George Burns, Indian Castoff, Socks Circuit Clouts at Athletics Opening

RED SOX SOCK A'S; HIT FOUR HOMERS AND RUIN THREE PITCHERS

Wizard of Bingles Ends Rommel in Third, and Successors Also Are Manhandled—Joe Dugan Is Jeered, Then Cheered

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A GANG of cast-offs, collected from various towns on the American League circuit, took a terrible sock at the astounding Athletics yesterday. The castaways-me-downs, representing the Red Sox, wielded a nasty willow, put three separate and distinct pitchers out of business and scored enough runs to win half a dozen ball games.

The final count was 15 to 4, and there was no fluke about the victory. Had the Red Sox been in mid-season form they probably could have scored more, but it is too early to attempt prolonged marathons. The Red Sox wore a path around the bases and spiked the home plate so often that it was shrieking for help at the end.

GEORGE BURNS

It was a raw, chilly day, but the game was worse than that, from the viewpoint of the shivering spectators. They—meaning about 10,000 of them—had to sit out there and see three persons who had been considered spurious by Connie Mack turn on their former teammates and make them look like a foul tip after two strikes had been called—meaning nothing.

Joseph Dugan, known here as Jumping Joseph because of the record jump from St. Louis to New Haven last year, was the first to attract attention. The lanky leaper was received with all the kindness and generosity handed to a yeggman caught in the act, but he came right back and made him like it. He socked a home run into the rawsberry bushes in the left field bleachers, and the guy who got the ball threw away his hammer and tooted a horn.

That was No. 1. George Burns, considered too slow for first basing, was kicked around and finally sold into a Frazee contract. George is known here as the Tioga Thumper, and lived up to his reputation. He rapped a four-baser into the left field stands and shortly afterward showed his versatility by whanging one over the right field wall.

Another homer was registered during the afternoon, Elmer Smith, cast adrift by the Cleveland club, giving the pellet a ride over the right field barrier. It sailed across the street and busted up a porch party. Those four Ruthian raps were enough to put any ball club on the blink, and after that the Athletics played like the Athletics. There was no deception in any of their actions.

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HERB PENNOCK, another fortunate exile, who was tagged with the tinware several years ago by Connie, hurled a real ball game for the Sox and held them in the hollow of his skinny hand. They could no nothing with his sizzling southpaw slants until the score became topheavy, and then Herbert let up, as it were, and allowed himself to be nicked for five bingles and a pair of tallies in the last two frames.

Home Runs Were Evenly Distributed

ED ROMMEL started for the Athletics and emerged with a perfect average. He allowed but one home run in each inning, which proves a pitcher can keep his home runs evenly distributed. That, however, was the best thing he did. He had everything a pitcher should not have, but the Red Sox didn't kick, only when Connie Mack took him out. Rommel's departure brought tears of regret from the Boston dugout.

ELMER SMITH

After one was out in the first, Elmer Smith crashed one on the nose and sent it over the right field fence on a line. It was one of the hardest hit balls ever seen here. In the second inning Burns hit the first ball into the bleachers for another homer and another tally was hung on the scoreboard.

Rommel did a nose dive in the third and it looked as if a 4-11 alarm would have to be turned in to put out the Box. Mack's premier hurler started to throw balls against the Boston bats, and they came back faster than that. John Collins was easy, but Elmer Smith crossed the dope by dropping a looping fly in left field for a double. Pratt singled and Smith scored on Harris' out.

Then up stepped Joe Dugan. He was rocked and socked vocally by the mob, but he was not flustered. He selected a fast one and knocked it into the pocket of a bleacherite in left field. Pratt scored ahead of him. Burns and Pittinger singled in this inning, but were stranded on the sacks when Tilly Walker made a classy catch on Walters' low liner.

