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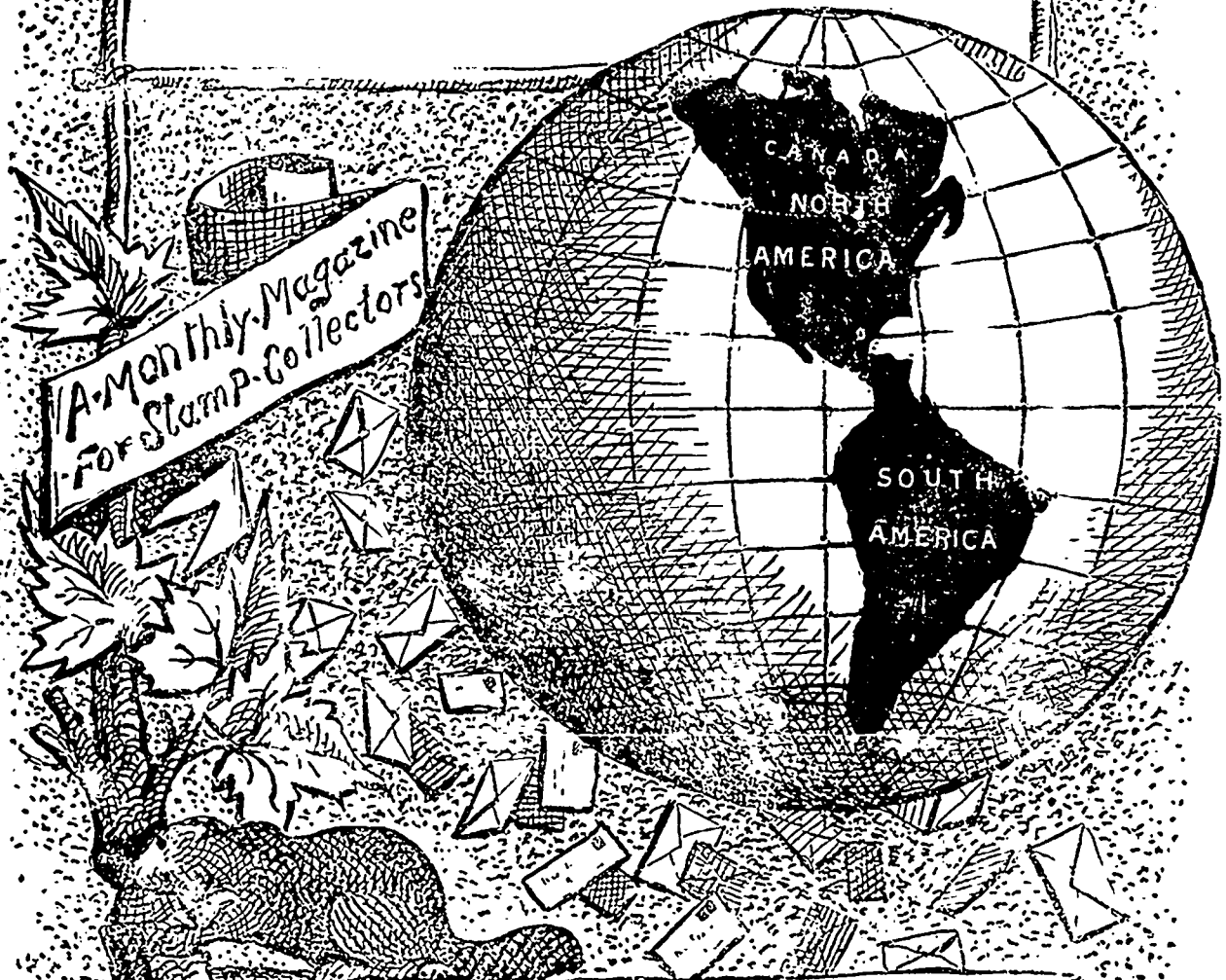
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## Canadian Philatelic Nomination.

