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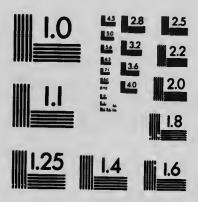
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In publishing this booklet, we have had the two-fold object of presenting the devotees of fishing in Vancouver with authoritative advice on the most successful methods of fishing in the streams mentioned, as well as of acquainting sportsmen of this vicinity with the multitude of fishing haunts within easy reach of Vancouver.

As for the information on "How to Fish" contained in this book, we assure its readers that we have satisfied ourselves that it is authentic. It has been prepared by an expert fisherman whose name is familiar to most fishing enthusiasts, and he has made himself acquainted with all the streams referred to, both during the last number of years and preparatory to issuing this book.

It is one of the wonderful features of Vancouver and British Columbia generally that there should be such facilities for fishing within a few hours' reach of one's home. Whether it is on the north shore or along the Fraser Valley, the fishing streams are all handy for the ordinary working man who cannot spare a week or a menth for an extended fishing trip.

We hope that our car and train service will prove ample to meet your needs, and that you will acquaint us with any changes by which you consider that we can be of more service to the fishing fraternity.

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A HANDY GUIDE FOR FISHERMEN

PREFACE

In presenting this litle pamphlet to the public, the Author craves their indulgence for any inaccuracies, which will probably be many, in their opinion, but his remarks are all based on actual experience, which has been considerable. He takes this opportunity of thanking those many anglers whom he has met from time to time, and who have given him so much valuable information.



THE END OF A GOOD FIGHT.

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B. C. Electric interurban lines, showing fishing streams in Fraser Valley and on North Shore

'One of the charms of angling is that it presents an endless field for argument, speculation and experiment."—T. E. PRITT.

A FEW REMARKS

British Columbia is perhaps unique compared with the other countries of the world, containing, as it does, so many rivers, lakes and streams. And perhaps Vancouver is exceptional, being as it is a small metropolis, and yet having so many fine fishing grounds within such easy access. In the following pages will be found a list of the several well-known and a few of the least known grounds, all of which can be easily reached from Vancouver and Victoria. The fishing in all these places is for salmon and trout, and no mention will be made of the sea fishing for which. British Columbia is noted throughout the whole world.

It is impossible, perhaps, to state fully the many advantages of this fascinating pastime, but the chief of which are: the study of nature, patience and self-restraint, quick perception and a love for the open air. and many others, as has been stated above, too numerous to mention-With regard to the few that are mentioned, are not patience and selfrestraint absolutely necessary in private and business life? How often has one lost a good business deal through becoming impatient, and how often has one lost a good customer or client through showing him that you are bored and want to get rid of him? With regree to the love of open air, has not the great "open air" movement done it to combat with that terrible disease tuberculosis; and furthermore, it will be found that the more one is in the open, the more they will like it, and preach the same doctrine to their friends; and they, suring how well and fit the preachers are, will sit up and basicotice, and try the same method of living, and consequently one is indirectly doing good to their fellow men, which, after all, is perhaps one of the highest principles of life.

These advantages are given not for the fisherman, who already knows them, but more for the benefit of the cynic, who may pick up this book, for the want of something to read, and who perhaps has been apt to look upon the fisherman in the same light as the lunatic in the late Phil May's inimitable drawing, the text of which is now given with many apologies to "Punch."

The drawing represents a man fishing outside an asylum wall, and nmate is looking over the wall, and the following dialogue takes

Inmate: "What are you doing?"

"Fishin" Fisherman:

"Caught anything?"
: "No." Inmate:

Fisherman: "Had a bite?" Inmate:

"No." Fisherman:

"How long have you been there?"

Fisherman: "About five hours."

Inmate: Come inside.

However, the fisherman knows of all these advantages, and this little literary effort is written for his benefit, and not for the cynics, so let us "cut the cackle and come to the 'osses."

OUT FISHIN'

By Edgar A. Guest

A feller isn't thinkin' mean. Out fishin':

His thoughts are mostly good and. clean,

Out fishin':

He doesn't knock his fellow men Or harbor any grudges then; A feller s at his finest, when Out fishin'.

The rich are comrades to the poor,

Out fishin':

All brothers of a common lure.