Rommel was declared counterfeit after that and a youth named Sullivan replaced him. Sully got by for two innings, but in the sixth he became lost in a blizzard of bingles. Pittinger beat out a hit to Dykes and was forced by Walters. Pennock got his annual hit and Collins rolled a weak bounder to Sullivan. Walters was caught between third and home and when he slid into the plate Umpire Owens called him safe. Doc Johnston made a strenuous kick and Owens declared him out—meaning Johnston.

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TILLY WALKER muffed Smith's fly. Pratt forced Collins at the plate and Harris singled. All of this resulted in four tallies, but the end was not yet. George Burns registered his second homer in the seventh and his pals shoved over two more markers.

Spectators Fight for Ball and Prevent Score

THERE was an episode in the ninth inning which might have resulted seriously for the home club. As it happened no one paid any attention to it, because the A's were so far in the rear that they couldn't catch up in a week.

Pep Young crashed one down the left field foul line and the ball, after hitting in fair territory, rolled near the left field pavilion. About a dozen kids left the stand, rushed on the field and staged a fight for the ball. Joe Harris stood there with his hands on his hips, powerless to do anything, and Owens ruled the hit a two-bagger. Furman, who was on base, could have scored easily, but was held at third.

HERB PENNOCK

Had this been the winning run there would have been a terrible howl about it. It's all right to go after foul balls and take them if one can get away with it, but the spectators should be reasonable enough not to pick up any balls until they have stopped rolling.

A few smart kids are likely to make it tough for the other pavilion patrons. If they persist in rushing on the field a screen will have to be erected not only there, but also in the bleachers. The fans will not like this, but John Shibe says he will be forced to do it unless there is some order in the stands.

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THE crowd sometimes gets so unruly and ungentlemanly that they wake up the special police who get sunburned in the outfield every afternoon.

Young Looks Good Despite Two Errors

PEP YOUNG looked good at second base despite his error. He made two bad throws and each can be excused. They came after fielding hard-hit balls and any outfielder could have made bum pegs. Pep has strengthened the infield and, to us, all of that talk about his sore arm is bunk.

The pitching was bad from an Athletics' viewpoint, and that caused the disaster. Rommel had nothing and Sullivan and Eckhart were just as bad. The Red Sox were clouting the ball, and when a team goes on a rampage the other side cannot help but look bad.

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ANOTHER matinee will be staged this afternoon with the same cast of characters.

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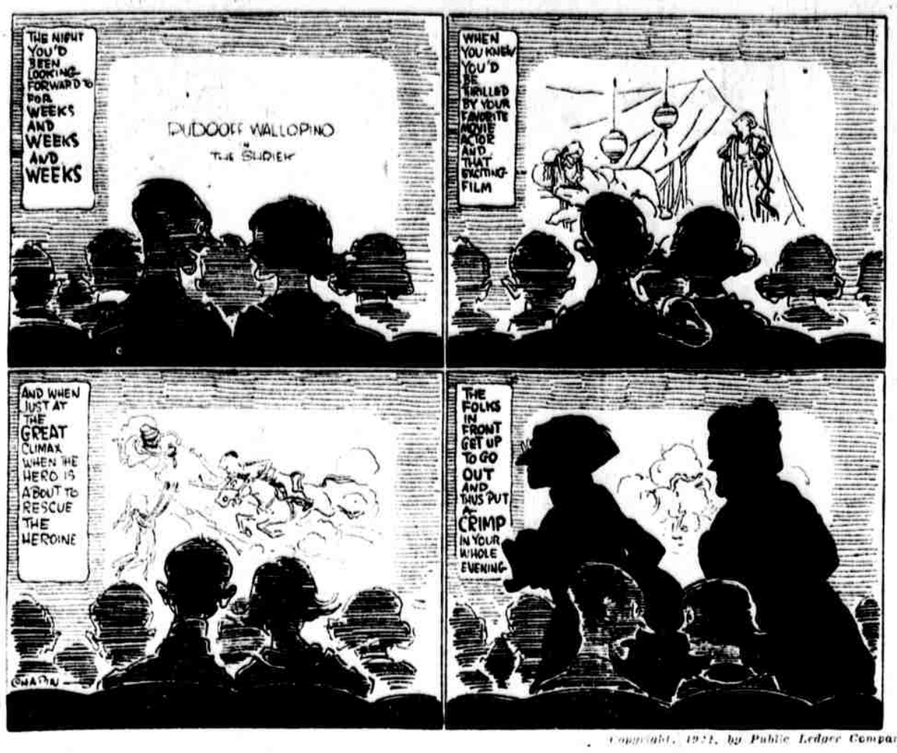