The Canadian Philatelic Association is preparing actively for their first election of officers, and nominations are now being received by the secretary. All those who wish to nominate a member must first get that member's permission. This will check indiscriminate nomination, and prevent after trouble in nominees retiring. The offices to be elective are as follows:— President, a Vice-President for each province, Secretary, Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, Librarian, Official Organ, Counterfeit Detector, an Executive Board of three, and Official Editor. The Purchasing Agent and other minor offices will be elected by the Executive. All elected officers being ex-officio members of the latter. Printed blank forms for voting will be prepared by Mr. Hooper and forwarded after the nominations closes on the 15th November. All nominations should be sent in before November 10th to allow a list to be prepared.

It is with feelings of mixed pride and pleasure that the C. P. A. should start with 60 good and true members. This augurs well for the future, and Mr. Hooper states he confidently expects at least a hundred before the close of the year. All collectors should send in their fees (25c.) at once in order to have a vote at the coming election. There are still a number of live philatelists who have not enrolled their names, but we hope that they will come forward, and above all work harmoniously together for the advancement of "Philately." The secretary *pro-tem.* reports that he has still over 40 applications on hand, and in his canvass for members, he

says that if there is one that does not like the new C. P. A. they have very wisely said nothing disparaging to our National Society. *Non nobis solum.* Let the Toronto philatelists fill up the roll-book and become charter members before the election.

The following names have been enrolled since we last went to press.—

- 38.—H. C. Beardsley, 422 N. 7th Street, St. Joseph, Mo.
- 39.—H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
- 40.—E. W. Voute, 307 Webster Avenue, Chicago.
- 41.—Rudolf Wolilfatirt, Erfurt, Germany.
- 42.—P. M. Wolsieffer, 162 State Street, Chicago.
- 43.—W. S. McLean, Neils Harbor, N.S.
- 44.—C. W. Price, Plymouth, Michigan.
- 45.—W. D. Boyd, Box 184, Simcoe, Ont.
- 46.—A. E. Warren, Box 1981, Montreal.
- 47.—S. B. Bradt, 225 Dearborn Street, Chicago.
- 48.—C. R. Gadsden, Grand Crossing, Ill.
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- 50.—G. A. Haskell, 3756 Johnson Place, Chicago.
- 51.—Dudley Holmes, Goderich, Ont.
- 52.—A. Liebetrau, Gablonz, Bohemia.
- 53.—R. A. Baldwin Hart, 768 Sherbrook Street, Montreal.
- 54.—J. R. Davidson, Brandon, Manitoba.
- 55.—Karl C. Miner, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.
- 56.—H. R. Ledvard, 108 Bloor Street W., Toronto.
- 57.—F. Burnett, Brantford, Ont.
- 58.—Geo. Walker, Peterborough, Ont.
- 59.—J. Willis Caldwell, 136 Spring Garden Road, Halifax.
- 60.—W. E. Simpson, Guysboro', N.S.
- 61.—A. M. Jones, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.
- 62.—H. C. Kendall, Emmetsburg, Iowa.
- 63.—Chas. W. Pengh, Kossuthg, Indiana

## Philatelic Societies and their Use.

BY THEODORE SIDDALL.

There have been a number of articles written, lately, giving advice as to the formation of philatelic societies. These societies, for the first few months while the novelty lasts, are of some benefit to their members; but after that time interest in them is loosened and their meetings drag along like a horse-car going up hill; and the members, finding nothing to interest them there, stay away, and then the society goes to the bow-wows.

There is not so very much to say about philately after all. There is a great deal of "blowing" done, arguing for and against, but very little new matter is brought up, and what is old is talked dry. Those who argue that philately is a science ought to bring out a fact or so occasionally. In the older sciences there is always something new going on, or news to talk about. Again, they argue that philately teaches history, geography, languages, etc., etc., but in papers edited by the upholders of the "science" howl, we do not find that they put into practice their pet doctrines—no historical items, except perhaps that perennial chesnut about the inventor of postage stamps, or the first postal service.

