THE CATHOLIC RECORD

THE GUARDIAN'S MYSTERY ;

What a man

a little time be the high

est rung in the ladder, and dur-ing that brief pe-riod he may be content, but when

content, but when he discovers that it here are other rungs, still higher up, ambition gives birth to discontent, nd he begins once here to climb. To

and he begins once more to climb. To climb is really man's chief end. It isn't in attainment, but in work, that man finds his real happiness, conse-quently it is not strange that we find men working until they break down when there is no real

(edicine dealers sell it and nave norming se "just as good." "I was a sufferer five or six years from indi-estion." writes B. F. Holmes, of Gaffney partanburg Co., S. C., "also from sore stomach nd constant headache. I then used Dr. Pierce's olden Medical Discovery and "Pleasant Pel ts," which in a few days gave me permanen-sider".

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A FACE LIKE CHALK.

benefit it is useless to spend any mor money. However, I finally made up m

money. However, I finally made up my mind. It is a forlorn hope; I can but try. If I am not benefited I will not be hurt. So I bought one box and received great benefit therefrom, so continued their use,

bencht therefrom, so continued user and to-day am a well man in consequence i my blood is strong, my face has the ruddy hue of health, my appetite has returned. I sleep well, I have not the slightest in-dications of nervousness or heart trouble to force a circle weak, nervous man Dr.

and from a sick, weak, nervous man Dr

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Bejected for Conscience's Sake. BY CHRISTINE FABER. XLVIII.

Forrester was acquitted ; not only acquitted by the unanimous verdict of the jury, but entirely acquitted in the the jury, but entirely acquitted in the mind of everybody; even John Turner knowing at last how utterly wronged had been his brother in law, and as full of admiration for his self-denying, patient, generous character, as he h.d been before of hatred for his supposed con baseness, hastened to tender his gratulations, to ask pardon for his own misguided conduct, and to insist that his niece and her father and even Mrs. "I" mill they break down necessity for it. If men only knew it, they could work to almost any extent on through middle life and into old age, if they would only take a little common sense care of their health. The trouble is that they do not take the lit-tle stitches here and there that are neces-sary to preserve health. They pay no at-tention to the signs of on-coming ill-health. A little billousness, a little indigestion, a little loss of sleep and appetite, a little shakiness in the morning, and a little dull-ness all day, a little this and a little that-all these little things they neglect. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the appetite keen, digestion and assimila-tion perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and the nerves steady. It is the great blood maker and fleshbuilder. It is the great liver invigorator and nerve tonic. It fits a man to work and work and work. Medicine dealers sell it and have nothing else "just as good." Sibly should make their home with him but Agnes and her father, grateful though they were for his offer, and freely forgiving him, preferred to re-main with Mrs. Sibly for the short time that was to elapse before Agnes's mar-riage to Wilbur, Wilbur insisting that their union should take place as speedily as possible.

He had already resigned his fortune, to the utter horror and dismay of his sister, and had declared his intention of returning East directly after his marriage where people need not know that he had ever borne any name than Wilbur, and where he intended after a voyage to Europe with his bride, to be gin the practice of law. Regarding Deborah, he would provide for her any. where she chose to reside, only he stipu that her choice was not to fal lated upon the abode he and his wife should select ; and then he suggested that she might throw her lot with her friend, Miss Liscome ; probably the latter would return to New York, and if Daorah were so inclined she could go in her company, to all of which Deboral having already exhausted tears and hysterics, vouchsafed only a scowling

THE NIGHT CLERK'S STORY. ook. But when she heard that the very lay was appointed for the wedding, and hat a magnificent entertainment was A very bad attack of the Grippe one to be given directly after by John year ago last winter left my system in a very weak state and my nervous system completely unstrung. After getting over the dangerous stage of the disease I enterelly expected to get the disease I Turner at his palatial residence, she acted upon her brother's sugges stion and actually returned to New York in the company of disconsolate Miss Lis and her queer, ridiculous come,

