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WORDS. Words are lighter than the cloud foam Words are lighter than the cloud to Of the restless ocean spray; Vaine: than the trembling shadow That the next hour steals away; By the fall of summer raindrops; Is the air as deeply stirred; And the rose-leaf that we tread on Will outling a word Will outlive a word.

Vet on the dull silence breaking With a lightning flash, a word, Bearing endless desolation On its lightning wings, I heard. Earth can forge no keener weapon, Dealing surer death and pain, And the cruel echo answered Through long years again.

I have known one word hang starlike O'er a weary waste of years, And it only shone the brighter Looked at through a mist of tears, While a weary wanderer gathered Hope and heart on life "dark way, By its faithful promise shining Clearer day by day.

I have known a spirit calmer Than the calmest lake, and clear As the heavens that gazed upon it, With no ware of hope or fear; But a storm had swept across it, And its deepest depths were stirred, Never, never more to slumber, Only by a word.

I have known a word more gentle Than the breath of summer air, In a listening heart it nestled, And it lived forever there. Not the beating of its prison Stirred it ever, night or day; Only with the heart's last throbbing Could it pass away.

Words are mighty, words are living; Serpents with their venomed stings, Or bright angels, crowding round us With heaven's light upon their wings; Every word hea its own constit Every word has its own spirit, True or false, that never dies; Every word man's lips have uttered Echoes in the skies.

MY LITTLE WIFE.

The following exquisite love-story is from a ne poet, celebrated in the July number of Blackwood -DAVID WINGATE, a collier from his ninth year: My little wife often round the church hill, Sweet little, dear little, near-footed Jane, Walked slowly, and lonely, and thoughtful, until The afternoon bell chimed its call o'er the plain. The affernoon bell chimed its call o'er the p And nothing seemed sweeter To me than to meet her, And tell her what weather 'truss likely to be, My heart the while glowing, The selfish wish growing, That all her affections were centered in me.

My limitle wife once ('tis strange, but 'tis true,) Sweet little, dear little, love-troubled Jane, So deeply absorbed in her day-dreaming grew, The bell chimed and ceased, yet she heard not i train : strain; And I, walking near her, strain ;

And 1, walking near her, (May love ever oheer her Who thinks all such wandering of sin vold and free,) Strove hard to persuade her That He who had made her Had destined her heart-love for no one but me.

My little wife—well, perhaps this was wrong— Sweet little, dear little, warm hearted Jane, Sat on the hill-side till her shadow grew long, Nor tired of the preacher that thus could det.

but achieve a name as an artist. You was at that moment entering the door. should see some of her attempts. She is 'George,' said I, affecting a careless genius, Ralph. But that would require manner, 'I wish to ask you a question ;' money, and where is the money to come and I then inquired if he was acquainted You know I havn't much, Ralph, with the neighborhood in which I had been

but I have determined to do something for our old playmate. I can save out of my Yes, sir, very well, he replied. allowance at least thirty pounds ; and now if you will double it, what will that not do 'Can you tell me who lives in the large house with the two eagles on the gatefor Lucy? I was counting it up the other day, and, if I am correct, it will enable The house stands back from the road.' to attend the School of Design and 'Oh, you mean Mr. Wright's,' said he; take private lessons in art for a year, and, but it's more than four miles out there it was the last; at least, there was a

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at the end of that time, if Lucy is alive, sir.' she will show the world what a woman can "How far is it ?' I asked. do. When I look at that poor girl, with 'About four miles and a half-may be

her rare mind and her oraving for knowlmore.' edge, I cannot help thinking how superior 'Thank you. That is all I want,' I reshe is to me-a mere idler; and I someplied, as I passed into the house, where I evening, when her mischief-loving brother times think that if she had my place, and addressed my note to Miss Lucy Walters, made it public. I hers, there would be more justice in the care of Miss C. Wright, then, sauntering

distribution of the world's goods and comout slowly, I called the lad to me. forts. Don't say I'm silly and sentimen-'By the way George,' said I, 'I have a tal, Ralph. I know you will give your letter to deliver out there. Do you think share towards the sum, like a good brother, you could do it for me? If you would as you are. I have been talking to her call a cab—any way that you could get disappointed. about it, and I know I can manage it so as there soon ; and when you deliver it, don't as you are. I have been talking to her

to overrule any soruples she may have stay a moment. I don't care about having you questioned ? He was a shrewd lad, and as he listened

the question presented itself to my mind to me, I knew, by the expression of his --- How am I to escape from this awkward face, that he had guessed my motive. position honorably? Here I have been 'You don't want them to know where it guilty of listening to a communication incame from, if you can help it,' said he. tended for the ear of another-have been ' You understand me, I see,' said I.