I think the aim of philatelic societies and philatelic papers ought to be to instruct and interest those who now collect stamps, as well as to induce outsiders to take up the hobby. The meetings of societies could be made very interesting by discussions upon living topics, or contemporary history, without having too much "stamp" in it—for all who ever tried will agree with me when I say it is decidedly a dry job to be forever licking stamps. Societies could in many ways be more attractive to outsiders, who, when they see the charm of collecting stamps, would take it up and make good and useful members of the society, and at the same time still further spread stamp collecting—which last is, or should be, the object of all right minded philatelists.

This is not a merely theoretical article but is written by one who knows something about the needs of philatelic societies. Some may object to this introduction of outside subjects as tending to draw off interest from stamp collecting, and also as being out of place in a stamp society—in answer to which I would say, that if they cannot make their meetings interesting with stamps alone, and want to keep their society alive, they will suffer a disappointment. As I said above, there is little to be said about stamps, and it has been nearly all said, and about the best way to do it is for a number of collectors to get up a society having an aim, or joint object, of promoting stamp collecting, then make meetings interesting to outsiders, and they will most likely follow the example of the collectors who should be in the majority, and take up the collection of stamps.—  
*Canadian Philatelist.*

### Current Opinion.

*From Stamp Collector's Journal.*

About ten years ago, the stamp mania proper showed signs of waning. Since then stamp collecting has been somewhat dormant; enthusiasts and numerous Philatelic Societies have gone on steadily, but the gigantic craze, which seized hold of boys in every part of the world, which gave rise to Stamp Collecting Journals without number, and sent the prices of very ordinary specimens to a premium, has vanished. Of the merits of stamp collecting as a pursuit, it would be somewhat difficult to speak. Yet, when we consider that men learned in law, Members of Parliament, financiers, diplomatists, and eminent literary men have adopted the pastime, it must be confessed that there is more in it than seen by the unphilatelic eye. The extent of the stamp collecting world is not generally known. There is a Society, meeting at certain intervals in the rooms of one of the best known of Her Majesty's Q C's, which has its correspondents in every civilised land.

## New Issues.

From *Philatelic Gazette*.

**AZORES.**—The new cards and stamps of 20 reis have been surcharged in small letters.

**EULGARIA.**—*Le Timbre Poste* chronicles the 20s. pale blue and 50s. green.

**BR. BECHUANALAND.**—The Patent stamps of Great Britain, 1872, with "British—Bechuanaland—Postage and Revenue" have been surcharged in three lines in black in place of the word "Patent." We have seen the 1d., 3d., and 6d. lilac, on paper watermarked with "orb" thus surcharged, and the 1s. on paper watermarked "V.R."

**BR. LEVANT.**—The 5 pence of the new type has been issued with the surcharge 80 paras in black.

**COCHIN CHINA.**—The *Timbre Poste* reports a variety of the 25c., black on pink, with triple surcharge, twice with the small figure "5" and "CCH" and, once with the large figure "5." This stamp has previously been reported with the double surcharge of the figure "5."

**CEYLON.**—There is a 5c. envelope, same type as the 4c. Blue on white paper, 140 x 78mm. The "Ill. Briefmarken Journal" reports the 6c. post-card as being surcharged "2½ cents" in black over the value.

**DENMARK.**—The inscription on the cards will be changed slightly. The 10 ore Postal Union card has been issued with the inscription *verdenspostforening* (*union postale universelle*)—Denmark—*brekort* (*carte postale*), in four lines, the top one arched.

**FRANCE.**—The 15c. letter card has been surcharged "Vendue 5 centimes."

**MACAO.**—The 100 reis is surcharged "5—Reis" and the 200 reis "10—Reis," each in two lines. The 80 reis is found with and without a cent over the final "e."

**MAURITIUS.**—At Port Louis the 13c. grey, surcharged "2 cents" in red was on sale four hours, July 6th, pending the arrival of a supply of 2c. stamps. Only 40 of the 2,400 surcharged, were sold for

use, the balance being sold in equal quantities to 13 dealers who hope to make a fortune out of them.

**UNITED STATES.**—The 2c. stamp is now green, 3c. vermilion, 4c. carmine, 5c. blue head of Grant) 30c. brown, 90c. purple, and the envelopes have been changed in color to correspond. The 1c., 2c., 4c. and 5c. are of new types, the latter having head of Grant. A new letter sheet (2c.) has been issued with "Series I" in the upper left hand corner and with watermark "U S" in monogram.