Out fishin':

The urchin with the pin an' string Can chum with millionaire an' king:

Vain pride is a forgotten thing Out fishin'.

A feller gets a chance to dream, Out fishin':

He learns the beauties of a stream Out fishin';



SPENT-SPINNER.

An' he can wash his soul in air That isn't foul with selfish care, An' relish plain an' simple fare Out fishin'.

A feller has no time for hate, Out fishin';

He isn't eager to be great, Out fishin':

He isn't thinkin' thoughts of pelf, Or goods stacked high upon a shelf.

But he is always just himself, Out fishin'.

A feller's glad to be a friend,
Out fishin';
A helping hand he'll always lend,
Out fishin':

The brotherhood of rod an' line An' sky an' stream is always fine; Men come real close to God's design,

Out fishin'.

A feller isn't plotting schemes,
Out fishin';
He's only busy with his dreams,
Out fishin':



FLY FISHING IN THE VEDDER.

His livery is a coat of tan,
His creed: to do the best he can;
A feller's always mostly man,
Out fishin'.

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A FEW HINTS AS TO TACKLE, ETC.

Always unwind your line on your return home, leaving it loosely coiled up on a hook or two nails. This will dry it thoroughly. Nothing rots a line so quickly as being wound up tightly on a reel and left there when damp.

When putting a line away for the season, a good way to keep it in good condition will be found to rub it over with parawax and leave it loosely coiled in an airtight preserving jar.

Deer or mutton fat will be found to be an excellent dressing for lines. It will keep them soft and pliable, and also keep a fly line floating.

Reels should be cleaned and oiled after use.

Gut leaders should be kept in a box between two damp pieces of felt. It should never be exposed to the light when not in actual use.

In the event of your using last year's gut, it will be found that soaking them in a solution of glycerine and water (10 per cent. glycerine) for about three or four hours, will strengthen and improve them.

When spinning, it will be found better to use a string of BB shot instead of the usual lead. They can be got out of snags and rocks better

When casting either with a bait or fly, do not try and cast too far. It is better to cast a shorter distance accurately than to cast a long distance and get into trouble, and furthermore, you will have better control of the fish when hooked.

When a rock is not in use it should be hung up, and not tied tightly in the bag. This will prevent any pressure being brought to bear upon the joints.

It is the intellect employed in the catching of fish that gives the zest to the sport.

Each day upon which you fish should add to your experience and knowledge.

Look to the point of your flies and the hooks on your spinner frequently, and always carry a small file in case they become blunted.

A slack line leads to danger, as it prevents your bringing pressure on a fish directly it is hooked.

A dark background is of the greatest importance to the fisherman when approaching a fish, and a skyline behind should always be avoided. If, when fishing from the banks, he has no near background, such as a wood, a hedge, a wall, a tree, a cliff, etc., the fisherman should get near to the water level and as much behind the fish as possible. Wading, for this reason, will be the most advantageous method.

In playing a jumping fish the general practice is to drop the point of the rod instantly, but this is not always the soundest policy. The action of the rod must be influenced by the direction in which a fish is moving when he breaks water. If the fish springs straight up in the air, or in any direction away from you, then lower your rod immediately. If, however, as sometimes happens, the fish is heading more or less toward you at the time he leaves the water, you should continue to keep the line fairly taut, as this slight strain will keep the head of the fish towards you and prevent his tail coming forward and striking against your line; it will also prevent the fly loosening in his mouth.

Always keep a repair case in the fishing bag for the fractured or broken rod. This should contain a small tube of strong liquid glue or cement. This cement should be odourless, non-poisonous, strong, and should dry rapidly. There should also be some fifty yards of the strongest and best black thread, and several lengths of various-sized goose quills. If it be possible, always keep a taut line when a fish is hooked.

Strike and play your fish from the reel.

Keep your rod well up when playing the fish.

The weather may be unpleasant, the fish shy, your luck villainous, but never be discouraged; your luck must turn, the fish must feed, the sun must shine, and you must catch fish. Bad luck at the card tables may be ended by a no-trump hand and a big slam. The poorest day's fishing may be concluded with the capture of a record fish.

The life and usefulness of your rods, lines and reels depends on the care you take of them.