Well, I can manage it for you, Mr ticed upon a stranger and a lady knowing-Clark,' said the lad. ' My uncle Dean ly. Perhaps the honest plan would be to lives out there.' acquaint her at once with the mistake, and 'Is Mr. Dean your uncle ?' I inquired

hastily. 1 had at last summoned courage suffi-'Yes, sir,' he replied. cient to clear my throat, and was about to 'There is a lame girl living with him,' commence my well-studied speech, when continued. my companion gave a little laugh, as she 'Yes, Miss Walters.'

' Can I trust you, George ?' I inquired. Really, Ralph, you are very entertain-You may, sir, if you want to help Miss you to your Uncle Graham's from the coning in your own peculiar way; but if you | Walters without her knowing who is doing are as dumb when in the presence of Miss | it,' said he.

Vervon as you have been to-night, she is Well,' said I, 'this letter is intended to be pitied rather than envied. You are for Miss Walters, as you will perceive. It did.' little better than a barbarian ! But here is a money letter, and if you can convey we are at uncle's, and you know I promised it to her, that is all that is required. You opinion,' said I. to stop with Carrie to-night; so you will will keep the matter to yourself ?' I added, have no one to bother you the remainder as I endeavored to place a sovereign in his of knowing how it was received,' said my of the road. How singular you do act to- | hand.

night, Ralph! Well, I won't tease you 'No, sir-not that, Mr. Clark. I only wish I could do twice as much for Miss Suddenly the driver drew up before an Walters,' exclaimed the fine fellow. 'I

elegant residence, and, imagining I perceived a loop-hole whereby I might escape and she will never know where it came from my awkward predicament, I sprang from. I am going there to-night.' out of the brougham and assisted the lady Very well, George,' I replied, as I left

him, feeling satisfied the note was in safe 'Is your head still aching, Ralph ? hands. Good night! Why, you forgot to kiss

her acquaintance ?

'That lady in blue ?' said my cousin. As the fair face was upturned to mine, 'No, said I, ' the lady beside her.' ' Have you not made

have known that her woman's instinct and I will amass wealth with my ready

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would detect me.' pen.' While these and similar thoughts occupied my mind, I became engaged in an ulate her costacy, her husband, the Mar-interesting conversation with Miss Wright. quis, crept snake-like upon me. In the course of it allusion was made to the Princess Strainervoyce.

• Did I attend her last concert ?? Really, was it the last, or the one preeding it, or the second ? Certainly, I attended one of them, but which of them ? My memory was so treacherous ! Perhaps

suffocating crush !? And the conversation went on as beso lonely, so dismal. fore. The digression removed all doubts Ab. me! from her mind. I at least had known

nothing of her adventure prior to that I do not think I was romantic at that

time, and yet I must confess that, from the beginning of our acquaintance, I entertained the hope that Miss Wright would one day become my wife. I was not * * *

It was perhaps six months after we were married that I carried home in my there is in the world would be a goodly

pocket a newspaper containing a flattering notice of Lucy Walters. As Mrs. Clark employed herself at her work, I drew firth the paper and read to her the notice. Lucy was pursuing her studies, and had carried off the prize-medal. As she listened to the flattering comments paid to her protege, my wife's face lit up with a glow of pleasure.

'Ralph used to laugh at me when I told him that Lucy would one day make a name for herself,' she said musingly. 'I have so often wondered,' she continued, as she resumed her work, who it was that gave her that money.' · You mean the person who occompanied

cert ? said I. 'Yes,' she replied ; ' it was very singu-

lar his giving the money in the way he · Doubtless he did it to secure your good

wife. 'Of course he has though,' said I. 'How do you know?' inquired Mrs. Walters,' exclaimed the fine fellow. 'I Clark, looking up from her work. 'He shall put the letter where she will get it, may be dead.'

