CONSECRATE CATHEDRAL ON THANKSGIVING DAY

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who will be present are:

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore.

Monsignor Falconio, apostolic delegate.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul.

Monsignor O'Connell, of Washington.

Monsignor Northrop, bishop of Charleston.

Monsignor Haid, bishop of North Carolina.

Monsignor Donahue, bishop of Wheeling.

Monsignor Keiley, bishop of Savannah.

Monsignor Monaghan, bishop of Wilmington.

Monsignor Kenny, bishop of Florida.

Perhaps a score or more other bishops and prelates will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, whose generosity made the consecration at this time possible, will be present with their friends, and practically every well known member of the Catholic Church within the Eastern States. His Excellency the Governor of Virginia, His Honor the Mayor of Richmond, and the city fathers will be assigned seats.

Entrance to the services will be strictly by card of invitation, and not only will this rule be strictly observed, but each invitation will name the pew in which the invited guest must sit.

Many Great Names.

It is [illegible] that with Bishop Van de Vyver, on Thanksgiving Day, will be two of the illustrious predecessors as head of the Richmond See—Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque—both of whom were beloved bishops, residents of this city. It is of interest to remember that in no part of America is there a diocese so remarkable for the illustrious and distinguished prelates and dignitaries which it has given the church as Richmond. A glance over the past will show a wonderful list, including a cardinal (the only one in America), four archbishops, ten bishops, one domestic prelate to His Holiness the Pope, one rector of the American College in Rome and two of the three rectors of the Catholic University at Washington.

A detailed list shows:

Monsignor Kelly, first bishop, 1820.

Monsignor Whelan, second bishop, 1841.

Monsignor McGill, third bishop, 1850.

Cardinal Gibbons, fourth bishop, 1872.

Archbishop Keane, fifth bishop, 1878.

Monsignor Van de Vyver, sixth bishop, 1889.

In addition to these illustrious prelates may be added the names of those who served as priests under the bishops of Richmond:

Archbishop Janssens, of New Orleans, formerly bishop of Natchez.

Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, formerly bishop of Wheeling.

Monsignor Becker, bishop of Savannah and Wilmington.

Monsignor Keiley, bishop of Savannah.

Monsignor O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University.

It is also worthy of note that Mrs. Ryan, on account of her charity and exemplary life, has been decorated by the Pope with the cross of Saint Gregory, a signal honor only rarely conferred. Mrs. Ryan is a native of Baltimore, and Mr. Ryan was born in Nelson county, Va., where he still has his legal residence.

Work of Bishop Van de Vyver.

Bishop Van de Vyver, to whom is due the honor and glory of having planned the cathedral, and whose personal friendship with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan made the project possible, enjoys the affection and esteem of the entire community, irrespective of class or creed.

Born in Belgium near Brussels, he was graduated from the University of Louvain with high honors and was ordained in Brussels in 1870. Casting his lot with Virginia, the young priest came at once to Richmond and served under Monsignor McGill, the bishop at that time. After several years of efficient and faithful service he was sent to Harper's Ferry, where he remained pastor for six years, returning to Richmond to accept the position of vicar-general in 1881, under Bishop Keane, who appreciated his splendid work. During the time he served as vicar-general he purchased the Mount Calvary Cemetery and in many other ways proved his ability and executive talents.

On October 20, 1889, he was made bishop of Richmond, succeeding Bishop Keane, who had been appointed rector of the Catholic University and who later was elevated to the archbishopric of Dubuque.

Bishop Van de Vyver has proved his splendid ability and foresight in providing for the future wants of the diocese, which is shown especially by his purchase of lots for new churches in growing towns and by the construction of a number of new churches, many being communities where no churches previously existed.

Among these building are a number of the best churches in the diocese to-day.

He has also erected a number of schools and charitable institutions of all sorts, such as industrial schools, orphan asylums, and it was especially through his efforts that the gift of the splendid new cathedral was made.

In his elevation to the See of Richmond was fulfilled the unanimous desire of the priests of the diocese.

Is Greatly Beloved.

For thirty years Bishop Van de Vyver, as priest and prelate, has labored in Richmond, and for thirty-six years his entire consecrated life within the confines of Virginia—a longer and more loyal service than that performed by any other priest or prelate. He is popular, and deservedly so, beloved by priests and people alike, including those of every creed.

His excellent qualities as a scholar, thinker, as a powerful and brilliant preacher, who is both eloquently direct and practical, are well known.