SHOOTING.

The Fraser Valley is noted for its various shooting grounds. Sumas Lake is perhaps considered one of the best duck hunting grounds in British Columbia.

Pheasants are found all through the valley, as also are Partridges.

Grouse can be had in the Chilliwack district, at J on the east side of Cultus Lake there are plenty of deer, and if one goes a little further in there are bear to be had.

The shooting seasons are regulated by Order-in-Council; a short extract of which giving the essential facts are always obtainable at the Sporting Goods dealers.

NORTH VANCOUVER FERRIES.

Ferries leave either shore every 20 minutes throughout the day at the hour, and 20 and 40 minutes after each hour until 8 p.m. Half hourly service thereafter. B. C. Electric cars meet every ferry on North Shore.

GAZETEER

NORTH SHORE CREEKS.

SEYMOUR CREEK.—This river is perhaps remarkable, inasmuch as it is in such close proximity to a metropolis, and yet contains such a large variety of fish. Steelheads, cut-throat trout, sea trout, spring and Cohoe salmon are found in large numbers. To get there the best way is to take the Lynn Valley car and get off at the terminus. down to the Creek through what is known as Scott's Ranch. bring you out to the log house. Go down or up the river. If one goes down, the best pools will be found to be where the log chute goes into the river, about a quarter of a mile from the log house, under the first steel bridge, where the river enters the Canyon, three in the Canyon itself, the entry to which are all marked by good trails; then where the river flows out of the Canyon, and then there are several pools below the second steel bridge, all of which are easy of access. If, however, one is only fishing the lower reaches, the best way to get there is to get off at Keith Road and walk right down, about two and a half miles to the lower steel bridge.

If one goes up the river, the pools are not so numerous, the first being about half a mile up from the log house, where the road takes a big bend; then where the old soldiers' camp is; then when the bridge goes across to the Jap camp, and on to the Intake where there are several.

It is a mistaken idea, however, to think that the pools are the only place to fish, because a great number of fish are taken from the riffle and white water. Fish taken in these places are very much stronger and harder fighters, and consequently more difficult to land.

The best baits will be found to be, in the early spring, Phantom and Devon minnows, prawns or a Siwash spoon. In the summer months and fall, a Victoria, or Tacoma Spoon, or a small spoon with any standard salmon fly attached. For sea trout, which can always be taken in the fall, use any sea trout fly, or a very small spoon with a fly attached. For cut-throat trout flies will be found to be the best lure, and the most killing patterns are Hardy's Favourite, a small Jock Scott, and Royal Coachman. Worms are also good, but when one is using worms it will be found that the very small fish will cause great annoyance by nibbling and tearing the worm off the hook.

CAPILANO CREEK.—Take North Vancouver ferry and Capilano car to the wooden bridge. Fish down stream. Steelhead, Spring Salmon and Dolly Varden can be obtained by using spoons or minnow. Prawns are also good. Sea trout can be had at certain times of the year on a fly. The Jock Scot or any well-known fly. Small trout can be taken on a fly or worm. At the mouth where the fresh and salt water meet, excellent sea trout fishing is to be had when the salmon are running. A small spoon or fly is the best bait.

Going up the river, there are several pools, though there are very few in the Canyon that are accessible. There is, howver, the celebrated



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Salmon Pool, which is easily reached by going along the lower road until one comes to a very marked trail, on the left. This takes you right to the pool. At the Intake there are several pools, but the fishing here is very uncertain, and it will be found best to confine one's efforts to the lower reaches.

There are also several creeks on the north shore, nearly all which have fish in them. There are several between the Lynn and the Seymour on the Keith Road, and are very easily found. They are somewhat hard to fish with a fly, but a worm or a small spoon will be found to be good lures.

Above the Intake on Seymour Creek there are several small creeks, and nine niles above this place there is Burwell, or Stoney Creek. This is quite large, and the fishing here is very good after the end of July. Any standard trout fly or worms are good baits. There is a fair trail here, and the going is quite easy.