• But he is living, Caroline,' said I. • Who is living ?' she asked. 'The person you so often think abont, who sent Lucy Walters thirty pounds, and whom you kissed.' 'Mr. Clark !' exclaimed my wife, as the

work fell from her hands into her lap. 'Mrs. Clark !' I retorted.

I encountered a young articled clerk, who self. Have I betrayed myself ! I might and young mercantile person will adore it, send it ahead-and remember, Valter, my

Ere she could reply-ere she could artic-

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Sh-1 I write it? He kicked me out of the garden-he kicked me into the street, I did not return. How could I? I, so ethereal, so full of soul of sentiment, of sparklin originality ! He so geoss, so practical, so lop-eared.

Had I returned, the creature would have kicked me again. So I left Paris for this place-this place

Oh. dear

Valter and Us Continue Our Valk.

WHEREIN THE USE OF MONEY IS SPOKEN OF. Valter, my boy, you can't eat it; it is not drinkable; clothing cannot be made

of it, yet you and us toil and worry year after year. • What for ?'

"What for?" Money, to be sure. All

fortune, but, my body, it is not worth its cost. That is, for itself. And do you ever consider how differently people use it? Old Hardware would use it all, and give his notes for as much more to sink in railroads, and old Real Estate would buy so much of God's earth that his cash would pay but ten per cent. on the original purchase. And old Politics would spend it all in whiskey, while his consort, Mrs. Politics, would squander it all for store raiment. Once in a while, my boy, a man gets enough, as he does of love, or or any other passion, but the majority labor and save, and starve, and study deprivations, and go through life as an argument penetrates a fanatic, to get some-

thing to jingle while the devil is checking his baggage. Money is a good thing, but then, my boy, not one in a hundred know how to use it. There is happiness in it, if we know how to find it. Burying it in farms for poor men to dig out for us is no good way. Hoarding twenty-five cent pieces in a dirty stocking is no way to enlarge the heart. Carrying it folded in a belt around you is no sensible way. In God's Heaven are many stars, but not-more than there are ways to use money well and wisely.

Be liberal. Be a man-not a skinflint. If you have talent, my boy, let it benefit some one. Give others the benefit of your light. Don't, because you are rich, let your heart be coated over with base metal. It takes but a little to support life-it takes but a little more to live in good

would be swept into the garbage pile. To

shall be poor there. And that is the world

That is-he was not in debt !

But in the other world, he is in good

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I argued so nearly, And proved so completely That none but poor Andrew her husband could be, She smiled when I blessed her, And blushed when I kissed her, And owned that she loved and would wed none but

A FORTUNATE MISTAKE.

It was on the evening of the 2d of May, in 185-, that I went to hear the Russian Princess Strainervoyce, who at that time attracted the fashionable world to her concerts. I went to hear the Princess partly to kill time, and partly to hear and see for myself the marvelous foreigner whose name was in everybody's mouth .--When I reached Her Majesty's Concertroom, it was crowded to its utmost capacity. It was so closely wedged that one could have studied anatomy, after a fashion, merely from the impression of one's neighbor's bones. At the close of the concert, I was borne along with the crowd,

and jammed through the doorway at the risk of breaking every rib in my body .--Ere I could escape from the throng, and while I was shrugging my shoulders to assure myself that my collar-bone was in its proper position, I felt a hand clasping my arm, and a musical voice exclaimed You good-for-nothing 1 I thought I

had lost you! What a frightful crush ! I do believe my arm is broken, and my dress ruined, and all for the sake of hearing this Strainervoyce ! I would not give our Clara Novello for a world of Strainervoyces !'

I was on the point of replying that I agreed with her, but restrained myself, laughing inwardly at the novel position in which I was placed, and wondering who my fair companion could be. Evidently she mistook me for her brother, or possibly her husband, judging from the familiarity of her manner; for she added in a sympathizing tone-

· Forgive me, Ralph-your poor head ! I am sorry I made you come.' 'Pardon me, madam,' said I ; 'but-

'Oh, nonsense, Raiph !' she interrupted up in a heavy shawl ; still, taking everyme. 'You have become half barbarian since you went to the Crimea, to permit me to seat myself, while you stand there as if I were your wife, and you ten years married, instead of your sister, whose ready assistant and attendant--in place of a better-you should be.'

