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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 27, 1884.

HORNS AND HOOFS.
A. J. Wynn, of Beeville, was in last week.

Frio county has tackled the fence cutters.

Pat Shearn of Live Oak, is here with horses.

George Hill of LaSalle, was in last Monday.

Col. J. F. Ellison is absent on another trip to Denver.

Owen Powers came in from Nueces county the other day.

Jesse Evans spent a few days with us very busily last week.

W. S. Hall is up from the southeast, looking out for his interests.

Bud Driscoll was down from Austin the other day after horses.

H. B. Skaggs of Bee county, was in a few days ago with horses.

Jasper Miller of Nueces county, was on the streets the other day.

E. P. Davis of Throckmorton was here the other day on business.

Ben Duncan and Jim Speed of Frio county, were with us last Monday.

J. M. Dobie & Bro. are driving 1600 head of horses and mares to Kansas.

John Waelder of Refugio county has sold 2000 two-year-old steers to D. R. Rant.

Lew Allen and his brother John were up last Friday with a lot of horses.

Will Malone, of Bee county, came up last week and spent several days with us.

Ross Kennedy, of the Sabinal, was in from his ranch on special business last Saturday.

Bing Choate has sold to John Knight, of Fort Worth, a lot of good cow ponies for \$35 around.

Frank Caffey has purchased about 200 head of trail horses from Col. Moore, of San Antonio.

Henry Scott of Refugio is here, and has probably succeeded in making a nice sale of cows.

Bill Fugate is reported to have bought 5000 head of steers for the Colorado Cattle Company.

The Mapes boys of Live Oak county, are moving some 800 head of stock cattle to Menard county.

Joe Foster, who was wounded in his fight with Ben Thompson, died, and was buried here last Sunday.

Capt. B. F. Buzard came in again the other day and departed Saturday for his ranch in Uvalde county.

Capt. Sayers was up from Gonzales county again last week, and spent several days in the city on business.

The demand for she cattle is expected to improve, now that drovers and shippers have about satisfied their wants.

J. M. Mathis of Victoria, is here, and we understand will shortly remove his family here and live among us permanently.

Capt. Templeton came in from Live Oak county, last Monday. He reports his men have the past week all over the southeast.

Mr. Stevens, of Paris, Texas, was here last week, and purchased twenty horses and twenty mules from Capt. Bill Smith.

Frank Hall was up from LaSalle county again last week. Frank is putting up the best beaver received on this market.

A. G. Denmark of Big Springs, Howard county, was in last Monday, and left for Caldwell county to see after stock deliveries.

F. L. McGregor of Gillespie county was here the other day to buy horses. He will move 1000 head of stock cattle to Limestone county.

It is thought that fully 125,000 head of cattle are now on the wing, and that within ten days the number will come up to 300,000.

Joe Cotulla was up again the other day, and reported a great want of rain in LaSalle county, but the blessing has since been received.

Mr. H. G. Williams of Austin, was over to see us last week. He is busy with recent heavy purchases of stock made at Dallas and elsewhere.

Capt. L. O. Chenault and Mrs. F. H. Bushick were married here a few days ago. Both are well known to many of the readers of the JOURNAL.

Mabry & Lewis have just sent up 100 head of horses to Mason county to drive 9000 head of cattle, 5000 of which go from Mason and 4000 from Wichita.

Ed Hageman of Frio county was in the city last Monday, and sold 70 head of stock horses to Redmon & Smith for \$20 for 20 head, and \$14 for the remainder.

Mr. C. M. Bowles is down again from his ranch North of Austin. He will put a goat herd on a part of his range, which is worthless for any other domestic animal.

Joe Murray was up again from Wilcox county last week, and kept very busy. While here he succeeded in selling 3,000 head of steer cattle to Ike Pryor, of Austin.

Local officers last week bagged four desperate horse thieves from whom they took six revolvers, sixteen knives and a lot of other stuff supposed to have been stolen.

Major Hinkle, the secretary, reports continuous accessions to the list of members of the West Texas Live Stock Association. Both sheep and cattlemen are joining.

Nelson Plato, collector of customs at Corpus Christi was convicted in the Federal court here last week, on the charge of releasing unauthorities of alleged smuggled mules.