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ALEX GOING BACK? SCORES 2D WIN

Former Phil Hurler Again Beats Reds and Holds Cubs Close to Giants

SIXTH CLEVELAND VICTORY

THE aged and withering arm of Grover Cleveland Alexander and the hustling, fighting spirit of the Indians are furnishing spine-quivering feats for fans in their respective leagues.

The prince of pitchers was tagged for a poor year. Experts all over the country predicted that he was going to slide far into the depths, but yesterday the former Phil checked in with his second win of the season. Incidentally, it was only his second start.

The Cubs have won five games in this youthful campaign, and if Alex comes through for them, they will not be the weakling of a club they are reputed to be. On the opening day, Grover Cleveland beat Eppa Rixey and yesterday he tripped the Reds again, 3-1. Five hits he allotted to the Moran manders and they were kept well scattered.

Sixth for Indians

The Indians have been grinding out daily thrills for the Cleveland rooters. Speaker's tribe cashed in with five straight wins before they lost their first game. Yesterday they scored their sixth triumph by nosing out the Tigers, 5-4. Spoke has his clan out in front by a full game, the Yankees being second and St. Louis and our A's are tied for third with four victories out of seven games each.

The aggressive spirit of the Indians was shown in their Detroit game, when they overcame a three-run lead and grabbed the laurels with a pair of runs in the ninth inning. This was the closest Ty Cobb and his athletes have come to winning a ball game this year. They have lost six in a row.

The Giants are finding themselves closely pressed by the Cubs, and McGraw has to keep his ball players on their toes in every contest to stay out in front. The Cubs are only a half game behind.

Ex-Phils Help Giants

Yesterday on opening day in Brooklyn the world's champions bunched seven hits in the first two innings and cantered away to a six-run lead. This was enough to win. They finally copped at 8-1. A home run off Earl Smith's bat and triples by two former Phils aided materially in the McGraw triumph. The three-ply blows were delivered by Emil Meusel and Johnny Rawlings.

The Phils' position didn't change over the day despite the fact that their game was postponed. They still hold third place, with the Cards and Pirates tied for fourth.

Cooper nailed St. Louis down to a tie with Pittsburgh by scoring a 10-5 victory over Rickey's club yesterday. It was in the late innings that Pirate bats began to rattle. In the fifth they were trailing 5-3, but they fell on Sherdell and put over enough runs to win a couple of games.

Ruth and Meusel weren't missed any in the American League bow in New York, for the Yanks clubbed the Senators into submission, 10-3. Mogridge crimmed the Johnson circuit chasers on April 12 in Washington, but he didn't have enough to repeat yesterday. Sam Jones, on the other hand, was very steady.

The A's were saved from dropping to fourth place by Frank Ellerbe, the Browns' third baseman. Ellerbe dropped a fly ball in the first inning of the St. Louis-Chicago contest and two White Sox runs shot over the plate. Gleason's tired men won, 4-2. It was a pitching duel between Shocker and Faber. They were even on hits, each club getting eight.

How Does It Strike You?

Molla Mallory's Grit

Fighting Ball Clubs Needed

A New Champion

By THE OBSERVER

MRS. MOLLA BJURSTEDT MALLORY is a shining example of grit in sport, an example for men as well as women.

Tennis fans agree that her astonishing nerve is the greatest single factor that has raised her to the very top of the fair net players.

Tilden considers her the best woman tennis player of all time.

There is only one, virtually, who can give Mrs. Mallory a real dispute on the tennis court. That is Suzanne Lenglen.

