of Roosevelt ride  
over the land and the grass refuses to  
grow under the horses' hoofs. The  
stones crumble into dust. Vegetation  
withers and passes away. The earth  
yawns and the mountains scurry to the  
sea. The sky is ordered to keep off  
the premises.

There is nothing left in all the world  
but Theodore Roosevelt. The heav-  
ens are rolling up like a scroll, and  
seven Roosevelt, each wider than the  
rest, are doing the rolling up. The  
sun is afraid to look down upon the  
dreadful scene, and promptly sets a  
swat from the Big Stick. The moon  
flies in terror, and a round headed man  
in a Rough Rider uniform chases her  
out of the firmament. Even the stars,  
which are millions of miles above  
Trinity spire, blink and cover in hor-  
ror. Their turn may come next.

Flesh and blood cannot endure this  
agony much longer. Two years more  
of Roosevelt is likely to find all Wall  
street in a padded cell, while the at-  
tending physicians shake their heads  
ominously. Already the suffering of  
the victim melts the coldest heart to  
pity.

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