There is also a lake on the east side of the river, called Lost Lake, which is about a mile and three-quarters from the Intake, as the crow flies, but it is extremely difficult to find. The Caretaker at the Intake has been always found to be willing to direct people to this place to the best of his ability. The fishing here is very uncertain; on some days it is very good, whilst on others there does not appear to be a fish in the lake. The fish are a species of mountain trout, and average about half to three-quarters of a pound. The best bait has been proved to be a worm, but a black gnat and white miller have been found to be killing in August.

FRASER VALLEY

Along the Fraser Valley are to be found the fishing grounds par excellence. B. C. Electric trains stopping every mile or two bring the fisherman within easy reach of the streams and with as little inconvenience as possible.

All trains leave from Carrall Street depot. For the Nicomekl, the Serpentine, the Salmon, Johnson's Creek, and other streams east of Jardine, a train much patronized by fishermen is that which leaves Carrall Street at 6.30 a.m. daily, except Friday and Sunday; 5 a.m. Friday, and 6.50 Sunday. The Chilliwack train leaving Carrall Street at 12.50 p.m. is a handy one to take on Saturday when going out for a week-end at more distant points. These times are subject to alteration.

SERPENTINE RIVER.—Take train to McLellan, where the stream flows under the railway. Fish up or down stream, but keep on the east side of the river. The river here is very slow and muddy-looking, which at first is apt to put one off, but it does not seem to have any effect on the fish. Rainbow, Cut-throat, Sea Trout and Cohoe Salmon can be caught, and the best baits are a small spoon with about five to six inches of gut between the spoon and the hook; bait your hook with big worms and spin. Another effective bait is a plain worm thrown into the water in a similar manner to that of a fly. These fish will also take a fly late at night towards the latter part of August. The best flies to use are a Green Insect, Gray Hackle, Alexandra, and Cock-y-bondhu.

Going up stream on the east side, there is one very good spot, where the river bends, and in the middle of the stream ther sa big sunken log.

There is one point to guard against, however, and that is, when spinning do not spin too deep. The river bottom is very annexy.

The best time for fishing this river will be found to be the spring and fall. The fish do not seem to take in July o: __early part of August.

JOHNSON'S CREEK.—Get off at Sullivan and walk along Johnson Road until you come to the creek. Fish up or down. Excellent fishing will be obtained (Rainbow and Cut-throat), using as bait any standard fly, small size, or a small fly spoon. This is an excellent place for picnics.



A MORNING'S CATCH.

NICOMEKL RIVER.—Get off at Meridian and walk described the road south, until you come to the stream. This river is very similar to the Serpentine, and in the lower reaches the same baits and seasons apply. One can also get off at Anderson, where the river is only about a hundred yards away from the station. It is much smaller and goes through several farm lands. The farmers are very obliging, and will let anybody fish. Worms, flies and small fly spoons are the best baits on this part of the river. It has been found that a Coachman and Zulu are the best flies to use. When fishing in this part, use as small flies as possible, and keep away from the water as much as possible.

' SALMON RIVER.—Go to Jardine, where the railway crosses the river, and fish down stream as far as Fort Langley, where there is

excellent hotel accommodation and stores. It is extremely easy to fish here, and there are numerous good pools, but it will be found that the early spring and fall are the best seasons to fish this reach of the river. At the end of August the water gets very low and the fishing is exceptionally good. A half-inch spoon with a fly attached (a Red Spinner, Palmer, or any standard sea trout fly) will be found to be a very killing bait. These fish will also take a fly, but great care must be taken to keep one's shadow off the water. To go up-stream, get off at Harmsworth and walk down the road south, when you will find the river. Here is an ideal spot for a picnic, excellent water, beautiful woods, lovely pools and numerous fish. The fish are small and any standard trout fly or worm and fly spoon can be used. Here one can go up or down stream as they feel inclined.

CLAYBURN CREEK.—Go to Clayburn Station and walk east about 500 yards, where you will see the creek. This creek goes through Matsqui Prairie, and the fishing is very similar to Salmon River, but towards the latter part of July and August, Sea Trout can be caught, using a very small spoon and worm bait. The fishing in this creek is more uniform than the Salmon River. From the spring to the fall it is good. Flies can be used, but they must not be too big. The best pattern in the spring is the March Brown, and in the fall a Soldier Palmer.