ine dangerous surger space to gain strength, but, unfortunately, did not do so. On the contrary, my blood became weaker. I daily lost strength and vitality, and my nephew. In the preparation for the wedding daily lost strength and vitality, and my nervous system became so weak that it was a constant source of suffering both day and night. I lost appetite, the sight of food nauseated me, the weak state of my system caused shortness of breath and unnatural action of the heart, such there was but one cloud on the happi ness of Agnes ; the memory of Florence -and telling everything about that las letter to Sydney he also thought it strange; neither had he heard from as fluttering and violent palpitation, and my face was like chalk. I was in this her, since he had parted from her and my face was like chaik. I was in this condition and constantly getting weaker when I began taking Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills. I had read the books they distributed and their advertisements her mother in Italy, and not having the heart to tell her of the cloud again upon his happiness, he had not written to her. in the papers, and thought, "Well, have taken so much medicine without

"But we shall seek her." he said by way of comforting his betrothed ; three, your father, you and I. A little after our return to New York, we shall go to Europe for a few months. I need a rest before beginning my practice Agnes answered with a smile of delight, and her happy father smiled also; indeed, his face might be said never to be without a smile now, and the smile seemed to have worn away many of the lines, produced by his past suffer-ing, and to give a glow of youth to his feature², on which his daughter was never tired of fondly commenting

transformed me in six weeks to full health and strength." I am yours very truly, (Signed) WILLIAM WILLARD, The contents of the paper that Kellar had given to his counsel, for the prisoner, Agnes never knew. Neither her father, nor her betrothed would Peterborc Dr. Ward's Blood and Nerve Pills are sold at 50c. per box, 5 boxes for \$2.00 at druggists, or mailed on receipt of price by THE DOCTOR WARD CO., Limited preathe a word of it to her. It ran : breathe a word of it to ner. If ran : "Did Wilbur tell you my revelation to him concerning your daughter that she was your illegitimate offspring, and that she probably knew that fact ? I honestly thought so, not having your guardianship satisfactorily ex-plained to me. It gave him a healthy shock, which added to my revelation of your cold-blooded murder, would tend. I di not doubt, to break his engagement. I fancy that it did, Book of

entertainment was much more simple than John Turner had intended it to a postulant. be; but he could not withstand the wish of his beautiful niece. It seemed to Agnes as if every mode of travel were too slow to take her to Immediately after the wedding the bride and groom, accompanied by the father of the bride, departed for New York, while Hale and Wylie, to gratand beg forgiveness. Sydney also reproached himself, and he was as ify a desire both had for oriental tra-vel, took passage in a steamer for Yoanxious as Agnes was to lose no time in seeing his niece. How little fear they need have had Turner being a bachelor, and seeming to have conceived a very friendly interest in pretty Mrs. Sibly it was hardly difficult to predict any reproach, was dispelled on the first sight of the pale, young novice who flew to greet them, but who in her what might happen. Nor was Nanno Kelpley forgotten ; in addition to Tureagerness to embrace Agnes seemed almost to ignore the latter's companner's promise to provide for her, Wil-Again and again she pressed ions. bur made her a munificent present, so Agnes to her, unable to speak for tear that the poor old creature was quite bewildered with her good fortune. of joy, while Wilbur and his father inlaw retreated to a respectful distance

band : and this is my father.

already extended, and said :

her guardian.

cians.

"I am so glad ; it always seemed as

f you ought to be more to Agnes than

After that the wonderful story was

told, and then mutual explanations

were given of the neglect of everbody

to write. Florence, generous, self-sacificing Florence, at the time that

she received Agnes's last letter, had

just been made aware by the physician

attending her mother that the latter's

best course to be pursued was to take her to a retreat which he could recom-

mend in the northern part of Italy,

and his opinion was corroborated and

his advice endorsed by other physi

Florence could not, would not cloud

the happiness of either Agnes, or her

uncle, by writing such sad news, and

having obtained permission to attend

knowing that Florence was immured

with her insane mother. And

mind was giving way, and that the

Mrs. Wilbur, having requested that on their arrival in New York, the little party should go to Mrs. Denner, nstead of to a hotel for the brief time tears : of their stay before departing to Europe, a telegram to that effect was dispatched to that good woman lever were preparations for guest made with such unmixed delight Everybody was pressed into the serv ice, and everybody was informed that the parlor was to be given up to the exclusive use of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur. so that if anyone should want to re uncle eive company during the time of the stay of the distinguished guests, that person must either receive his, or her ompany in his or her own room, on ind a place outside for such reception. And what a meeting it was when the little party arrived ! Mcs. Denner was not restrained into proper decor um by even the presence of handsome stately Mr. Wilbur, but having kissed and hugged the bride she actually threw her arms around Mallaby, or Forrester's, neck, and kissed him, say ing through her tears of joy :

Mr.

kahama.