For shots, nearly all agree that Mlle. Lenglen is better than Mrs. Mallory. For nerve, for the competitive soul, the zest to win, ah, that in overwhelming abundance is in favor of Mrs. Mallory.

By the glint of her eye, they say, she beats them before they start.

Mlle. Lenglen beat Mrs. Mallory abroad. They met later over here. Mlle. Lenglen tripped lightly down the steps to the court, smiling at the storm of applause, entirely unconcerned. She had beaten them all abroad. She had beaten Mrs. Mallory. Of course, she would win again this time. She was unconcerned—unconcerned, that is, till she saw the look on Molla Mallory's face. Hard, almost, and frozen with determination.

The nerve alone crushed the flower of the French girl's game. Molla actually made her quit.

Now the American is going abroad again, going only, she admits, because some may think she's afraid to play Suzanne Lenglen again.

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THE women golfers on the public links of Chicago have organized a club of their own to hold tournaments and look after their interests on the municipal links. It's not a bad idea to try in Philadelphia. Many a star might be developed under the influence of competition.

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The Athletics

THE Athletics lost yesterday.

It was their debut on the home grounds.

They opened the season last week and their record away from home was not marred by any black marks.

But on their own diamond they didn't look so good.

Philadelphia is the best baseball town in the United States.

That being the case Philadelphia is entitled to winning baseball teams.

The Observer, like many others, was disappointed yesterday. We didn't care so much whether the Athletics won or lost, but we wanted to see the Athletics fight.

The score was 15 to 4 in favor of Boston.

Does that look like a fight? It does not.

We won't discuss the game. What we want to see and what every baseball fan in Philadelphia wants to see is a Philadelphia baseball club that will be in there fighting.

Maybe we will land in the cellar again.

If we do, let us land there fighting. Come on, you Athletics and Phillies. Philadelphia is with you. Don't flop. If fate wills that we cannot finish among the leaders, don't let us finish at the bottom without at least trying to reach the top.

Get busy; play ball!

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THEY tell scores of stories about the late "Pop" Anson. The one we like best is about Anson's Colts and that he would never admit defeat until the last man was out. Ten runs behind in the first inning, he'd rush in his best pitcher to save the game. "Only over my dead body"—that was his spirit.

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To the Observer:

On learning that Jack Dempsey had recently sailed for Europe and had repeatedly refused to meet my man, Freddie Cull, I hereby lay claim, on behalf of my protege, to the world's heavyweight title, who will meet all comers, BAR NONE. Please announce this in your paper. Thanking you in advance for the courtesy.

I am yours truly,

"MUSH" SAUNDERS.

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THERE'LL not be another professional balkline billiard tourney in the next two years. Jake Schaefer will defend again shortly, take on another challenger in November if he wins, and again in March, 1923. Finally there'll be a tournament. The stunt will stand a trial.

GOLFERS TO UNVEIL TOWNSEND TABLET

Aronimink Honors Memory of "Father of Philadelphia Golf" Sunday at Clubhouse

WOMEN TEAMS IN ACTION

By SANDY McNIBLICK

THE memory of one of the founders of golf in Philadelphia will be honored at the Aronimink Golf Club on Sunday afternoon when a tablet erected there will be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. It is called the Harrison Townsend Memorial.

Mr. Townsend died several months ago, but that the memory of the great things he accomplished for golf will live the quiet gathering at Aronimink on Sunday afternoon will prove.

Robert W. Lesley, president of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, will make the unveiling speech. After that Walter E. Long, for years Aronimink's secretary and probably Mr. Townsend's closest friend, will make an address. Freas B. Snyder, president of the club, will also speak.

Harrison Townsend was one of the first to introduce golf into Philadelphia. As a member of the old Belmont Cricket Club he built a hole for his own amusement and his playing there attracted the attention of other cricketers.

A vacant lot on Chester avenue was obtained and six holes were built there. This is said to have been before there were any organized golf clubs in the city.

