PRESIDIO SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS TO CELEBRATE

Christmas Dinners and Trees Will Be Features of Day at Army Post

Christmas day at the Presidio is to be celebrated in the usual fashion. The officers at the club will hold "open house," which is to be an elaborate affair. A big Christmas tree will be a feature, and a turkey dinner will add to the occasion.

General Smith will give a dinner party at Fort Mason to a few intimate friends.

Colonel Lundeen will entertain a small party of the post officers and their wives.

A great Christmas tree will be set up in the library building for the soldiers' children at the post at 2 o'clock. A present has been provided for every child.

At 5 o'clock Uncle Sam's enlisted men will sit down, in the different barracks, to a Christmas dinner of turkey, chicken, oysters, mince pie and plum pudding.

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No Smoking in the last two cars, which are reserved for ladies and their escorts.
THOS. H. WILLIAMS, President.
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CHUTES
GRAND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
EVERY CHILD ATTENDING THE CHUTES TODAY WILL RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
Skating Rink Open Day and Night.

SALVATION ARMY PROVIDES DINNERS

Christmas Baskets Are Passed Out to Long Line of Expectant People

Fully Five Thousand Hearts Are Gladdened by the Charitable Work

A long line of expectant and eager men, women and children was at the headquarters of the Salvation Army, 1467 Market street, yesterday, when more than 1,000 baskets containing food articles necessary for a Christmas dinner were passed out to San Francisco's worthy poor. Fully 5,000 hearts were gladdened by Colonel Charles Miles, Brigadier William Hunter and Major and Mrs. Joseph McFee, who had charge of the passing out of the dinner baskets.

Each basket contained a good sized chicken, sack of flour, potatoes, canned and fresh fruit, rice, nuts, candy, bread, sugar, coffee, apples and canned milk. The chickens were dressed Wednesday and great care was taken to secure the best quality of meats and vegetables. As might be expected there were many pathetic scenes yesterday afternoon when the men and women of the Salvation Army gave out the dinner baskets.

Salvation Army members began their work of investigating the conditions of the city's poor more than a month ago, and tickets were issued to every worthy family. Those who were unable to come to the army headquarters for their Christmas dinner basket will not lose their meal, for provisions have been made to deliver the baskets to the homes of those who, by reason of sickness or disability could not call themselves.

Last evening the children of the poor were entertained in the rooms of the Salvation Army in three different sections of the city. At Post and Fillmore, 2400 Mission and at Sacramento and Dupont streets Christmas trees were decorated with presents which were given to the little ones. Candy, fruit and toys were among the presents given by a genial faced Santa Claus in each place in addition to clothing and shoes. Entertainments consisting of moving pictures, music, Punch and Judy shows and other features of especial interest to children were held in the different Salvation Army posts last evening.

HOLDS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Mission parlor had a Christmas entertainment and tree Wednesday night in Swedish hall, which was attended by many members and their families. There was a program of music and literary numbers by W. J. Guilfoyle, J. J. Butler, Miss Manton, E. R. Dennis, J. O'Day, Thomas C. Frey and the Swedish singing society. E. B. Cohn, in the character of Santa Claus, gave the children presents with the compliments of Mission parlor.

Read the Rebus contest on page 5 and open a bank account. $800 in cash and prizes free.

CHRISTMAS TREE FAIRY SPECTACLE

Throngs Delighted With Ingenius Display Seen at St. Francis Hotel

Santa Claus Riding on Miniature Train Brings Presents for Little Ones

Riding aloft on the front engine of a double header with eight cars in the rear, Santa Claus yesterday afternoon guided a miniature train, full of good things for the little ones, from the great fireplace of the St. Francis hotel to the platform of a giant Christmas tree brought from Muir woods. The coming of the benevolent old man was received with cheers by hundreds of old folks and young. At the same moment an electric button was pressed by Manager James Woods and 1,500 lights, diamonding the lofty tree, were turned on. Admiration was not confined to the wondering gaze of the little folks. Applause broke out in genuine enthusiasm from hundreds of men and women and the Christmas tree was voted the most elaborate ever raised in the city.