W. L. Crawford, of Comanche county, purchased a half interest in the outfit of Jake Ellison, located at OFFICE

for \$25,000. There are 7,500 acres in the ranch and 1,800 cattle on the range.

Seeb Smith left Monday evening for Hondo with a fine outfit. He will drive 3000 head of cattle to Ogallala for Capt. Lytle. The outfit was the best we have seen leave the city this season.

J. T. Brown of Illinois is down again, accompanied by his two sons, and leaves for the Shiner ranch in LaSalle county, where he will range the she stock he recently purchased from the Shiner Bros.

Henry B. Shiner came in last Monday from Lavaca county, and reports very fine rains through all the Eastern country. Old settlers say they never saw such rains in Guadalupe and Gonzales counties.

Major D. W. Hinkle secretary of the southwest Texas Live Stock Association is seriously ill. He has had two congestive chills, is very weak and low. His friends are kindly caring for him.

Henry Scott and W. D. Moss have purchased the Seeligson pasture in Bee county, embracing 9220 acres, for \$5 an acre. It is under good fence and has all the necessary buildings and water facilities.

Wiley Moore purchased last Monday 121 head more of good saddle horses. His brother John will move 500 head of mixed stock to Wyoming, and Wiley will lead a fine herd from the southern country.

Henry DeBardeleben has gone to Mexico to look after his ranch interests. His brother, A. P. DeBardeleben, has given up the Hord Hotel here, which will be taken by J. P. Hickman, Jr., and J. M. Campbell.

Mr. Jim Reed of Fort Worth was down last week, and purchased 148 head of good saddle horses, for which he paid \$40 around. They will be driven to drive 400 head of cattle from the Double Mountain Fork.

Mr. Kleinworth, just up from Wilcox county, where he went after cattle, reports very heavy rains and the creeks all booming. Below old Fairview the country was visited by the most terrific hail storm ever known.

country, even hawks and buzzards. Mr. Clark bought 600 head of stock horses from Camillo Saens, at the San Antonio Viejo, and says he intends to drive some 800 head to Kansas. The pasture country in Starr is almost bare of grass, and the recent rains put water in ponds and creeks which had been dry for nearly two years. Stock this side of San Antonio Viejo was in fine condition.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.
Sales of Texans—Texas Fever Cure by Ice Water.

Foot and Mouth Disease Scare all Over.

Regular Correspondence Texas Live Stock Journal.

UNION STOCK-YARDS,
CHICAGO, ILL., March 24, 1884.

Prices for Texas cattle have been good. The demand exceeds the supply. The following sales of Texas cattle have been made lately:

91 corn-fed	\$20.85.10	21 corn-fed	\$21.15.50
19 corn-fed	\$20.50.00	60 corn-fed	\$21.50.00
21 corn-fed	\$20.45.00	20 corn-fed	\$21.75.00
15 c. of Tex.	\$21.50.00	91 c. of Tex.	\$21.50.00
42 c. of Tex.	\$21.50.00	12 Indian	\$11.90.00
21 Tex. bulls	\$10.50.00	20 Tex. steers	\$19.50.00
18 Tex. oxen	\$13.45.00		

E. B. and J. A. Harrold of Bloomington, Ill., formerly of the well-known Texas cattle firm of Harrold Bros., were not able to attend the Texas "cow meeting" this spring on account of the illness of the former.

Harrold & Culbertson of Bloomington, Ill., recently made an importation of Percheron horses, which are doing well.

Gatewood & Gage shipped 39 head of corn-fed Texans from Ennis, Texas. Swift Bros. bought them at \$5.30.

J. H. Doman, McKinney, Texas, sold 91 corn-fed Texas steers at \$5.50. They averaged 971 pounds.

A lot of 113 grass Texans, 765 pounds, sold at \$4.40. These were the first grass cattle that have been marketed this year. These cattle were reshipped from St. Louis.

Some Texas oxen sold at \$4.75 and a car of worn out Texas bulls sold at \$3.50.