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Ever Active

Interest grew and Mr. Townsend was at all times an organizer of the moves and building of what is today the Aronimink Golf Club. He was its first treasurer and was active till his death.

He was a very strong golf player in his prime, having graduated to linksmanship from cricket, rowing and other sports.

He was also active in the founding of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, and it is said that he served as an officer of some sort in that body continually during his lifetime. As secretary and treasurer for a number of years, Mr. Townsend did much to build up the district body.

His honesty, his ability as a player, his executive capacity, his zest and ever-genial disposition endeared him to every golfer who came in contact with him.

These old friends, who cannot forget what Harrison Townsend was, are the ones who are gathering at Aronimink on Sunday.

Play Today

A short schedule is on the card this afternoon for the women golfers. The third round of the new competition for the Association Cup will be played. The Gulph Mills team is credited by all as having the best team in this league. It has only played one match, having drawn a bye on Tuesday. But in its first start it whitewashed Brookside, five matches to none, a team that beat Old York Road second, 5 to 0, Tuesday.

Gulph Mills is led by Mrs. G. S. Munson, one of the best in the district. Other players on the team are the Mesdames Norton, Mitchell, Shoan and Brown.

Gulph Mills tackles the Philmont second five this afternoon on its own course. Other matches this afternoon follow: Wilmington vs. Springhaven, at Springhaven; Brookside vs. La Lu; Overbrook Second vs. Tredyffrin, and York Road Second, a bye.

Charlie Mayo will be a sure starter from this side in the British pen this year. Jock Hutchinson will probably defend his crown there. Jim Barnes and Walter Hagen have their "doots" about entering.

Jim Develin, assistant at Whitemarsh, is said to have branched out since he won the open championship of Porto Rico. Jim is not a trick shot artist. He is said to have thrilled the natives down there every time he did his stuff.

Harry Stevens has come up out of Kear Afrika as one of the latest pros in the southern district in this country. Stevens is the guy who wanted to join up with the British cavalry when the war broke out, so he swiped a mule on his golf course, rode to the recruiting station, and when he refused to get off his mule they had to put him in the cavalry.

MARSHALL ENTERS BOXERS IN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

Twenty-eight Youngsters Will Compete in Invitation Bouts

Five boxers of the Marshall Club, a South Philadelphia organization, have accepted invitations to compete in the amateur tournament sanctioned by the A. A. U., to be held next Wednesday night at the Olympia Club. In all, twenty-eight amateurs will compete.

The Marshall boxers are Joseph di Giacomo, 118 pounds; John Reins, 126 pounds; Charles Hayes, 135 pounds; Art Brown, 147 pounds, and Tony Messina, 160 pounds.

Harry J. McGrath, chairman of the A. A. U. Boxing Committee, has received acceptances from several former and present Middle Atlantic States champions who will box. They include Marty Summers, Alex Greenberg, Chick Weasey, George Helmar, Billy Sheeran, Joe Gulnan and Sam Blackiston.

The last amateur tournament, the 1922 Middle States championships, was successful, and it looks as if amateur boxing in Philadelphia will begin to flourish.

Paddock Runs 100 in 9 Seconds

Los Angeles, April 21.—According to a cable dispatch received here from Honolulu, where Charlie Paddock, the famous sprint champion and record holder is competing, the "Human Man o' War" covered the 100 yards in nine seconds flat in a meet on the island. The world's record for the distance, held jointly by D. J. Kelly, H. P. Drew and Paddock, is 9 3-5 seconds.

Change in Cornell Boating

Ithaca, N. Y., April 21.—A change in the rowing order of the junior varsity eight on Wheeler's crew has been made by Coach John Hoyle. The front of the shell has been rather low in the water and to remedy that condition Bardeswyck, No. 3, and Hough, No. 5, exchanged places.