'You dear, blessed man. And the "dear, blessed man " took

the caress with a pleasant grace, knowing how warm and true were the feelings that prompted it. And when the excitement of the meeting was over, including the extravagant welcome of all of what used to be the little Denners, but, having grown so much might now be called the big Denners. how much Mrs. Denner had to say about the events that had occurred to Mr. Mallaby, the name by which she

still called him. And in the preparations for the voy age to Europe she took so active a part it threatened to interfere with the in terest which duty demanded she should take in her boarders. Indeed, that large-hearted woman was in such a high and perpetual state of exhilara tion that her vivacious spirits infected the boarders, and they all, even to he two deaf old ladies, acted as if they expected some very great good to come to themselves from this visit of

the distinguished Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur of course everybody had heard of the singular story from Mrs. Denner ; but the part upon which she loved most to dilate was the evidence that she had been summoned to give. In telling that she was wont to become so inter ested, and so particular to impress upon her hearer, or hearers, that no judge nor jury were going to get out of he anything derogatory to "that blessed man," that the most imperative summons to attend to some domestic affair

was entirely unheeded. The universal interest continued to the very last day of their stay, as well as the universal desire to contribute in every possible way to the happiness or accommodation of the distinguished guests

To Mallaby, as everybody in the house still called him, no one being profession. able to get used to the name of Forres

Adoration in Paris, where she was now ber of the numerous Denner family being remembered individually, and a promise to come East on their wedding rip, which promise was duly and de Paris ; she wanted to flee there, to clasp Florence at once in her arms, confess her selfish, unkind neglect, took up house to Deborah Wilbur and Miss Liscom took up house together, the latter severing entirely all relations with her sister and her sister's family; the only occasion upon which she ever visited them being

to attend the funeral of her nephew Malliflower, who had met his death prefacing his remarks one day at din ner, while at the same time he was at temping to greedily swallow an un-usually large mouthful of meat. His parents, thinking that his efforts to relieve himself were only part of the eccentricities in which he sometimes indulged, did not go to his assistance soon enough, and the unfortunate It was Agnes who at length half bore youth was choked to death. her to the gentlemen, saying with As the time wore on, and little ones

strange mingling of playfulness and ed the charming home of the Wilburs, Agnes, in her own happiness "Your uncle, Florence, and my huscompassionating the lonely and isolated life led by the two spinsters, prevailed upon her husband not only to tender them a warm invitation, but, The last words were uttered with a tone of pathetic gravity, and the astonishment they caused Florence, who had not heard a word of the wonderful when it was rejected, to repeat it, and when it was rejected, to repeat it, and to keep repeating it at stated intervals, until at length, time and disappoint-ment having softened the feelings of the two mailen ladies, the invitation events of the past three years, stopped the greeting she was extending to her

nadam, at this late hour ?" inquired "Your father !" she repeated, and the priest. then in a sort of dazed silence sh was accepted.

Agnes treated them both with such ooked up at the odd figure which she cordial grace, Wilbur was so delight so well remembered. It was as odd fully affable, and Mallaby—as if he did not have a single thought of the past now, and save that its hair was en tirely gray, and its face much older, it was so gentle and gracious, that the was the same veritable figure even to suburban visit speedily grew to be a longed for occurrence by the two old creatures; indeed, Miss Liscome after her first shyness had worn off, was so exceedingly affable to Mr. Mallaby, the both Seden the umbrella, only that the latter was lack silk with a sterling silver handle, and not the green cotton one with its knotted horn handle. But the brown eyes wore the expression which had so won her that evening in Hubert street, that both Sydney and his wife could not refrain from making jocular comand while the tears that her astonish ment upon it to the old gentleman, and ment had stopped for the moment, be begging him to be on his guard lest he gan again to flow, she put both her hands into those of Mallaby that were might again be put to the painful task