**VICTORIA.**—The 4c. registry envelope, pink, has now the words "Stamp Duty."

## C. P. A.

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### THE OFFICIAL CALL.

C.P.A. nominations are now open and our list published elsewhere shows, that there is good material to choose the officers from. Members will forward their nominations before the 10th November to Mr. Hooper, the secretary *pro tem.* at Ottawa. As soon as the nominations close, printed forms and ballot papers will be sent out to all members, which will be marked and returned immediately to the secretary. All members will receive a copy of this paper, and should carefully preserve the lists of members which is complete up to date. Whether elected to an office or not, let all unite to work for the interests of the Association. The Exchange Department will be run on similar lines to the A.P.A. The duties of all the offices

require hard work, and there should not be one nominated, who does not consent to discharge the duties incumbent upon him to the best of his ability.

We publish elsewhere a ticket which several members have submitted for the forth-coming election of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

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### C. P. A.

Just as we go to press we have received the following additional list of members:—

- 64 Dr. E. E. Book, Niagara Falls South, Ont.
- 65.—Rev. Wm. S. Barnes, 118 Union Avenue, Montreal.
- 66.—T. J. McMinn, 102 Rose Avenue, Toronto.
- 67.—Ed. F. Parker, 47 Huron Street, Toronto.
- 68.—J. E. Gass, 208 Argyle Street, Halifax, N.S.

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## NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

All correspondence in this department should be addressed to Mr. Jos. Hooper, Box 145, Port Hope.

THE Prize Medal struck by Messrs. Ellis & Co. for the Paris, Ont., Exhibition is described as follows: Obverse—Stallion, surrounded by Maple Wreath and corded outer circle. Reverse: Wreath, composed of wheat heads with plain centre to receive recipient's name. Size, 24 M. The obverse of above medal was engraved and first used in 1886 for the Port Perry, Ont., Exhibition.

THE "St. Anne De Beaupre, P.Q.", medalets number some 18 varieties, and are quite an interesting series. They are struck in silver, brass and white metal.

IN addition to the above religious medalets we would note the issue of "Ste Ann De Varennes" (a village 15 miles from Montrca): Reverse—a wreath of flowers. In centre "Tableau le 16 juillet. 1842, couronne." Engraved by Vachette.

THE "Vexator Canadensis" has become extremely rare and hard to procure at any price. Quite an interesting pamphlet has been written by Mr. Kingsford, of Toronto, on this rough specimen of Canadian Coinage.

FLORINS are now issued from the mints of several European countries, and differ in value, the silver florins varying from 11½d. (the lowest value) to 2s. 2d. The florin takes its name from a coin first struck at Florence, in Italy, in the twelfth century, which was noted for its beauty.

IT is stated that the rare and splendid collection of British coins, the property of the late Mr. Brice, of Bristol, has been sold for £8,000 (about \$40,000) to a London connoisseur.—*Weekly Times and Echo, London, 1887.*

THE "Canadian Coin Cabinet" is the title of Dr. Leroux's new issue with 1308 cuts and 310 pages; size 5 x 8 inches.

It is quite a jump from some 250 pieces in the Numismatic Atlas to 1308 in "The Coin Cabinet." (We "await with breathless expectancy its arrival.")

WHILST we cannot dictate to medalists as to what they shall or shall not use in their issues, still we would suggest that the muling of medals be avoided altogether. The value and usefulness being greatly deteriorated by this process.

MR. GOSCHEN'S jubilee sixpences are selling freely in London at 2s. 3d. In windows where these coins are exposed for sale, a gilded sixpence and a half-sovereign are exhibited on the same card with the question "WHICH IS WHICH?" superadded. This substantiates our statement in last month's number of this Journal that unprincipled persons would take advantage of the similarity of the gold and silver issues, and perpetrate gilded frauds. The U.S. Government had to recall the V. Nickel (without the word cents) for the same reason. It is a matter of surprise that the mint officials should have made such an error in the jubilee coinage.