Runs Scored for Week in Three Big Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tl
Pittsburgh	4	1	8	—	10	—	—	23
Chicago	2	7	7	—	3	—	—	19
St. Louis	3	6	5	—	5	—	—	19
New York	5	—	—	—	8	—	—	13
Brooklyn	10	—	—	—	1	—	—	11
Cincinnati	3	0	4	—	1	—	—	8
Phillies	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Boston	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tl
Athletics	5	9	17	—	4	—	—	35
New York	—	—	10	9	10	—	—	29
Boston	—	—	8	6	15	—	—	29
Cleveland	2	—	17	1	5	—	—	26
St. Louis	0	—	2	16	2	—	—	20
Chicago	7	—	7	—	4	—	—	18
Washington	1	11	2	—	3	—	—	17
Detroit	6	—	1	—	4	—	—	11

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Tl
Jersey City	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15
Buffalo	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	14
Newark	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	11
Syracuse	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6
Reading	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Rochester	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Toronto	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1

Post Entries at Tioga Dog Show

The Bench Show Committee of the Tioga Kennel Club, has decided to accept post entries at its all-breed show tomorrow afternoon, to be held at the Continental Hotel roof. All that the late comers are required to do, is to be on hand not later than 2 o'clock, so that the delaying of closing entries will not hold up the schedule starting the judging.

GIANTS GET ROBERTSON

Outfielder Signed by McGraw When Released by Pirates

New York, April 21.—Dave Robertson is back with the Giants. The outfielder refused to sign a $3000 contract which was sent to him by the Pirates this spring and received his unconditional release from Barney Dreyfuss. He will report to McGraw at Ebbets Field today.

Robertson was a member of McGraw's team for several years, but in 1919 he was traded to the Chicago Cubs for Shuffin' Phil Douglas. From the Cubs he went to the Pirates. He played right field for Pittsburgh last season when right-handed pitchers were facing the Pirates.

TWILIGHT BASEBALL SCORES

Heard about the new association? More than 125 teams have already been organized. Amateur and Independent Baseball in Philadelphia is forging ahead. You can keep well informed on the Twilight Baseball Games by reading the Sports Pages in the morning Public Ledger every day. "Make it a Habit."—*Adv.*

WILDWOOD BUILDS LINKS

Eighteen Holes Will Be Ready for Play July 1

Wildwood, N. J., April 18.—The Wildwood golf course has been completed and will be open for players on July 1, 1922. This course is a full eighteen-hole course on the MacKissiaron, two and one-half miles below Cape May Court House, on the main shore road and only a fifteen-minute run from Wildwood.

This course is 6330 yards long and was constructed by golf experts under the direction of the Carter Tested Seeds Company. Frank James, the well-known golf engineer, has been in charge of the construction work.

The directors of the club have authorized the erection of a permanent clubhouse, one wing of which will be built for this season with locker rooms, shower baths, porches and temporary lounging rooms.

Boots and Saddle

Horses which seem best at Havre de Grace today are:

First race—Illusionist, Wilson and Salmon entry, Wigee; second—Le Marsouin, Peccant, Flight Captain; third—Commander Colin, Archive, High Magic; fourth—My Play, Spanish Maize, Big Heart; fifth—Yashmak, Dresden, Muttikins; sixth—Diversity, Kate Brummel, Grace Foster; seventh—Midnight Sun, Sunny Hill, Exhorter.

The fourth race, the Susquehanna Handicap, brings together some of the Derby and Preakness candidates. My Play is a full brother of Man O'War, and is in the top of his form. Spanish Maize is one of the best three-year-olds in training. Ultimate also is a high class youngster. Big Heart was highly thought of last year.

Wildmist, after his good race last Saturday, was installed a strong favorite yesterday, but the Bud Fisher entry candidate failed to show. The mare went to Rebuke, a Havana stake winner.

The Havre de Grace track is one of the most deceptive in the country. It is wet few other than recognized mudders ever win over it, but they run in fast track time. Lady Boss ran the fastest four furlongs of the meeting, 48 2-5 seconds, over a track that had suffered from three hours of moderate rain.

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