There is nothing which engineering ingenuity, a knowledge of the infant mind, coupled with a disposition to disregard expense, could further suggest in the way of adornment. The features are innumerable, and in their multiplicity escape the casual onlooker.

The tree was designed and decorated by C. G. Hightower, for several years superintendent of the Union iron works, now chief engineer of the St. Francis. It is 38 feet high and 22 feet in diameter. It took six days and nights to prepare it, a large squad of Hightower's assistants working unceasingly. All the decorations familiar to the Christmas tree have been placed thereon in myriad profusion.

The railroad, however, with its two engines and eight cars, full of gifts, which runs about the tree with a full complement of telegraph poles, semaphores and signal towers, is the star attraction. There is a saw mill, a laundry, a knitting machine, a sausage machine and a Dutch windmill, all in active operation, a small marine engine, built at the Union iron works, affording the motor power.

The only gift on the tree is a full outfit of clothing, presented personally by Woods to little Peter Walsh, the newsboy who stands in front of the hotel. The presentation will be made today at 2:30 o'clock, and a large number of newsboys will be present.

An elephant, standing five feet high, is another feature. It is in charge of Mahout Forrest Handy, whose father, an old sea captain, perished in the wreck of the Valencia. The little tots visiting the hotel during the week will be given a ride about the lobby on the elephant's back.

The management has invited all the children of the city to take a peep at the tree. It will be lighted until New Year's.

Cut Your Lighting Bill

Merchants who want to cut down their lighting bills should investigate the new Westinghouse Nernst lamp, which produces best as well as the most economical light to be had. Nernst Lamp Co., 202 Aronson building.

A Few Words With the Lady of the House

Rise, happy morn; rise, holy morn;
Draw forth the cheerful day from night,
O Father, touch the east and light
The light that shone when hope was born.

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Dinner Menu

Chicken Soup.
Boiled Halibut. Sauce Hollandaise.
Saddle of Mutton. Jelly.
Brussels Sprouts. Potato Balls.
Macaroni au Gratin.
Roast Partridge.
Lettuce and Celery Salad.
Cheese Croquettes.
Apple Charlotte.
Cafe Noir.

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Culinary Notes

Plum Pudding—A pound of suet, not too finely chopped; a pound of currants and a pound of stoned raisins, four eggs, half a grated nutmeg, an ounce of finely chopped citron and lemon peel, a teaspoonful of powdered ginger, half a pound of bread crumbs, two ounces of sugar, half a pound of flour and a pint of milk; beat the eggs first, add half the milk, beat them together and by degrees stir in the flour, then the suet, spice and fruit, and as much milk as will mix it well together. Then dip a cloth in boiling water, squeeze it, tie up the pudding. When the water is boiling fast, put the pudding in. It should boil for at least five hours.

Another Plum Pudding—To be boiled in a quart mold. One pound of stoned plums, three-quarters of a pound of suet, half a pound of currants, two ounces of candied lemon peel, sugar to taste, four eggs, rather more than one pound of very fine bread crumbs. Beat the eggs well, pour them over the other ingredients, add a wineglass of brandy, and stir well. If this is not found sufficient to moisten the whole, add a little milk; but the drier it is made, so the ingredients adhere, the better. Butter your mold, press the pudding very closely into it, tie it tightly down and boil for six hours.

Mincemeat—Two pounds of raisins, three pounds of currants, three pounds of beef suet, two pounds of moist sugar, two ounces of citron, two ounces of lemon peel, one small nutmeg, three pounds of apples chopped fine, the rind of two lemons and juice of one; half a pint of brandy. Mix well together and press into a jar. This should be made a week or two before wanted for use.

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In the Sewing Room

In making the Red Riding Hood cloaks for evening wear it is a good plan to slip feather boning or a flexible whalebone into the casing that draws the hood into shape. Then when the hood is used as a head protector the hair will be kept in much better condition, as the hood can not fall so easily.