The ice water theory advanced by Dr. Detmers as a remedy for Texas fever is novel to say the least. He thinks that by detaining Texas cattle three or four days in the Indian Territory and giving them nothing to drink but ice water, that the germs of the fever will be effectually killed. He proposes to have the government set aside a tract of land and manufacture ice for the purpose. Detmers is very well known in Texas and here also. He was largely instrumental in bringing about the British embargo on our cattle in 1875 by false reports of pleuropneumonia at the stock yards, and then it was claimed that his reports caused the French restrictions on our pork product.

The freight about foot and mouth disease has about subsided, but the reports that have gone to England and other countries can never be recalled, and is undoubtedly true that damage to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars has been done to Kansas, and the live stock trade of the whole country has suffered incalculable loss on that account. The matter has served a good purpose in arousing the country to the need of taking ample measures for the suppression and prevention of any calamity that might arise in future.

H. T. Keenan has just returned from a trip to Kansas City and says the excitement there over the cattle disease scare has been great, but is subsiding.

The cattle market here has been more or less affected by the excitement, especially the stocker and feeder trade, but lately the prices for stock cattle have returned to the former level, and are now relatively higher than for fat cattle. A good many Eastern feeders are prevented from buying on account of the high prices.

Prices for hogs are about 75 cents lower, and cattle 25¢ to 50¢ lower than one year ago. The demand for Texas cattle is strong and prices continue at good rates.

Distillery cattle are coming in considerable numbers and are selling at \$5.00 to \$5.25.

Persons just returning from Texas say the shipments of beef are not apt to commence earlier than usual.

A. C. HALLIWELL.

A complaint was filed in the United States circuit court of Denver, Tuesday, in a suit which involves the sum of \$217,000. The plaintiff, Jeremiah J. Mann, of Nevada, alleges that the defendant, the Arkansas Valley Land and Cattle company of England, did unlawfully convert to its own use 612 head of Oregon steers and 600 head of Oregon cows, of the value of \$65,520, and also the natural increase of the cows, amounting to 1,500 head of cattle, of the value of \$50,000. It is also alleged that on January 1, 1881, A. T. Kelley, A. J. Gillespie, T. E. Gillespie, Louis J. Gillespie, J. F. Gillespie and G. O. Keck were the owners of 1036 head of Oregon steers, valued at \$62,000, which the above named defendant did at the same time unlawfully convert to its own use; that the owners were deprived of the use and enjoyment of the proceeds of the said cattle, and were damaged in the sum of \$50,000. Afterward the plaintiff in this case bought on the interest of the last mentioned bunch of cattle, and now prays for judgment in the sum of \$217,000, his damages and costs.—Cheyenne Leader.

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The Maryland House of Delegates tabled the crank bill prohibiting the sale of Western slaughtered beef in the Baltimore market by a vote of 66 yeas to 11 nays.

The Texas Investment Company, Limited, has a 22,000-acre pasture for sale on good terms. This land is in Baylor county. See their advertisement elsewhere.

MENELLE & BRO. recently bought of James Newman, Sr., his stock of cattle in Fisher county, numbering 2000 head, paying \$10,000, range delivery. This is an excellent stock of cattle.

The Cheyenne Leader says: D. E. Chase, manager of the Eastern Cattle company, left Denver, Col., March 21st for Northern Texas, whence he will drive in 3,500 Texas steers and add them to the 3,000 already on the ranch.

Mrs. ELBA R. GRUWELL, of Phoenix, Maricopa county, Arizona, wishes the address of Joseph Raney, a cattleman of Texas. If this meets the eye of Mr. Raney or any one knowing his whereabouts, a favor will be conferred by informing the lady.

The Colorado Clipper says: The damage suit against the Texas and Pacific railroad for damages of cattle, brought by Hudson, of Tom Green county, was decided this week, the jury awarding Hudson \$6,500 damages. The case will go to the court of appeals, we learn.