A COIN DEALER for upward of 25 years, gives it as his opinion, that the issues of the two rare United States copper cents 1799 and 1804 were about as follows:

2500	of	1799.
1800	"	1804.

This would make the 1804 the rarest of the two dates, although, the 1799 is considered the rarest, and brings the highest price at the auction or private sale, he also adds. "During all the years of our numismatic career, and while manipulating public coin sales by auction in New York and Philadelphia, we have found three 1799 cents to two of 1804."

THE 1804 dollar quoted in our last number should have been \$800 instead of \$8.

DR. LEROUX writes: "I expect my book ready about the 1st of May next."



The Dr. is anxious to secure all the help he can from collectors in the shape of rubbings of coins, medals and tokens, and as he has to depend on collectors for this information we trust all who can, will help him in his laborious undertaking. The writer has already sent some 250 impressions. It is necessary that all should be in by the 1st of November, 1887.

THE first coin with the figure of Britannia on it was a large brass one, struck in the year of Rome, 874 (A.D. 121), in commemoration of the arrival of the Emperor Hadrian in Britain. Most antiquarians believe the figure to be the Province of Britain personified. It cannot be Rome, and the absence of characteristic attributes of the island is in all probability owing to the ignorance of the engraver of the die, which was doubtless not executed in Britain. There are also extant coins of Antoninus Pius, a Roman Emperor, who reigned after Hadrian, with what is supposed to be the figure of Britannia upon them. Coins bearing this figure were not struck again till the time of Charles II.

THROUGH the kindness of Sir Charles Tupper we have become the recipient of a beautiful bronze medal (secured in London for the writer). It is in bronze, by Wyon, size 33 millimetres, and is struck to commemorate the Colonial and Indian Exhibition held in 1885. The description is as follows: Obverse, Bust of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to left, surrounded by the words, "Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Executive President." Reverse, "Colonial and Indian Exhibition, London, 1886." The words in fine straight lines are surrounded by a heavy wreath of oak leaves and acorns. The work is excellent; the bust on obverse standing out in fine relief, and is similar to the Canadian Thanksgiving Medal in expression. The medal will be awarded a place in "the medals of our Dominion."

THE new British coin, the double florin or dollar, is believed to be the beginning

of the end of the old pounds, shillings pence and farthings division of the British money. For a long time the present pound has been regarded as an inconvenient unit of monetary value and many schemes have been proposed to remedy the fault. The London Chamber of Commerce has now under consideration a plan making the four shilling piece the unit of value or dollar, and dividing it into cents. By this plan nearly all the existing coins can be utilized without creating any confusion from having a double standard of unit value in force. The foreign will become five dollars, two shilling a half dollar, one shilling twenty-five cents, while the new coin would be ten and five cents, the new penny two cents, and the half-penny one cent.

THE gold held by the treasury in its vaults at Washington, weights 519 tons. If packed in ordinary carts, one ton to each cart, it would make a procession two miles long, allowing twenty feet of space for the movement of each horse and cart. The silver in the same vaults, weights 7,396 tons. Measuring it in carts, as in the case of gold, it would require the services of 7,396 horses and carts to transport it, and would make a procession over twenty-one miles in length.

"THE LANGLOIS CHECK." Quite an interesting little check has turned up lately, issued by the St. Leon Water Co. The "St Leon Springs" are situated in Maskinonge Co., P.Q. within easy access of Montreal and Quebec. The check is brass, and bears the name of the Co's., manager. Obverse—Crown in centre surrounded by the letters "C.E.A. Langlois" with beaded outer rim. Reverse—"Drink St. Leon Water," the first and last words are in semi, the centre word in straight line, with a star above and below, and beaded outer circle. Size 12 millimetres.

DR. LEROUX writes, my Supplement will be ready about May 1st 1888.