of refusing the proffer of her heart. Of Hale and his companion, Wylie, onded with your public exhortations. and I resolved that if your behavior toward the Holy Sacrament of the altar Wilbur occasionally heard ; they had oncluded their Oriental travel and had when no eye saw you was such as your faith seemed to dictate, I would be come a Catholic. What I have wit resumed their bachelor existence in Annecy, but the latter threatened to be broken, for Wylie was contemplating nessed this evening has clinched my conviction, and I am ready and will matrimony. For Wilbur himself, happy in the

ing to make my abjuration whenever your reverence can receive it and on of his noble and beautiful wife, and of children whom she trained give the instruction that may be reto that strict conscientiousness which uired. Soon afterward the lady was reswerves from no duty, he never failed to thank God for it all, and also, to ceived into the Church and became one

of the most fervent Catholics in Genunite with her in instilling into the minds of his children such a respect for worth of character that no oddity of eva. ROUGH ON MME. ALBANI. costume or manner could detract from it. Thus, the close of "Mr. Mallaby's" From the London Times.

life was rich in affection, and honor and happiness. THE END

REASONS WHY THE CATHOLIC her mother in her retreat, she though it was better, since Agnes's happiness was assured, to write in a way that IS THE ONLY RELIGION.

The sublime, superhuman and in might stop for a time all correspond. comparable character of Jesus Christ, its Founder. ence. Since her beloved friend was s happy she could bear a little wound like that better than the sorrow of

The Divine perfection of His life. The sanctity of His law. The practical sublimity of the docgenerous girl, not dreaming that the trine which He taught.

His language which is absurd, if it insanity was to continue and finally and in death, still forbore to write, un s not Divine. The number and evidences of His til she could have brighter news to tell.

miracles, recognized even by His most And when the end came that released the troubled spirit of Mrs. Wilbur, and violent enemies. The power of His Cross. turned and fled.

left her daughter free to gratify the longing for a cloistered life which had The events of His ineffable Passion all foretold beforehand.

seemed to grow steadily during her His glorious Resurrection, an residence in Italy, she still refrained nounced at fourteen different times by from writing to America, only because Him to His disciples, and the unbelie she waited to tell them of her religious even of His Apostles, whom actual evidence compelled to believe in the That she had chosen well and happily

for herself every word that fell from truth of the Resurrection of their Master.

NOVEMBER 12 18 8.

A CHURCH FOR THE AGE.

The better spirit in the Protestant Episcopal Church, we regret to say, has not prevailed in the discussion of the divorce question. Worldliness and what Catholics know as "human rehave triumphed over the re spect volt of decency and purity, and men and women who degrade the holiest of human compacts are free in the Protestant communion to sever the marital tie and make new personal arrange ments at their own pleasure, just as they did before. Could we regard the underlying question merely as a criterion of the quality of the Protest ant religion as a restaining force-to put it on its most excusable groundwe might view the result with complacency. But there's the rub. We live in a world that moves. The issue involved has as much to do with the prac tical side of life as the moral. Practicality and morality, in this case, go hand in hand. The moral atmosphere is no less important a factor in our daily life than the physical one. When volumes of sooty or sulphurous emoke are shot into the air from fac tory stacks, amid a crowded popula tion, our public health machinery is at once set in motion to suppress or abate the danger. But we have no machin-ery provided for the repression of dan gers as deadly, though not so immedi tely visable, to our social system as those which curtail our physical life.

The conditions which underlie the facts regarding the practice of divorce in the United States are too grave to b regarded from any lower point of view than should obtain when the whole community is threatened with pestil A moral plague is here with us and shall we not rise to the level of the danger? We can take precautions against plague and pestilence, even though these be in the air. But we can adopt no antiseptic measures when the poison is in the atmosphere of the e and the mind and the heart. When the sacred principles upon which the home is founded, the tender tie which links soul to soul, husband to wife, child to parent, blessed by "the voice that breathed o'er Eden," are held as commodities in the mart. our plight is worse even than that of sthendom in ancient Greece and Rome. We know that we are violat ing the ordinance of a Divine law giver; the consul or centurion who put away his wife, and the wife who was faire to her husband under Claudius or Tiberius, broke nothing higher than a civil contract and the sen timent which accompanied it. It is our firm conviction that Messalina and Popræ, taking into account their sur roundings and the moral standard prevalent in their day, were not a whit more culpable than some of the women who stand at the head of the divorce list in this country to day, and are still received as members of respect