The first of the week there was a meeting of stockmen and capitalists at Dallas, called for the purpose of establishing a live stock journal in that city. A proposition was made to organize and furnish half the amount required by the mover of the enterprise, Mr. Frank Powell of Gainesville, Texas, and he agreeing to furnish the balance and run the paper. Among the speeches made, our friend C. C. Slaughter dwelt at length upon the advantages Dallas would derive from a first-class stock journal being published in that city, and incidentally referred to the editor of the TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, paying a handsome tribute, for which the JOURNAL acknowledges its appreciation. A committee was formed and we hope they will succeed in their efforts, as there is plenty of room for another live stock journal in North Texas, or a dozen of them, for that matter and if stockmen should conclude to each have a journal of their own they can afford the luxury.

Sales of Horses.
W. F. Bentley of the Texas Investment Company, Limited, sold and delivered, on the 27th, to Mat. Ryan, of Draper & Ryan, 40 head of cow ponies at \$50 per head. Bentley is very active in making sales.

New Cattle Company Chartered.
The charter of the Day Land and Cattle Company was filed in office of secretary of state at Austin, on the 24th. The incorporators were J. M. Day, C. E. Anderson, F. M. and John W. Maddox of Austin, and J. W. Powers of Mobeetie, Texas. The capital stock of this company is \$510,000.

Fort Worth Cattle Market
As this city has become quite a center for trading in range, trail and stock cattle, we shall from time to time report the condition of the market and prices at which contracts have been made.

During the last ten days trade has enlivened and quite a number of contracts for June delivery have been made at the following figures. Western Texas located stocks of cattle in herds of 1,000 head and upwards \$25 per head. The same class in lots from 50 to 1,000 head unlocated from \$20 to \$22½ per head. Central Texas cattle are changing hands at \$20 per head.

Prairie cattle from \$17 to \$20 per head. Two-year-old heifers range in prices from \$16 to \$22; the minimum figures given for East Texas and coast heifers; the maximum for West Texas.

Yearling heifers are in demand for western ranches at \$16 for good Texas stock, trail steers are quoted as follows:

West Texas ones at \$14@16; West Texas twos at \$17@19; Middle Texas ones at \$12@14; Middle Texas twos at \$15@18; Southern Texas ones at \$12@13; Southern Texas twos at \$14@16; East Texas ones at \$12@13; East Texas twos at \$14@16.

SPRING TRADE IN STOCK CATTLE.

Prices Firm and Few Selling.

Notwithstanding the powerful leverage that was brought to bear, by buyers to overturn the confidence of owners as to the value of stock cattle, prices still continue firm and most holders prefer to keep their cattle rather than to sell at less than they know their stock are worth to them.

In former articles we have referred to the different means that have been used by buyers to unsettle prices and cause cattle to decline. All efforts used so far have proved abortive. The effects of fence-cutting, trail-closing, abandonment of state land sales and abridgement of time in leasing, as also the increase of price of land leased, one hundred per cent., and last the cattle plague scare, have all been skillfully manipulated by the shrewd would-be buyer, and have brought no, to him, satisfying result.

Texas cattlemen know that the supply of stock cattle in Texas is not sufficient to meet the actual wants of the range country at home and in the North and Western grazing fields. They also know that for a year at least cattle can be run as cheap in Texas as farther North or West, and that if stocks are not sold this spring there will be handsome profits in the growth and increase. If buyers fancy that our stockmen can be frightened into selling out at low figures, they had best undeceive themselves of this fancy at once and buy at figures cattle can now be had. Unless they do, the chances are that they will in ninety days find it difficult to secure stock cattle even at an advance of twenty-five per cent. above top prices asked for now.

Time, the great teacher, has convinced Texas stockmen that the profits lost by selling their growing and producing cattle, at low prices, are far greater than returns received from holding. If one-tenth of the reports received from the Nation, Kansas and the Western States and Territories be true, Texas cannot supply all the cattle required to fill the vacuum made from loss by severe winter and disease, aside from the increasing needs of the old Northern and Western range, Arizona and New Mexico which require and will have a part of our surplus cattle, so we think now as we have held in former articles, that men who have good stock cattle in Texas will find greater profit in holding firm for better prices than buyers claim to be willing to pay.

The Kansas Dead Line.

The following law has recently passed the Kansas legislature. We give it in full so that stockmen can see exactly how the document reads. There is a general impression that this law closes the route to Nebraska through Kansas, whereas it does nothing of the kind. This is the law:

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

INTERPRETATION.