It is to those, however, with whom he has come in close personal contact, to those who have seen him during their affliction, that his great kindliness of heart and boundless charity have endeared him.

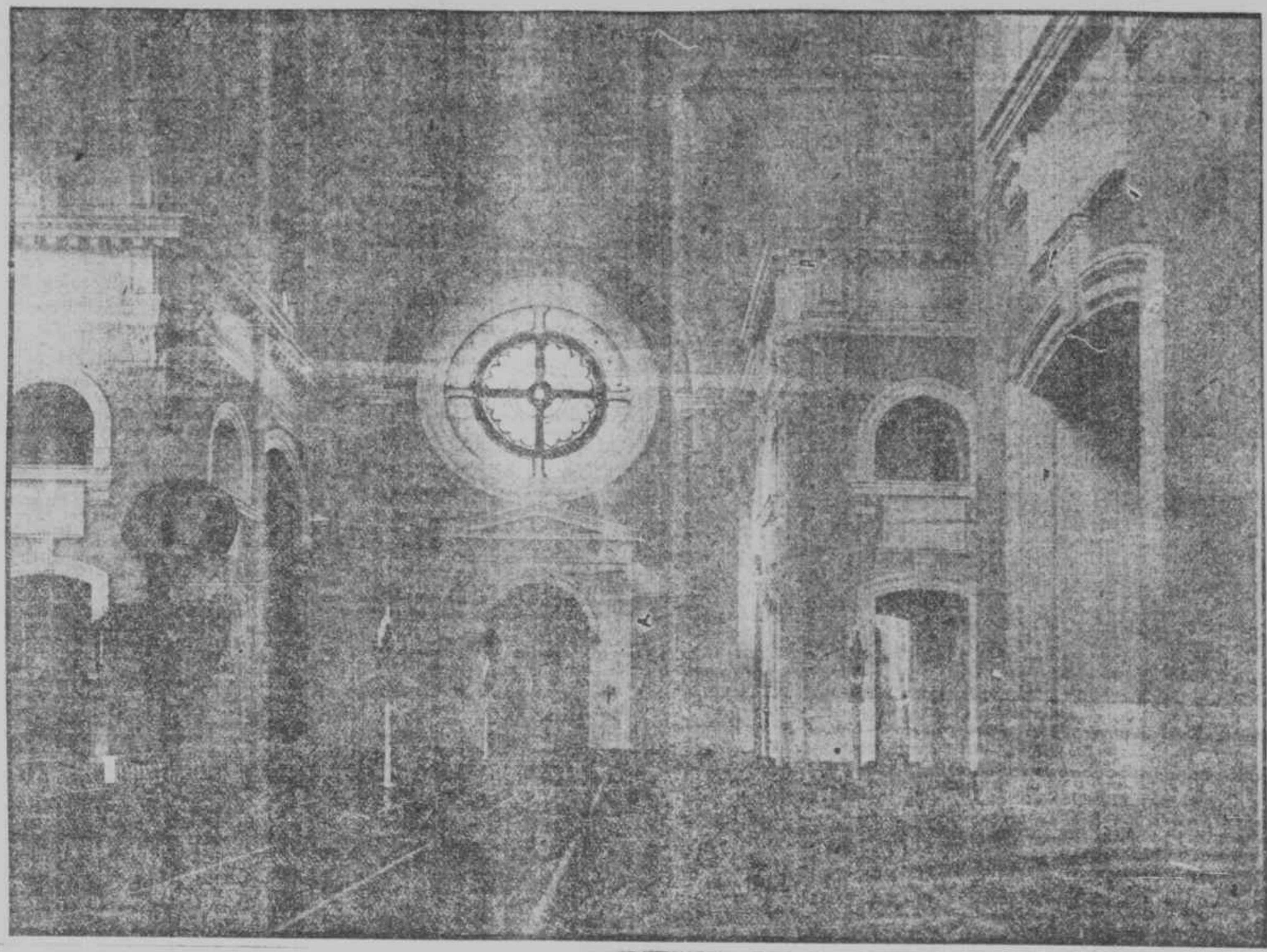
The consecration of the new Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be the beginning of the great era of religious prosperity and advancement in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

It is of interest to know that the eastern portion of the lot on which the cathedral stands was purchased by Bishop McGill in 1855, and the remainder of the block by Bishop Keane in 1886.