There should, however, always be a deep heading so the frill thus formed will nestle around the face and prevent the wind from disarranging the hair.

Mesh Bags—Chain bags in silver and gold or silver gilt have quite displaced the dainty leather bags for the manufacture of which Paris has long been famous. These mount to any price one cares to pay. They may be entirely simple or the top mounted with amethysts, emeralds, diamonds and other precious stones duplicated, of course, in imitation stones.

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Fashions

Shirtwaists of any material from satin to wash fabrics are a necessary part of a stylish woman's outfit.

As to the models for these garments, they are elaborate enough for most formal occasions or they are plainly tailored designs without any fullness over the shoulders or at the neck. The latter blouses have front hems an inch and a half wide.

The fastening is invisible, or with tiny buttons of the same material, if that is not linen. In the latter case pearl ones are used. Self buttons are no larger than the tip of one's finger, and there are five down the front. Links hold the cuff ends together, and the tiny button on the sleeve flap, above the cuff, another stay, is invisible.

Some, though not many, of the newest blouses have yokes in the back, but none in the front. Cuffs are three inches wide, the corners rounded.

Three side plaits on either front portion, or narrow tucks, grouped or in line, are good form, but not as smart as entirely plain models.

Waists of silk and satin have sleeves like those for dress blouse, if the body portion has the least vestige of tucking, plaiting or trimming. It is only a plain front that will carry a shirt sleeve.

Guimpe effects, formerly so in demand, are on the wane and are rarely seen, yet seldom is a waist completed without a touch of white about the neck.

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Useful Notes (Mrs. A. Tay, 3200 Ellis street, South Berkeley)—To Clean Boards Around Sink: Mix 10 cents' worth of oxalic acid with two quarts of water. First clean boards with soap and water; then rub them over with the above solution and when dry they will be nice and white.

To Remove Dust From Clothing—One teaspoonful of chloride of lime to half a pint of water; dip rusted spot in the solution and let it soak until it disappears. Rinse in clear water.

Do You Want $5.00?

Read THE CALL'S weekly offer on page 9.

See the "Page for the Modern House Keeper," which appears regularly in the magazine of The Sunday Call. Cash prizes are given each week for best household ideas and kitchen recipes. Send in your choicest ones to "Modern House Keeper Page," The San Francisco Sunday Call.

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Special Services Today in Churches

Glad Christmas Message Will Be Sung in Many of Local Edifices

In addition to the other churches which have previously announced Christmas services the following churches yesterday made announcement of special exercises:

St. Paul's, St. Joseph's, Holy Innocents', St. Mark's German Lutheran, Spanish church of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Lebanon Presbyterian, Emmanuel Baptist, Howard Presbyterian, Green street, Fourth Congregational.

At St. Paul's church today the boys' choral will sing hymns and carols in connection with masses at 5 and 6 o'clock. Other masses will be celebrated at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock.

In connection with the other masses the Young Ladies' and the Holy Angels' sodalities will sing the Christmas anthems. Rev. M. D. Connolly, pastor, will preach the sermon. The boys' choral will sing "Adeste Fidelis." The choir will sing the "First Mass" by Giorzas. The soloists of the boys' choral are: J. Meagher, J. Lynch, A. Levy and W. Flynn. The choir is composed of the following:

Sopranos, Mrs. R. D. Valerga, Mrs. D. Keane Gillogley; altos, Mrs. J. Driscoll, Miss K. Wood; tenors, R. D. Valerga, Georgee Keane, Charles G. Willey; bassos, W. H. Lane, A. McGeorge; violin, William Healy; organist, Miss Amelia F. Quinn.

HOLY INNOCENTS' CHURCH

Christmas day services at the Holy Innocents' church, Fair Oaks street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth, will be opened by Rev. H. B. Collier at 7:30 a. m. with the celebration of holy communion. Right Rev. W. F. Nichols, D. D., will preach in the morning at 10:30 and will also administer the holy sacrament at that time besides receiving and blessing a memorial communion service together with another memorial which will be presented.