The crossing is moved about thirty-five miles westward, the eastern trail being cut off by closing Comanche county, but this was done last year. The old western trail from Camp Supply to Dodge, the old Lee & Reynolds' freight road is open. Clarke, Meade, Seward, Stevens and Kansas counties, the five west counties on the southern line of the state are open. Ford county, south of the Arkansas River, is open, also two townships northwest of Dodge and the two south townships of Hodgeman county.

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THE KANSAS CATTLE SCARE.

No Foot and Mouth Disease in the Great West.

We have had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. B. B. Groom, manager of the Franklyn Land and Cattle company, and chairman of the committee of Texas State Stockmen's Association on Animal Diseases, directly after his return from Kansas, where he, in company with his son, Mr. H. T. Groom, and one of the leading English veterinary surgeons of America, Dr. E. T. Hagyard, of Kentucky, also Dr. Salmon, chief veterinary of the United States Animal department, and William Denning, of the Dominion Cattle company, visited the diseased herds in Kansas and made careful examinations of the animals. The Messrs. Groom and the other gentlemen had seen in Europe many cases of veritable foot and mouth disease, and after thorough examination made, found the claim that the herds around Neosho Falls were afflicted with this scourge, or any other contagious disease, was erroneous, and the facts briefly narrated to us show the entire disease is due solely to local causes, which were readily discernible to these gentlemen. They found young pigs and calves, which are most liable to aphthae, in the same infected herds perfectly healthy and free from disease. The enclosures where the afflicted cattle were located showed that filth, straw and decaying vegetation had produced vast hot-beds of ammonia in which the cattle had stood during the freezing weather prior to the outbreak. They also found at least one-sixth of the hay which had been used as food for the thin and emaciated cattle, composed of wild rye and upon almost every stalk of this ergot was clinging.

Now to all men conversant with the powerful effects of the drug and its known capacity to produce a disease in animals known as ergotism, it will be readily seen that here a local disease from local causes was susceptible of generation, and as ergotism causes a rush of blood from the extremities, the legs were more susceptible to freezing, and so this disease that has raged in Kansas is simply frozen feet and legs, superinduced by ergotism or rather more violent and severe by the diseased condition of the blood.

The only animals found with sore mouth or tongue were first a young steer with a gash in his mouth and one with a swollen gum from a decaying tooth. The cow that was claimed to be suffering from a diseased udder, that gave grounds for calling it the aphthous fever, was found to be only suffering from cracked or sore teats, which all cows are liable to in winter when not properly cared for. We think that enough evidence has already been given to convince any but the most prejudiced, that a mountain of fright has been reared from a mole hill of suspicion. And this mountain has vanished into mist under a careful investigation of wise, prudent and practical men, experienced in animal diseases.

THE SPRING RACES.

Opening Meeting at Gainesville, Texas.

On next Tuesday, the spring races of the North Texas Circuit open at Gainesville, and a successful meeting may be safely counted on. We premise this from our knowledge of the management at that course, the track and grounds, and the number and merit of the famous horses that will compete for the purses and stakes.

Of the horses known to fame in the racing world that will take part at Gainesville are Richball, Westmont and Fritz. Added to this list are some promising ones as yet unknown, but soon to be made famous.

The trotters to come under the string are such celebrities as Will Benham, Big Soap, St. Cloud, Whirlwind, Ida, Fuller and a host of other lesser lights. Among the runners are promising colts and fillies, besides Miss Yates, Bonita, and other approved flyers. All in all, levers of fast trotting and pacing, and swift running, conducted with fairness and by contestants well matched, will have a fine opportunity to gratify themselves by attending the races at Gainesville next week, Fort Worth the week following, and closing at Sherman the third week in April. Lady equestrianism will be a feature of the week, also some hurdle racing.

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A FAILURE.

Attempted Bank Robbery at Wichita Falls.

The Robbers Fought—One Killed, One Caught and One Escaped.