copal Convention has deliberately re fused to make a stand. "Society" has been too much for the assembled digni taries. By declaring against the re-marriage of divorced persons they would be casting a slur-forsooth !-upon those already embraced in that disreputable category. They hav deliberately put themselves on record as afraid to grapple with a breach o the Divine law so universal, so patent so crying for redress that they could not as a deliberative body calling themselves Christian refuse to give i attention Henceforth they have n right whatever to insist upon th right of their Church to have any par in the marriage service. Marriag has no sacramental character what ever, in Protestant eyes. The Bishop claim no voice in the matter of divord or marriage, and if their Church is availed of by happy couples wh contemplate a few years of experimen al matrimony, with a vista of a simila ceremony repeated at intervals, the can only regard it as part of th etiquette which prescribes a weddin cake, white gloves and rice fille slippers for such joyous occasions. Catholic Standard and Times.

A good story of the "things one would rather have expressed different ly "type is being whispered about Gioucester. Some crank has been Gioucester. Some crank has been writing to the local papers complaining that during the festival he is not adable society. Against this shocking evil the Epis mitted to the Cathedral free that being a place of worship. The crank turned up at the Cathedral the other day and was told he could not be admitted with-out a ticket. "Do you mean to tell out a ticket. "Do you mean to tell me," he excitedly argued, " that I shall require a ticket to enter the Kingdom of Heaven ?" "Well, no," explained the polite

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blooded murder, would tend. I did not doubt, to break his engagement. I fancy that it did, although to day I behold him with Miss Ham-mond-pardon me, Miss Forrester. "To clear your mind with regard to the let-ter that husband seeking spinste, used with to creat your mining with regard to the let-ter that hasband seeking spinister used with such terrorizing effect over yourseli. I wrote it just previously to Jared's departure for Italy. I wanted to show you, that he was waking up to the fact of his silence being worth some-thing, and to imply that I had been wont to share with him what I had received from you. But I did not tell him about that letter, and I sent it to your office in order to scare you more effectually. The effort to disguise my hand anew sent it I suppose into the possession of that (ool Mallary.

anew sentit I suppose into the provide that fool Mallary. "With your oid luck in the mines, the cards in this game have turned in your favor, but, in order not to let you euchre me this time, in five minutes I shall be dead. Your old friend, Kellar."

At the wedding entertainment there were Jared Hale, his companion, Sam uel Wylie, and the old nurse, Nando Kelpley, not to mention the brides-maid, Mrs. Sibiy. Hale was groomsman ; he and Wilbur having warmly renewed the friendship begun so many years before at college, and resumed for a brief period at Annecy. The

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ter, it all seeme dream ; he could hardly realize that he was free from the old haunting fear of the past, and sometimes, when he was alone and the memory of it became so strong that it was almost like renewed reality, he was obliged to hurry into the presence of his daughter, or his son in-law, to dispel the delusion. And never was a father the recipient of more tender attentions-it seeme to be a sort of rivalry between the hushand and wife as to who should maintain the most constant and affec tionate watchfulness of the gentle old man.

Sometimes when Agnes fondled the large, white, freckled hands-hands that she would not now have changed for the most beautiful ones in the world -there came to her even through all her joy, a pang of remorse for the mortification those same hands had so often caused her in her school-days, and she kissed them the more passion

ately for her self reproach. Every one of the Denners went

down to the steamer to see the departure of their guests. It required four carriages to convey the party, not including the carriage in which the guests themselves went, and the way in which Mrs. Denner lingered over her own leave of "that blessed man, and the way in which she compelled her numerous offspring to linger over his, or her leave of "that blessed man departing for a foreign shore," was exceedingly amusing and would have been trying, did not he and Agnes and Sydney know how it was prompted by the very warmest affection. To London the travelers turned their faces in order to obtain information of spared from her domestic duties, and