ANDERSON AND SUMAS CREEKS (Whatcomb Road Station).—These creeks flow out to Sumas Lake. Here you get a good variety of fish: Rainbow, Cut-throat, Dolly Varden and Sea Trout. The most killing bait is the fly spoon or the spoon mentioned before with five inches of gut attached and a worm on the end. In the fall a large Green Insect has proved very successful.

STEWART CREEK.—Get off the train at Yarrow. This creek is very similar to Anderson and Sumas Creeks, and the same baits will be found effective. When fly fishing, throw your fly up stream against the reeds. Fishing with a dry fly net with great success at this place.

VEDDER RIVER.—This is perhaps one of the best fishing grounds, if not the best on the Company's system. Spring Salmon, Cohoes, Rainbows, Steelheads, Cut-throat, Dolly Varden and Sea Trout an au be taken in their respective seasons. It runs from Sumas Lake, in an easterly direction until it becomes absorbed in what is known as the Chilliwack River.

It is extremely difficult to say exactly what is the best portion of the river, as every fisherman has his favorite part in a river of this nature. The first place to get off at on the Company's line of railway is Yarrow. Walk down the road (west), and you will strike the river near Knox's Farm. Here there are several go 'pools, and one can go up or down stream as they feel inclined. One can also get off at Woodroffe's Siding, where one is only about a quarter of a mile from the bridge, and go up or down stream. If one goes up stream you will come to what is known as Vedder Crossing, which is noted for its pools. The best and quickest place to get to this portion of river is by going to Sardis, where one is only two and a half miles away, and a car can



VEDDER RIVER FROM HOTEL.

be had at the very moderate fare of 50c per head. At the Crossing itself there are two stores and a post office, and a small hotel, the proprietor of which is very obliging, and will always tell vis.tors where the best fishing places are. The hotel itself is clean and comfortable. From the Crossing and going along the Mount Baker Road about two miles along the side of the river, where one will find plenty of pools until one comes to what is termed the Slide, where the river divides out into many branches. The fishing is good in all these places, and Lee Olsen Creek, one of the branches, is exceedingly good for fly fishing. One can go up about ten or twelve miles, but space does not permit a full description of this really remarkable river.

With regard to baits and lures, there are several. For salmon and Steelheads, Victoria Spoons are principally used by local fishermen,

though a good number of them use an ordinary Siwash spoon with a little red wood led over the hook. Devon minnows, phantoms, Tacoma baits are all good. For the trout flies, the small spoon with a hook attached, or small fly spoon are good. The best flies have been found to be line of the Waters, March Brown, Professor, Black Gnat, Royal Coachman and Hardy's Favourite.

CULTUS OR SWITZER CREEK.—Runs from Cultus Lake to the Vedder River, flowing into that place on the Indian Reservation, about a mile above Vedder Crossing. The best way to go to this creek is to take the Cultus Lake road until you come to the Bridge below the fish hatchery, and go down stream. The best baits have been found to be a small fly spoon, or a small spoon with the hook attached to about six inches of gut, with a worm. Flies can be used, though it is extremely difficult throw a fly consistently, as the trees practically meet overhead right down the stream. Of course if one can throw the Spey cast it will be all right. This is a very beautiful piece of scenery and well worth a visit. The fish that one catches are Cut-throat and brook trout, with an occasional Dolly Varden.

CULTUS LAKE.—This lake is two and a half miles from Vedder Crossing, and is some seven and a half miles long and about a mile and a half wide. In the early spring the trout can be taken on a fly, but in the summer the water gets too warm, and the fish are all on the bottom. At this period of the year the best way to get them is by trolling very deep with a big and very bright spoon, with about twelve inches of gut attached and bait with a large bunch of worms. This is hardly a sporting way to catch fish, but it has been found to be the only consistent way. One can, however, using a small spoon and worm, on a fly rod, get some very good sport by rowing round the edge of the lake and fishing around wherever a small creek runs into it, and there are several of these. Sometimes one will have quite good sport, but no rules apparently can be laid down. The fish that one catches are lake trout and Dolly Varden. The best flies to use in the spring are the March Brown and Wickham's Fancy.