A special from Wichita Falls, Texas, on Wednesday night, brings the news that an unsuccessful attempt was made on that day at half past three in the afternoon to rob the James bank, and the attempt might, and doubtless would have been, a success had it not happened that the robbers tried to secure a recruit for the band in an honest ranger, John Kincaid, who tacitly agreed to operate with them, but at the same time informed his captain (Schmidt) of the rangers of the plan. Below we give the report as received by us:

At 3:30 p. m. to-day occurred here one of the most daring attempts at bank robbery the country has ever known. Charles E. Bagley, Wiley Hays, and a boy 18 years of age named Frank Parmenter, and John Kincaid, a member of the ranger force, constituted the party, the latter playing in with the party to trap them. The plans had been forming for several weeks, and were not perfected until last night, when Kincaid, being in their confidence, and getting all the plans, informed Lieutenant Schmidt fully as to the entire scheme, and the latter notified Colonel G. J. James, proprietor of the bank, of what was going to be attempted. Sergeant Grimes was stationed in the bank vault, and Ashby James, cashier of the bank, was at his counter, no one else being in the bank at the time appointed, but for some reason the attempt was not made for half an hour later. While Parmenter and Hays were outside near the bank entrance holding the horses, Bagley and Kincaid entered. They passed through a back-way around the counter, Bagley in the lead smoking a pipe, and as he did so told James he wanted some New York exchange, and James told him to stay in front of the counter, which he did not allow any one to come behind. Bagley answered, "I will come anyhow," and took his pipe out of his mouth and put it in a case. When he had passed around to a railing separating the business from the other part of the room, he drew his six-shooter and covered James and continued to walk around to an entrance to the inclosure where James was and where the money and vault were. When he covered James he called to him to throw up his hands, which James did, and told James to put all his money in it, and James complied, which seemed to unnerve him for an instant, but he soon rallied and said, "G—d—n you, I will kill you if you don't," and at the same time presented his pistol to James' heart, as he came out of the vault. At this movement, Sergeant Grimes fired the contents of a double-barrel shot-gun into him, and Kincaid followed with a six-shooter. Bagley staggered and fell, riddled with balls. One pistol shot entered his forehead, and a number of buckshot entered near the left nipple. Lieut. Schmidt and another ranger were stationed across the street in the route they were expected to take on their retreat. A book agent by the name of Wear was in the bank at the time the robbers entered, and was talking to these gentlemen. Wear went to ward the door, but stopped to see what was up and, seeing how matters stood, started to run across the street, when Parmenter called to him to stop, and he not heeding, Parmenter emptied his pistol at him, and the teller of the bank, who was stationed

ed in the store across the street, hearing the shots, ran out, and seeing Wear running from the bank, supposed he was one of the robbers, and presented his pistol and told him to throw up his hands, which Wear did, calling out, "I am not one of them." Lieutenant Schmidt fired at Hays, who started to run, but did not hit him.

The boy Parmenter had told his pals as they entered the bank that he would be there, dead or alive, and when he saw that the robbers had fled, he did not flinch under the fire of the rangers.

Kincaid, Sheriff Davis and others are still in pursuit of Hays, who has not yet been captured, and as he is well mounted he may not be overhauled to night. It is said he is wanted at several places for robbery. It is supposed he is wounded.

The coroner's jury in the inquest of Bagley, who lived for two or three hours, was held to-day.

We, the jury, find that deceased Bagley came to his death by wounds received by shots from the pistol or guns of some of the ranger force, while he was engaged in an attempt to rob the bank of John G. James, and that the rangers were justifiable in said killing, and we commend Captain Kincaid and Sergeant Grimes and Kincaid for their efficacious action in preventing the robbery.

Among the jurors was the brother-in-law of the James boys, who is a worthy citizen of this place.

One of the men of the gang has been attending a stage stand on the Seymour route, and it was intended to have him come and to divide the party and rob the bank at Henrietta at the same hour, but he was lame and could not get here so the Henrietta scheme was abandoned. The rangers started for this man to-day.

Parties are out from Henrietta to capture Hays and it is hardly possible he will be able to make good his escape.

Bagley is from Alabama and Hays is from Kansas, the boy is also from Kansas, and has been here for several months and claims to have known his associates only a short time.

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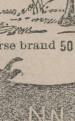
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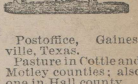
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