Florence. Loudon was the home of her mother's kindred, and thither would be the most likely place for knowledge of What was the dismay and self-reproach of Agnes to learn that Flor-reproach of Agnes to learn that Flor-reproach of Agnes to learn that Flor-the venty spirit that had seemed to compare from her on their meeting in Mrs

reproach of Agnes to learn that Flor-ence's mother had died three months before in an insane retreat in the northern part of Italy being devotedly attended by her daughter to the last. That Florence had then repaired to a convent of the Order of the Perpetual

her lips, every expression that crossed her face seemed to tell. She was the same cheerful Florence that Agnes had ever known only that her cheerfulnes now, seemed to spring from something much higher than its sources in the

past. To Agnes, and even to Wilbur, the noral. The resplendent miracles which ac plain features seemed to have assumed companied, all over the earth, the an inexplicable beauty ; as if the pure, teachings of the Apostles, ignorant and peaceful, generous soul shone through and timid fishermen, changed suddenly them, and inbued every lineament with its own spiritual loveliness. Mal into doctors and conquerors of the laby felt while looking at and listenworld.

ing to her, as if he were in the presence of an angel. They parted at length, the happy

hearted novice to add a Te Deum to her prayers of praise and gratitude for the reward which God had given to sacrifice and devotion to duty, and Agnes, her husband and father to feel eakness of men. as if that interview had brought upon them a very special blessing.

XLIX.

our days operates, in all the countries where it penetrates. Finally, its duration, the immuta-There is little more to tell that would bility of its dogmas, of its constitution, of its Catholic hierarchy, its indissointerest the reader. Wilbur, and his wife and father in-law, after the abluble unity in the midst of the empires sence of a half year returned to New which are crumbling away, of so-York, where Wilbur began the practice cieties which are daily changing ; all show us that the finger of God is here, of law, and Mallaby, —as it seems more natural to call him—declared that he and that it is not in the power of felt as if his youth were wondrously reman to conceive, to create, or to prenewed, insisted on resuming his old serve a similar work.

nesses.

avocation ; he stipulated that it was There is, then, you see, a true relig-ion, one only, the Catholic religion.necessary for his health, and his son and daughter had at length to give a San Francisco Monitor. reluctant consent. The three lived in

Catarrh Can be Cured

a very pretty, but modest suburban residence, and thither Mrs. Denner By eradicating from the blood the scrofulous taints which cause it. Hood's Sarsaparilla visited as frequently as she could b taints which cause it. flood's Sarsaparlia cures Catarch, promptly and permanently, because it strikes at the root of the trouble. The rich, pure blood which it makes, cir-culating through the delicate passages of the mucous membrane, soothes and rebuilds the tissues, giving them a tendency to health instead of disease, and ultimately curing the sflaction. she always received a warm welcome. Thither also, came letters from Florence, signed, after her religious pro-fession, "Sister Mary Agnes," and

affection. At the same time Hood's Sarsaparilla

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From the Ave Maria.

eloquent Bishop of Geneva, once re-lated the following incident to show the

importance of paying outward marks of reverence and respect to the Blessed

Before his elevation to the episco-

pate when he was parish priest of one of the churches in Geneva, it was his

habit to go into the church every even.

ing to pay a visit to the Adorable Sac-rament of the altar, to see that the

sanctuary lamp had been replenished

that the doors were securely locked and

that no person was concealed in the sacred edifice. Before returning to

the presbytery he would kneel again

for a few moments on the altar step and

kiss the ground as a sign of respect for

One evening when he had done as

usual and, believing himself alone, was rising to depart he heard a sound

at the farther end of the church, and

looking round was astonished to see a

well dressed lady step out from behind

" What are you doing in the church,

"I will tell you why I am here."

she replied. "I am a Protestant, as you no doubt suppose. I have attended

the course of sermons you have been delivering upon the Real Presence of

onr Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Your arguments perfectly convinced

me of the truth of this doctrine.

One doubt, however, still lin-gered in my mind-pardon me for

speaking plainly-it was this : Does

this man himself really believe what

he teaches? In order to settle my

doubt I concluded to ascertain whether

your practice in private corres-

one of the confessionals

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