Thin Lake is a beautiful spot, and admirably adapted for camping and picnics. There is a small store at the edge of the Lake, and a motor boat is there also, which can be hired at a very reasonable rate. The bathing is good, and there is a fine sandy bottom, which is admirable for children. Boats can also be hired from the store at very reasonable rates.

If one should decide to spend a short time to go to this place, which has been termed "The heauty spot of the Fraser Valley," the best way to go is to take the train to Chilliwack, where one can hire a car at a very reasonable rate (\$3.00), and there are plenty of up-to-date stores, where one can get all requirements for a camp at reasonable prices.

TAMIHIHI CREEK is four or five miles up the river from Vedder Crossing, and the fishing is very fine indeed. There is a good wagon road to be found by going up to the Slide, and then over the hill. To get across the river one must go over the Cable bridge. The writer considers this to be one of the finest fly fishing streams in the Province. The fish run very large, and can all be taken on the fly.



NEAR THE SLIDE, VEDDER RIVER.

The best flies are Hardy's Favourite, Grouse and Claret, March Brown, and a Zulu Quill. Should the fish not be rising, one can always take them by using a small fly spoon.

One cannot do better than go to Sardis or Chilliwack if they want a short camping holiday. Along the Vedder there are innumerable camp sites, and also, as has been mentioned, at Cultus Lake.

There are several streams which have not been mentioned, which one can easily find, in some of which the fishing is good, but there is one, Silesia Creek, some twelve miles farther east from the Crossing, which is quite good, though it is somewhat hard to get into.

INTERURBAN TIME TABLES

New Westminster via Central Park

Cars leave either terminal every 20 minutes; first cars from Vancouver, weekdays, 5 a.m., 5.30 a.m., 6.30 a.m.; Sundays, 5.50 a.m., 6.50 and 7.50; every 20 minutes thereafter.

Fraser Valley

- Three trains daily for Chilliwack; for times, see latest Fraser Valley time-table, obtainable at Company's Ticket Offices.
- One train daily for Jardine, leave Vancouver (subject to alteration) at 6.30 a.m. daily except Friday and Sunday; leave 5 a.m. Friday; leave 6.50 Sunday.
- Special Saturday Service: Leave Vancouver 4.10 p.m. for Jardine only; returning, leave Jardine 6 p.m.
- Owl train leaves Vancouver for Jardine Saturday only at 11.25 p.m.; New Westminster 12.05 midnight, running from Vancouver without change.



CARRALL STREET STATION.

GENERAL INFORMATION. INOUIRIES.

Vancouver: For reports on fishing or shooting, information as to trains, fares, etc., inquire at Assistant General Manager's office, Room 313, B. C. Electric Building; or telephone Seymour 5000 and ask for "Fishing Information" or "Shooting Information."

New Westminster: Make enquiries at ticket office. Telephone 61.

SPORTING GOODS DEALERS.

The following are the chief Sporting Goods dealers in Vancouver, all of whom are thoroughly reliable:

Messrs. Tisdall's, Ltd., 620 Hastings St. W.

Agents for Messrs. Hardy & Co. Customers can have their own flies made up on the premise. This firm also does repairs.

Lisle G. Fraser, 651 Granville St.

Sole Agent for the Laviere Spoon and Mr. W. F. H. Brougham's flies.

The Hudson's Bay Co., Granville Street.

General high class fishing tackle. This firm has a special line of cheap flies. 69

J. H. Hatch, 120 Cordova Street W.

General line of high class tackle. Specializes in Spinning Baits.

J. Humphreys, 128 Cordova Street W.

General high class tackle.

Messrs. Fletts, Limited, 111 Hastings Street W.

General high class tackle. This firm also does repairs.

NORTH VANCOUVER:

Messrs. Payne & McMillan, Lonsdale Ave.

C. Y. Griffin, Lonsdale Ave.

Buell's Hardware Store, 1st Ave.

NEW WESTMINSTER:

Oscar Swanson. George Speck. Messrs. Trapp & Co., Ltd. A general line of tackle, guns, armunition, etc.

All the above stores carry a full stock of guns, ammunition and other sporting goods.

GUIDE.

A. G. SPENCER. Tel. 546R, North Vancouver. Vedder River only. Parties catered for and guided.

The fishing season for trout opens on March 26th to Nov. 14th. There is no close season for Salmon fishing.

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