Beginning at 6 a. m. there will be low masses every half hour until 10:30 a. m. at the Spanish church of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe today. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 10:30. In connection with the solemn high mass the following musical program will be rendered:

"Mass in A" (Mercadanti); offertory, "Villancico" (S. Arillaga); gradual, "Noel." Soloists, Mrs. B. Camarena, Mrs. G. Hoops, Miss Letitia Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schuester and P. Gomez, assisted by a large choir. Organist and director, S. Arrillaga.

Christmas services at St. Mark's German Lutheran church, O'Farrell street, near Franklin, Rev. J. Fuendeling, pastor, will begin at 10 o'clock this morning, at which time the following musical program will be rendered:

"O Star Resplendent" (Cadman), alto solo; "Peace on Earth" (H. H. Beach), anthem; "He Bringeth Peace on Earth" (L. Case), soprano solo; "O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings" (Arthur Foote), anthem; "Christ, the New Born King" (W. Hammond), bass solo. Special music will also be rendered at the Christmas tree festival, Saturday, December 26, at 8:30 p. m., by the choir, consisting of Mrs. E. Blanckenburg, Mrs. C. R. King, E. Smith and O. Wendt; Johannes C. Raith, organist and choir master.

DAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The order of the Christmas services at St. Joseph's church, Tenth and Howard streets, today will be as follows:

High mass, 5 a. m.; low masses, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 a. m. solemn high mass, 11 a. m. celebrant, Rev. P. E. Mulligan; deacon, Rev. P. J. Keane; subdeacon, Rev. E. O'Sullivan; sermon, "The Nativity," Rev. James P. Moran; "Kyrie," "Gloria" and "Credo" (Di Marzo); "Canctus," "Benedictus," "Agnes Dei" (Gounod); offertory, "Noel." Charles Goetting; sopranos, Miss Lottie Crawford, Miss Edith Gowan; contraltos, Miss Mabel Gordon, Miss Irene Otto; tenors, Charles Goetting, D. Gilfeather; basso, Leonard Tremayne; organist, Mrs. Edward Gowan.

Christmas services will be held next Sunday at the Howard Presbyterian church, Oak and Baker streets, Rev. John S. Thomas, pastor. The order of services will be as follows:

Morning, 11 o'clock—Organ prelude, "Christmas Pastorale" (Dinelli); doxology and invocation; anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent); responsive reading; hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn); scripture lesson; soprano solo, with violin obligato, "The Christ Child" (Coombs); prayer; anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Tours); hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Redner); announcements; offertory, violin solo, "Evening Song" (Schumann); soprano solo and chorus, "Noel" (Adams); sermon; hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Reading); benediction; organ postlude, "Gloria," from "Twelfth Mass" (Mozart).

Evening, 7:45 o'clock—Organ prelude, "Christmas Offertory" (Lemmens); anthem, "Come Near, Ye Nations" (Watson); invocation; hymn, "Hark, the Glad Sound" (Baker); scripture lesson; soprano solo, "Once in Royal David's City," from "The Nativity" (Stewart); prayer; hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Willis); announcements; offertory, anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent); sermon; hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Holden); benediction; organ postlude, "Festival March" (Wallis). Choir: Mrs. Charles H. Farrell, Mrs. John W. Madden, Mrs. Warren E. Murray, Miss L. Bosworth, Mrs. Edward Leech, Miss Etta McCue, Mrs. James E. Gordon, Miss Charlotte Weir, Miss Jeanette L. Miller, Edward E. Jones, Fred S. Chase, Thomas Alexander, Edward Calame, J. J. B. Stewart, Matthew MacCurrie, Warren E. Murray, H. C. MacCure, Miss Lucy Helen Priber, violiniste; W. F. Hooke, organist and choir master.