Lutheran Synod.

BRISTOL, VA., October 27.—The annual conference of the Lutheran synod of Southwest Virginia concluded its work in the Church of the Redeemer here last night, when papers were read.

ROSE WINDOW IN NEW CATHEDRAL SHOWING PULPIT



ORGAN SPECIALLY DESIGNED

Constructor of Magnificent Instrument Describes Its Qualities---No Expense Spared in Manufacture.

Mr. C. B. Brown, of Wilmington, Del., the constructor of the great organ, gives the following description:

The organ was constructed at the factory of John Brown, Wilmington, Del., and erected by his son, C. B. Brown, and is, with few exceptions, an enlarged duplicate of the instrument built by Mr. Brown for the cathedral in Savannah, Ga., Right Rev. Benjamin J. Keiley, bishop. The Savannah organ is "tracker pneumatic," and this instrument has an extended console and with tubular pneumatic action.

The handsome case was designed by the architect of this cathedral, Mr. Joseph F. McGuire, of New York City.

This instrument contains forty-seven speaking registers, representing [illegible] pipes, seven couplers, operated by pistons under their respective manuals, nineteen accessories and pedal movements, including five horse-power electric motor and "Kenetic blower" to furnish wind; also "crescendo pedal" controlling entire organ.

A unique feature is the use of "tablets" over the swell organ keys, in the place of the usual draw stops at ends of keyboards, making the organ more quickly controlled, and is by far the most satisfactory method of manipulating tonal registers known to the art of organ-building.

The console is extended in front of the instrument, so that the choir can be placed between it and the organ, therefore, directly under the control of the organist.

No labor or expense has been spared in the manufacture of this organ to make it equal to instruments of its size, but all that skill and taste can devise has been done to accomplish this result.

The "voicing" [illegible] completed in the cathedral personally by the builder, thereby [illegible] effects.

The "string" tones are perfectly prompt in speech, the "diapasons" rich, bold and [illegible], the "flute" work characteristic, the "reeds" bright and orchestral in [illegible] work, and full organ powerful and dignified.

It will be interesting to know that the pipes range from 32-feet tone to higher notes, which are not more than 3-5 of an inch in length.

There are about five miles of tubing, which connect the console, the wind-chest, pipes and organ, yet the response to the touch is instantaneous.

Interesting Announcement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., October 27.—Mrs. [illegible] Grey, of this city, has issued invitations to the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Mina, to Mr. Henry Mosley Sackett, also of this city, the happy event to be solemnized at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on November 7th, at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Grey is a member of the younger social set, and is a charming young lady, with many accomplishments and rare traits of character.

Mr. Sackett is the junior member of the law firm of Sackett & Sackett, and is one of the best known young attorneys of the city. Both are immensely popular and much interest attaches to the coming wedding.

MAY TRY TO BREAK WILL OF E. W. JAMES

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., October 27.—The Norfolk Bank for Savings and Trust, administrator of the estate of the late Edward Wilson James, yesterday brought suit in the Norfolk City Circuit Court against each and all of the beneficiaries of the will of the deceased.

The suit is merely a formal proceeding, having been brought by the bank so that all transactions in the settlement of the estate may be by court order.

Relatives of the testator having received but small bequests, and some of them none at all, it would not be surprising to those in close touch with the situation should some of them bring suit to break it, although leading Norfolk attorneys declared to-day that the will, drawn by Mr. James himself, and never seen by a lawyer until after his death, is entirely valid and will stand any test in court.

It is rumored by those in touch with the situation that the contest, if it materializes, will be on the ground that Mr. James was of an eccentric disposition and not mentally capable of disposing of his estate.

DESCRIPTION BY ARCHITECT

Sanctuary of New Cathedral Is One of Largest in Country---Aisles Carried Around it to Form Ambulatory.

Following is a description of the cathedral given by the architect, Mr. Joseph F. McGuire, of New York:

The cathedral at Richmond, with its accessories, occupies an entire square, fronting on Monroe Park. The plot is irregular; about 85 feet on Monroe Park; 220 feet on Floyd Avenue; 400 feet on Park Avenue, and 225 feet at the rear on Cherry Street. The diocesan houses are built on the rear end of the plot. The cathedral is a domed and porticoed structure in the Italian Renaissance style. The basement is of Virginia granite, the superstructure of Indiana limestone, with a roof of copper and unglazed green tile. The exterior dimensions are as follows:

Extreme length, 206 feet; extreme width, 134 feet; height to ridge of main roof, 77 feet; height of tower, 114 feet; height to top of cross on dome 144 feet from ground.