'Excuse me,' said I, 'but---'

Ralph, I shall catch my death of cold sitting here ; and such a long ride, too ! Here the lady gave a perceptible shiver. Do jump in and sit down, or I will-

What she would have done I did not wait to hear; but taking my place beside her in the brougham, we were driven off, I knew not where.

"I won't ask you to talk to me, with that headache, but I want you to listen to me,' began my companion the moment we started. (1 wanted to talk to you coming his neck-and the buttons upon his coat in, but that little chatter-box, Maggie, prevented me from saying a word to you. him at the same time, for, as we were pass-You remember poor little Lucy Walters, Ralph. Her mother died about two ing each other, we involuntarily paused, months ago, and the poor girl has gone to and scanning each other closely and curilive with the Deans. Mr. and Mrs. Dean have been very kind to her, but it is imsaid to myself, as I turned to look at him. possible for them to do more than shelter her. How any one can have the heart to was detected, he wheeled around and re-sumed his walk. Ere I reached my chamwound Lucy's feelings is a mystery to me, and yet every occasion that presents itself is seized upon by the Wares and Kings to ber, I resolved to ascertain, if it was possiinsult her, even to commenting upon the noor girl's father's actions, as if she could have prevented that which occurred twenty years ago; and I have seen Sarah Ware mitating her walk, regardless of poor Lucy's tears.' making.

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I could not restrain an exclamation of disgnat as I listened to this. I knew it would disgust you, dear Ratph, continued my companion. Well, Walters, the lame girl, and enclosing three man was, Miss Wright ? I inquired. I cried. Her lips met-arms. I felt her I was Hunkey.

with its tempting lins a ing the kiss, I pressed my shawl down from my mouth That is Miss Wright.' suddenly, and as suddenly felt my head 'Is she any relation to Miss Emma drawn down to receive the most delicious Wright ?' kiss that ever was bestowed by maiden.

against receiving anything from us."

Here my companion became quiet, and

guilty of an inexcusable deception prac-

solicit her pardon.'

said-

any more.

to alight.

me !'

truth ?

walked homewards.

relatives.

'No; they are quite intimate, however. 'You need not wait; the door is open. Let me present you.' and there stands Carrie, bless her !' said while I stood irresolutely beside the as my cousin presented me; but I-I had 'Then, Mrs. Cla

Then, my dear fellow,' I mentally eja- as if unconscious of the fact that I had culated, 'it is time you were off.' And met those eyes before, and had received arose. 'Harry, is it possible that it was seating myself in the brougham once more, from those lips a sisterly kiss. As I seated you ?? I was again driven off, but whither I knew myself beside her, I overheard the words, not. I only knew that I had lost a charm-. Taking everything into consideration, I ing companion, whose lips a moment since think very little blame can be attached to were pressed against my own, and whom, | the gentleman,' uttered in a merry tone by in all probability, I might never meet a person who was at my elbow, but whose again. And when I recalled her generous face was turned from me. offer, her sympathy for the poor lame girl, 'Pray, have done, Ralph !' said Miss and her self-acousing spirit, so unlike that Wright, as she tapped his shoulder lightly of my acquaintance in general, I longed to with her fan, a faint blush suffusing her

know more of her. Then again my cheeks | cheeks. tingled when I remember the deception I · But the coolness of the whole proceedhad practiced. And what would she think ing,' continued the party addressed as me when she ascertained—as she Ralph. 'The fellow even gave her a most certainly would, sooner or later-the brotherly kiss !'