THE EMMANUEL BAPTIST

The Christmas services at the Emmanuel Baptist church, which will be held next Sunday, will be as follows:

Morning service, 11 a. m.:

Organ, "Christmas Tide Recollections" (Balfzell); hymn, "Joy to the World," No. 51; invocation; barytone solo, "See Amid the Winter Snow" (English carol), Rev. J. George Gibson; responsive reading, Psalm 24; soprano solo, "The Birthday of a King" (Niedlanger), Mrs. C. D. Shattuck; prayer; Lord's prayer chanted by congregation; chorus, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Willis); scripture reading, Luke, 1:46-55; "Gloria Patri," congregation please rise and sing; notices; offertory, "Christmas Offertory" (J. P. Wilson); barytone solo, "Christmas Bells Are Ringing" (Solly), Rev. J. George Gibson; short sermon; hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," No. 55; benediction; recessional, postlude (Reade); pipe organ, Miss Lotta Underhill; piano, Miss Retta Dellwig.

Evening service: Organ, "The Cathedral Chimes at Christmas Eve" (Engelman); hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," No. 55; invocation; barytone solo, "Luther's Cradle Hymn" (Meredith), Rev. J. George Gibson; scripture reading, Isaiah ix:1-8; mezza soprano solo, "O Holy Night" (Adam), Miss E. Donovan; prayer and Lord's prayer chanted by congregation; chorus, "We've a Story to Tell" (Nichol); scripture reading, Matthew ii:1-12; "Gloria Patri," congregation please rise and sing; barytone solo, "The Song the Angels Sang" (Stuits), Clarence Dawson; notices; offertory, "Triumphal March" (Costa); barytone solo, "Ring Out" (Meredith), Rev. J. George Gibson; short sermon; hymn, "Joy to the World," No. 51; benediction; recessional, "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel).

LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN

The Christmas services at the Lebanon Presbysterian church, Sanchez and Twenty-third streets, Rev. R. Logan, pastor, will be held next Sunday and the order of services will be as follows:

Morning service, 11 o'clock—Organ prelude, "Andante in D"; "Doxology" and invocation; anthem, "Jesus the Son Is Born"; hymn 73, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"; responsive Psalm reading and Lord's Prayer; hymn 76, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; anthem, "There Were Shepherds Abiding"; scripture reading and prayer; "Gloria Patri"; announcements; anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings"; sermon by pastor, topic, "No Room for Jesus"; offering; soprano solo, "The Birthday of a King," Mrs. T. W. Munroe; hymn 232, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"; benediction; organ postlude, "Gloria" ("First Mass").

Evening service, 7:45 o'clock—Organ prelude, "Pastorale in F" (Chopin); anthem, "Calm On the Listening Ear of Night"; hymn 71, "Joy to the World"; responsive Psalm reading and Lord's Prayer; anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings"; hymn 74, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; scripture reading and prayer; announcements; anthem, "Sing Unto the Lord"; sermon by pastor, topic, "The Prince of Peace"; offering; anthem, "The World in Darkness Lay"; hymn 78, "As With Gladness Men of Old"; benediction; organ postlude, "The Heavens Are Telling." Choir—Mrs. T. W. Munroe, soprano; Miss G. F. Libby, alto; Arthur C. Brown, tenor; David Lewis, bass; William Barr, organist.

GREEN STREET CHURCH

The following program will be rendered at the Green street Congregational church, Green street, near Stockton, Rev. E. I. Walz, pastor, in observance of Christmas:

Anthem, "Behold, I Bring"; solo, "Oh, Holy Night," by Adolph Martin; anthem, "The First Christmas Tree"; sermon by the pastor; music by the choir, under the leadership of John Schulties. Sermon subjects—11 a. m., "Christmas Tree Lessons"; 7:30 p. m., "Yesterday and Tomorrow."

The First Baptist church will observe the Christmas season with special services next Sunday. The pastor will preach at both hours on themes appropriate to the day.