On plan the church is in form of a Latin cross. Passing up the exterior ramps and steps, and through the portico, whose Corinthian columns are 32 feet high, the vestibule or narthex is entered. On either side of the narthex are the baptistry and the stair tower. Crossing the narthex the church is entered. This consists of nave, aisles, transepts and apse. Over the crossing of nave and transepts is placed the dome.

The aisles are carried around the sanctuary to form an ambulatory (walkway), a feature not uncommon in some of the churches of Europe, but very rare in America. The sanctuary is separated from the ambulatory by elaborate wrought-iron grill-work. At the ends of the transepts are the semi-octagonal chapels, and additional chapels opening off the aisles and the ambulatory.

The sanctuary itself is one of the largest in America (60 feet by 50 feet) and, being raised four steps above the auditorium of the cathedral, will afford ample space for the imposing ceremonial of the Catholic Church in full view of all the congregation.

The clerestory arches are carried upon monolithic marble columns 15 feet high, set upon a 4-foot marble base. The walls are wainscoted in marble, and the pillars are mosaic and terrazza. The ceiling is vaulted and deeply paneled, and at the intersection of nave and transepts rises into the dome, giving a clear height of 96 feet.

Under the apse is placed the crypt, with some fifty catacombs, niches for altars, etc.

The boiler rooms are under the morning chapel, which is entered from the ambulatory and also directly from the street. The sacristies adjoin the morning chapel.

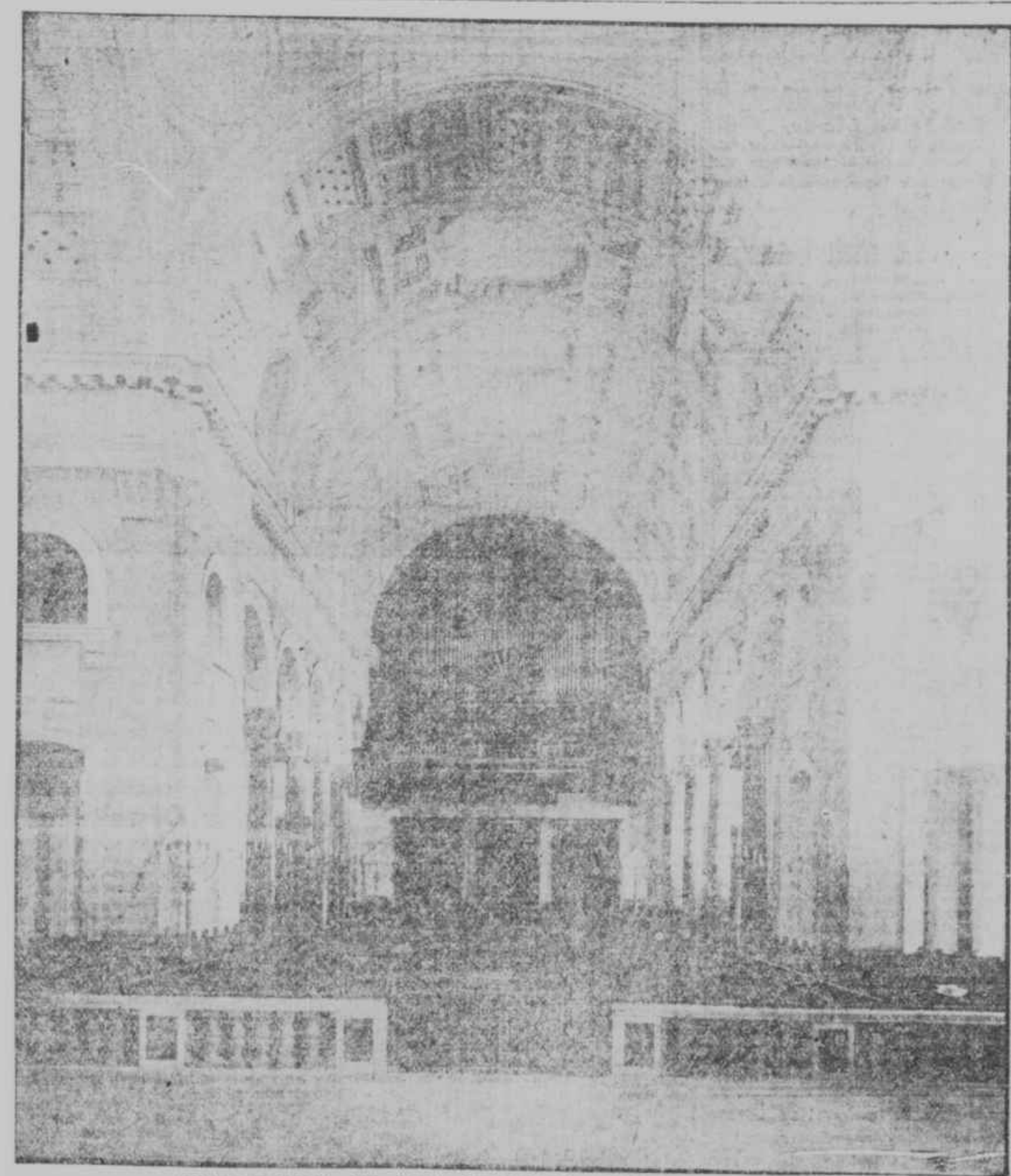
The organ loft is very spacious and is placed over the entrance vestibule.