"Ralph !' exclaimed Miss Wright, ener-My speculations were, however, cut getically, as the blood mounted to her foreshort by the abrupt stoppage of the head, dyeing her face and neck crimson. brougham, whereupon I stepped out lei-' Come, come, Wright, don't ask us surely, picking up from the bottom of the believe that !' exclaimed one of the group. carriage, as I did so, an exquisitely em-. Well, she cannot deny having combroidered handkerchief. Upon looking at plained to me the next day that he was exit closely, I perceived the initials (C. W.) ceedingly stupid, thinking I was the in one of the corners. I was reminded of offender all the while-and scarcely uttermy situation at that moment by the driver's ed a word; that, in fact, she had to do all my situation at that moment by the difference of the talking.' inquiring ' if Mr. Ralph would want him the talking.' any more to-night ?' so I merely shook my ' We will take that with considerable

head, and without vouchsafing a word of allowance, too,' replied one of the listeners. explanation, I turned away from him and 'I met the fellow on the road,' resumed the gentleman ; 'and I must say I never Evidently I bore a very strong resemencountered a man so like myself in all my blance to Mr. Ralph, whoever he was .-- | life.'

When his own sister and the servant were 'In truth, you are a barbarian, Mr. Wright, to tell such things about your deceived by the resemblance, it must be very great. True, my cap was drawn sister,'exclaimed our hostess with a merry down firmly, almost concealing my eyes, laugh. and the lower part of my face was muffled 'As if I did not owe her ten times as

much,' said the young man. ' Ever since thing into consideration, I said to myself, that evening she has been teasing me in the similarity of dress, feature and manner every conceivable manner,' he added turnmust be wonderful, thus to deceive one's ing around suddenly towards her; and, in doing so, encountering my steady gaze, he It was a late spring, and the frosts in ejaculated, with a perceptible start, upon

May cut off most of the fruit round Lonfacing me. ' There he is !' don. The night was in that communica-Miss Wright flashed a meaning glance tive mood termed . nipping,' and rememupon him, then suddenly turned towards bering that a walk of four miles lay beme, as if to observe the effect his exclamatween me and the Albany, I walked forward tion and manner would produce upon me; briskly, revolving in my mind the different but I was equal to the emergency and aspects of my adventure, as they presented maintained an unruffled composure.

themselves, one after another, and resolv-'I did not hear the first of that, Miss ing to keep my own counsel. I had walked Wright,' I said, as I cast a careless glance perhaps a mile, when I observed a gentle-man approaching at a walk as rapid as my over the wondering group, and another of pretended astonishment upon Mr. Wright, own. As he drew nearer, I was struck who evidently felt no little annoyance. with his resemblance to me-height, size, 'Perhaps it is just as well,' was the remanner and dress, even to the wrap around ply, as she glanced at her brother. 'Ralph

really is unmerciful when he begins. I am were the exact counterpart of my own. I glad you did not hear the whole ; but now think the resemblance must have struck that it is out, I may as well give a correct version of the affair. Like an attentive brother, he permitted the erowd to separate ously, then strode on. 'Mr. Ralph,' I voyce's concert on Tuesday, and I was so us at the close of the Princess Strainerunfortunate as to mistake a stranger for Singularly enough, Mr. Ralph was at that bim, who accompanied me home without moment looking at me; but the instant he acquainting me with my error. Thinking that it was Ralph, and that his headache prevented him from talking, I did permit my tongue to perform rather more than a ble, who the person was who dwelt in the fair share.'

large house on the Common, and who had 'Then all the blame must be laid upon arrived from the Crimes so recently, that Mr. Wright. He should be the last to frying fish-balls was a failure—it was too touch its farthest side. Then, Valter, the was indebted for a delicious kies, and very much to be deprecated; but let us whose acquaintance I was very desirous of hope that he will change for the better,'

'You don't think! How can you say such a thing? And a puzzled expression rested on my wife's face that, in spite of are rich. Let them rich it. Hot metal all my powers of resistance, forced me to is, to our mind, a severe bed. Dispense

laugh aloud. ough aloud. • Oh ! I remember now,' she said; the favors of in and be happy. I fancied Miss Wright bestowed a look Ralph said something like that once when

'Then, Mrs. Clark, you deny having trunk to the depot-and there leaving it. the effrontery to meet her inquiring look kissed him !' What evidence of wisdom is it to carry wealth to the grave-and then leave it .--She threw her work aside suddenly, and Where the streets are paved with gold, what little a man would get in this world

Very probable, certainly.

be sure you may die rich. That is, the And you have concealed it all this editor who for a dollar and fifty cents time ! You are the most deceptive of writes your obituary in common style-for men ?' she exclaimed. five dollars, makes you a philosopher, and