### New Medals.

The following is a description of three recent issues by P. W. Ellis & Co., Toronto:

1. Medals presented by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association for design, size 28. Obverse, Art as a female figure stands with wreath around her head, pointing Labor to a design which she holds with her left hand, whilst in her right she holds a pencil. Labor is represented as a mechanic sitting on a stool with elbows leaning on bench, sleeves rolled up and hand resting on hammer, looking towards the design to which Art is calling his attention; to the left of Art is a pedestal on which stands a pot containing a full blown lily bud and leaves; underneath the figures, running one third of circle, is a scroll bearing the words in raised Roman letters "Arte et labore." Reverse—In centre, a branch of three maple leaves, and on an outer rim, in raised letters the words "Canadian Manufacturers' Association." The design and execution are excellent.

2. Medal presented to the scholars of the Toronto Collegiate Institute by the trustee board, as a souvenir of the Queen's Jubilee. Size 22. Obverse—(Same as the jubilee issue.) Bust of the Queen with coronated head in upper semi "Queen's Jubilee," on lower semi "Victoria Regina." Reverse—Coat of Arms of the Institute, motto on garter, "Nil decet invita minerva," surrounded by maple leaves, around outer circle (in raised letters), "Toronto Collegiate Institute." "Founded 1807."

3. The Electric Globe Battery, (in medallic shape,) is issued in combination of metals containing magnetism, and thereby supposed to cure various diseases. Size 24. Obverse—In centre, Globe encircled by the words, "Globe Electric Battery," on outer circle, "Price \$1." "A. W. Burke, Toronto, Ont.," in two semis. Reverse—In centre the word, "Antimorbific," four stars above and four below; on outer circle, a wreath of laurel, with crown on top of circle, with the word "Health" on belt.

### Discovery of Old Coins.

(London Times, June 2nd.)

The discovery of treasure made in Aberdeen on Monday having been brought under the notice of the Crown authorities, the Queen's remembrancer instructed the procurator fiscal of the city to claim the bronze urn and its contents on behalf of the Queen. The owner of the ground on which the find was made refused to give it up, but the authorities insisted upon it, and it has now been handed over to the Crown. The coins have been cleaned of the verdigris with which they were incrustated, and examined by numismatists, who discovered that they are of various dates and belong to various countries. English coins of the reign of Edward 1st and 2nd predominate, but there are also Scotch coins of the reigns of David and Alexander. In addition, there is a considerable number of French coins and ecclesiastical money, the latter bearing miters and staves. The coins vary in size from a modern threepenny piece to a shilling. Twenty-two weighed an ounce, and it is calculated that the total number found was from 12,000 to 14,000; but a great many were removed before the finder realised their value. Several of the coins have been analysed by the Professor of Chemistry in Aberdeen University, who stated that the tolerably clean coins yielded in 100 parts 89, 88 of silver and 10, 12 of copper. The composition is therefore nearer to the French coins than those of English. The Edward coins have an inscription around the outer edge on the observe side, with a clear cut head bearing an open crown. On the reverse side there is also an inscription, and the coin is marked with the strongly defined cross peculiar to the quarter money. In the acute angles formed by the cross, trefoils are placed. Another coin has a crowned head in profile inclosed in a triangle on the observe side and an inscription, while on the reverse side, it is almost similar to that before described with the exception that stars are substituted for the trefoils.

Most of the money is of this description, but, numismatists state that there are several exceedingly rare coins among the number.

It is estimated that the coins were of about the same value as sovereigns are now. There are several theories as to the circumstances under which the coins were buried, but from the dates it is conjectured that they were hidden about the time of the battle of Barra, fought near Inverurie, between the forces of Edward of England and Robert the Bruce.

The spot selected would at that date be on the Aberdeen burgh boundary, near what was known as the Ghaists' Row, on account of the supposed nightly visitation by ghosts. A bishop's residence stood near the spot, and from the fact that there was no covering on the urn it is conjectured that it was buried hurriedly during a time of panic. Another theory is that the coin formed part of the money used to pay British soldiers, and that it was left in the flight which followed the engagement with Bruce at Barra.

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Unless she turned a friendly ear  
And said she'd be my wife.

I begged that she would let me know  
Without delay my fate.  
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Still anxiously I wait.

How can my love so cruel be?  
How can she try me so?  
And her delay in answering me,  
Does it mean "yes" or "no?"

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