Episcopal residence and the rectory, as well as these buildings and the church, are connected by cloisters, thus enclosing a large garden.

The building is heated by indirect radiation, and is lighted by gas as well as by electricity, and many novel lighting effects are introduced.

Seating is provided for 1,150 people, but upon special occasions the church will easily accommodate twice this number.

All the furniture, including the altars, pews, bishop's throne, gas and electric fixtures, bronze work, font, etc., etc., was designed expressly for the building.



INTERIOR VIEW OF NEW CATHEDRAL, SHOWING GREAT ORGAN.

"POISON SQUAD" TO FRONT AGAIN

Dr. Wiley Finds Embalmed Beef Is Not So Black as Painted.

FINAL RESULTS DANGEROUS

Salicylates Used in Preserving Food at Length Cause Decrease in Weight.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—Experiments conducted by Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, on twelve young men, familiarly called the "poison squad," have been made the subject of a circular issued to-day. The young men voluntarily assumed obligations imposed by the bureau as to their manner of living, and undertook to eat only the food which was given them at the hygienic table. The circular deals particularly with the effect upon the human system of salicylic acid and salicylates used as food preservatives.

Exciting Influence.

Dr. Wiley found from the data obtained that salicylic acid and salicylates apparently exert an exciting influence upon the activities which take place in the alimentary canal, stimulating the organs to greater effort, and that this stimulation leads at first to increased digestion and absorption of the foods which are introduced into the stomach, but on the contrary he notes that the general effect upon the system is depressing, in that the tissues are broken down more rapidly than they are built up and thus the normal metabolic processes are interfered with in a harmful way. The use of salicylic acid, he further finds, causes a general decrease in weight.

Not So "Black."

The final conclusion reached by Dr. Wiley is that "the unenviable position which salicylic acid has heretofore held among preservatives, in being regarded as the most injurious of all, is perhaps to a certain extent undeserved. Like other ordinary preservatives, it is not one which can be classed as a poison in the usual sense of the word. When used as a medicine in many cases of derangement of health, it is, like the other chemical preservatives, often highly beneficial when properly prescribed by a competent physician. There appears to be no necessity for its use, as food can be preserved in unobjectionable ways without its aid."

MACHINIST STRIKE.

No Change, With Prospect of a Sympathetic Strike.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., October 27.—The third week of the strike inaugurated by all the machinists on the Southern Railway system October 8th, has closed with no material change in the situation. The strikers stand firm to-night, claiming they will yet win, and the railroad officials are making elaborate preparations for an extended fight. There is immediate prospect of a sympathetic strike.

Committed to Jail.

STAUNTON, VA., Oct. 27.—W. Rufus Shackleford was arrested in Clifton Forge yesterday charged with sending obscene matter through the United States mails to a young woman in Roanoke.

Deputy Officer J. B. Rogers made the arrest and Shackleford was committed to jail in default of bond by United States Officer W. L. Meredith.

Call Rev. Melton Clark.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GREENSBORO, N. C., October 27.—The First Presbyterian Church here will extend a call to Rev. Melton Clark, of Florence, S. C., to assume the pastorate made vacant January 1st by the removal of Dr. Egbert Smith to Louisville.

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