NEW FAD ALONG AUTOMOBILE ROW

J. W. Leavitt & Co. Planning to Keep Open House on New Year's Day

Will Receive Friends and Enthusiasts in New Permanent Quarters

By R. R. l'Hommedieu

J. W. Leavitt & Co. will move into new quarters on the last day of the year, and as a sort of house warming and to revive the old custom of receiving callers on the first day of the new year, will hold open house for friends and automobilists in general. It is not to be a dry occasion. A. D. Plughoff of the company said yesterday that there would be a punch bowl filled with all the good things of the season. It is to be a merry welcome to the turning point when the old season is closed and all are looking forward to the time when they will be out on the roads again in their motor cars.

Nelson Will Set the Record

Another event in motor car circles, scheduled for the first day of the year, will be the setting of the record mark officially between San Francisco, Del Monte and return, for the Chanslor and Lyons cup. The drawing for the honor of being first to set the mark took place yesterday under the supervision of the contest committee of the San Francisco motor club. When the result was announced it was found that the honor will go to Fernando Nelson, who now holds the record between San Francisco and Los Angeles. It will be a strenuous time for Nelson, as he will take part in the parade on New Year's eve, when his car will be specially decorated. It will have to be cleaned of its drapes and be in shape for a start at 7 o'clock the next morning. The early start will have to be made, as Nelson has an engagement for the evening which he is going to keep. He will drive his White steamer.

Auto Track for Bakersfield

Automobile men in and around Bakersfield are seriously considering the building of a mile course racetrack close to the big oil town and believe that if such a scheme were carried out it would result in making a high class automobile racing center of the west.

Information to this effect was embodied in a letter received yesterday by Chester N. Weaver, manager of the Studebaker Brothers company of California, from one of his Kern county customers.

"The track at Hudnut park," writes Weaver's informant, "is considered a good one, but, being only a half mile track with rather sharp turns, the element of danger is regarded as too great to permit speed. This winter an effort may be made to organize an automobile club, which we auto men down here should have by all means. In case such a club is organized efforts to build a suitable racecourse will immediately be considered. A few of us who have taken an active interest in the forming of an automobile club have learned that we can obtain sufficient land not far from the city which offers splendid facilities for a first class racecourse. The price asked for this land is a very reasonable one. More than 150 automobile owners in the county may be counted upon for moral and financial support in such an undertaking."

Paint Helps to Sell Cars

W. F. Hunt, agent for the Thomas automobile at San Jose, in speaking to a friend recently regarding the sale of second hand cars, said that a $30 coat of paint, new rubber matting and a few feet of brass metal on a second hand car had the same effect, so far as the public was concerned, as a merry widow hat and a sheath gown on a young lady.

Jackson Cars for the City

The Jackson car will have permanent quarters on automobile row on the 1st of February. The car is making quite a reputation, and it is expected that it will be a factor on the coast the coming year. Roy C. Scott, well known along automobile row, has secured the agency and will have a full line on display at the time mentioned.

How the Owl Drug Company Proposes Contributing Its Share Toward the Public Good

EVER since we have been in business we have been called upon by different organizations for programme advertising, donations of prizes, and the purchase of tickets for various public affairs. We have contributed liberally, but owing to the fact that these requests are becoming so frequent that we are unable to meet every demand made upon us, and as we do not wish to unjustly discriminate, we have concluded to discontinue contributing cash prizes, or merchandise, as well as the purchasing of tickets or doing any further advertising in programmes. However, we feel that our company, depending upon the general public for its patronage, should contribute to the general good.

We have concluded to adopt a new plan, a policy that will place our little help where it should be, a policy consistent with the spirit of New San Francisco, and therefore in the future any of The Owl Drug Company stores will furnish prescriptions free to the worthy poor upon presentation of a note or an order from any licensed physician or surgeon in the towns or cities where we operate stores. We are notifying every doctor in the cities where we have stores that a note or an order on the back of their card will be sufficient to obtain, without charge, any prescription they may write. We believe that the public will heartily approve of our new plan.

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