' Don't blame me for doing what neither for ten, makes you a Crossus, will say you nor any other woman can do,' said I, you died rich, if a fortune was left for reland that is, keep a secret--unless it be atives to fight over. The ties of consanher age.' guinity, Valter, my boy, are regulated by

'I will not believe it,' said Mrs. Clark. the size of the oak chest. If the father is ' Because you tried to surprise me into rich, you and us call him the old gentlea confession, and failed,' I replied. ' Then man. If he is poor, we say ' the old man.' let this be the proof.' There is just as much difference in things

I was prepared for this scene, and drew from my pocket the embroidered handkerchief, and pointed out to her her as in anybody, and some people know it. We are rich, my boy, in our heartsnot in our breeches pockets. Coffins have initials; whereupon we mutually agreed no money drawers, and if they had it is that she had made a FORTUNATE MISTAKE. too dark to make change, down there. We shall be rich in the next world, or we

A Romance of the French School,

to go for. The papers say a man died BY ARTEMUS WARD. rich. The Book above don't say so .------, FRIDAY, -----, 1860. On the sad sea shore ! Always to hear the moaning of these dismal waves ! I listen. I will tell you my story-my

story of love, of misery, of black despair. administrator held his convention there I am a moral Frenchman. were causes, but no effects. He died poor, She whom I adored, whom I adore still. and there were no lawsuits to hallow his s the wife of a fat Marquis-a lop-eared, memory. And the world pitied him. And blear-eyed, greasy Marquis. A man withthe cows eat the grass and weeds from his

out soul. A man without sentiment, who grave, for he was poor. And the little cares naught for moonlight and music. A hillock over which the lonesome sexton low practical man, who pays his debts. I wiped the perspiration from a tired brow, hate him. II.

She, my soul's delight my empress, my angel, is superbly beautiful. I loved her at first sight-devotedly,

credit. He did not care to deposit in a land where the banks break twice a year, madly. She dashed past me in her coupe. I saw or pay in stump-tail currency. And so he her but a moment-perhaps only an instant | sent his fortune ahead-not all at once, as -but she took me captive then and there sailors fire a broadside, but a little at a

orevermore. Forevermore ! into Heaven. Some of it was sent by a I followed her, after that, wherever she poor widow woman, whose shanty down went. At length she came to notice, to the road was no better than advice, to smile upon me. My motto was en avant ! comfort her. A poor boy, without means That is a French word. I got it out of the to start in life and become a man before back part of Worcester's Dictionary. death, took to heaven an instalment of for

III. the man who died poor. And the sun re-She wrote me that I might come and see fleeted some of it right into the windows her at her own house. O, joy, joy unutter- of it Heaven from the roof of an orphan able joy, to see her at her own house ! asylum. And that poor old man, neglect-I went to see her after night fall, in the ed and deserted by all save strangers, took

oft moon ight. a little HOME with him. And the little She came down the gravelled walk to meet me on this beautiful midsummer night -came in pure white, her golden hair On the rising prayer of the lone widowin splendid disorder-strangely beautiful, by the grateful thought of the starving vet in tears!

She to'd me her grievances. The Marquis, always a despot, had latothers thought was wasted on earth, went-

terly misused her most vilely. That very morning, at breakfast, he had to Heaven and to a greater interest than ten per cent a month in advance. cursed the fish-balls and sneered at the You and us never know who die poor. pickled onions. None can tell the human heart, or where

She is a good cook. The neighbors will its treasures are. Riches are good, if we use them rightly. An idea will do to circu-Marquis- a man who, previous to his mar- late-so will money. The circle is growriage, had lived at the cheap eating houses ing smaller and smaller, my boy. In a

heart which is crusted over with gold Her tears fell fast. I, too, wept. I mix- pieces as shingles are put on a house, will ed my sobs with hers. 'Fly with me ?' I go down into the horrible darkness feeling

so sad, and so lonely, that even . He died Her lips met mine. I held her in my rich;' will seem like dead Chinese lanterns arms. I felt her breath upon my check! to us. Do good, my boy. That is the present day, by an officer in the United States Army, it was Hunkey.

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