

SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambasa maior is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the em-hassy, where a beaulful young woman aks for a ticket to the embassy ball The ticket is maio out in the name of hims Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secter service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm yea to the state ball for information. His at tomion is called to Miss Isabel Thorne did its who with her companion, disappears. A shet is heard and Senor Alvares of the affair, and arrests Pletro Petroginal, Miss Thorne visits an old bomb-maker, and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor Rodrigues, the minister from the dasppearance of Monsieur Boissegur the restored, but a new mystery occurs is pears as a guest of the legition. Grimm has mased and demanding ransom. The arr-spears her of the theft; the mony is restored, but a new mystery occurs is that the is prince di Abruzsi. Grimm furms in a mysterious jall delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzsi to leave the courter of the restured from an odd house in the subursand to the sector which states that the is Prince di Abruzsi. Grimm furms in a mysterious jall delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzsi to leave the courte; dow as the off the spears as a guest of the legition. Grimm and hased and demanding ransom. The arr-spears is a mysterious jall delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzsi to leave the courte; dow as a steame but retur. CHAPTER XX_(Continued).

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"Your paper?" he inquired courteously.

Mr. Grimm was still gazing dream lly out of the window.

"I beg pardon," insisted the new comer pleasantly. He folded the paper once and replaced it on the table. One hand lingered for just the fraction of a moment above Mr. Grimm's coffee-cup.

Aroused by the remark, Mr. Grimm gianced around.

"Oh, thank you," he apologized hastily. "I didn't hear you at first. Thank you."

The new-comer nodded, smiled and passed on, taking a seat two or three tables down.

Apparently this trifling courtesy had broken the spell of reverie, for Mr. Grimm squared around to the table again, drew his coffee-cup toward him. and dropped in the single lump of sugar. He idly stirred it for a mo ment, as his eyes turned again toward the open window, then he lifted the tiny cup and emptied it.

Again he sat motionless for a long time, and thrice the new-comer, only a few feet away, glanced at him narrowly. And now, it seemed, a peculiar drowsiness was overtaking Mr. Grimm. Once he caught himself nodding and raised his head with a jerk. Then he noticed that the arc lights in the street were wobbling curiously, and he fell to wondering why that single flame sparkled at the apex of the capitol dome. Things around him grew hazy, vague unreal, and then

straightened up suddenly on the couch, himself again. He touched the he had fought against it, that he had slip of paper which she had pinned to risen from the table in the restaurant, his coat to make sure it was not all a

dream, after which he recalled the fact that while he had heard the door creak before she went out he had not

heard it creak afterward. Therefore, the door was open. She had left it open. Purposely? That was beside the question at the moment. and why-how-was she in Wash ington? Pondering that question, Mr newspaper on the table! That thought Grimm's excellent teeth clicked sharpopened new fields of conjecture. Mr. ly together and he rose. He knew the answer. The compact was to be signed-the alliance which would arpaid only the enforced attention of ray the civilized world in arms. He politeness to him. And why had the had failed to block that, as he thought. drug been administered? Vaguely, If Miss Thorne had returned, then incoherently, Mr. Grimm imagined Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi, who held that in some way it had to do with the absolute power to sign the compact great international plot of war in for Italy, France and Spain, had also which Miss Thorne was so delicate returned.

Stealthily feeling his way as he went, Mr. Grimm moved toward the door leading to freedom, guided by courteous gentleman in the restaurant the fresh draft of air. He reached wanted him to be. A prisoner? Prob- the door-it was standing open-and ably. In danger? Long, careful at a moment later stepped out into the tention to detail work in the Secret star-lit night. It was open country Service had convinced Mr. Grimm bere, with a thread of white road just that he was always in danger. That ahead, and farther along a fringe of was one reason-and the best-why shrubbery. Mr Grimm reached the he had lain motionless, without so road. Far down it, a pin point in the much as lifting a finger, since that night, a light flickered through interfirst glimmer of consciousness had en- lacing branches. The tail lamp of an terred his brain. He was probably automobile of course! Mr. Grimm left the road and skirtunder scrutiny, even in the darkness, and for the present it was desirable to ed a sparse hedge in the direction of

from him, after which came a pause.

His keenly attuned ears caught her

faint breathing, then the rustle of her skirts as she turned back. She was leaning over him again-her lins

touched his forehead, barely; again there was a quick rustling of skirts.

the door creaked, and-sllence, deep, oppressive, overwhelming silence,

and the softly spoken "Thank God!"

She did care, then! She had under

The kiss of a woman beloved is a

splendid heart tonic. Mr. Grimm

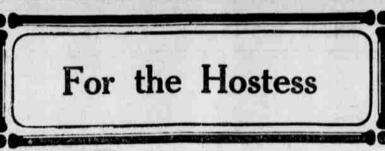
stood, that day! -

Isabel! Was he dreaming? And then he ceased wondering and fell to remembering her kiss-light as air-

accommodate any chance watcher by the light. After a moment he heard remaining apparently unconscious. the engine of an automobile, and saw And so for a long time he lay, list- a woman-barely discernible-step ening. Was there another person in into the car. As it started forward the room? Mr. Grimm's cars were he staked everything on one bold keenly allve for the inadvertent shuf- move, and won, his reward being a fling of a foot; or the sound of breath- narrow sitting space in the rear of ing. Nothing. Even the night roar the car, hidden from its occupants by

of the city was missing: the silence the tonneau. One mile, two miles, was oppressive. At last he opened his three miles they charged through the





gloves, cups and saucers, twin bottles

of perfume, combs and brushes, cuff

pear-shaped candy boxes.

lade, spiced peaches, etc.

a fortune teller.

Paper Costume Party. Tree;" on its boughs hang everything A girl noted for her clever, partles that comes in pairs, like scissors, tied issued this invitation: with ribbons, slippers, (knitted or cro-

A Paper Gown Red, white or blue, Or any shade Preferred by you. We ask you to wear Next Thursday alght. And he present to witness A preity sight, Judges will reign in majesty And award the prizes Of which there are three. First, beauty we seek. Originality, too, Or, if the most comical, We'll give to you A dainty little gift That you'd love to win-Now please don't be late For at eight we begin. So wear your paper gown And bring a heart full of cheer And I'm certain this party Will be remembered all the year

Crepe papers are so beautiful that the judges had a difficult time rendering their decisions. Tarleton may be used as a foundation for the dresses.

One especially amusing costume was nade from Fels Naphtha soap wrappers, the girl called herself "Aunty Drudge." "Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour" was also represented and one girl made a decided hit as the "Local News," her costume being entirely of newspapers.

A Tree Bazar.

All the Ladies' Aids and Guilds are keen after ideas to add money to the treasury. I think the scheme outlined a delightful one for this season of the year. It calls for eight trees, which may be dead ones or live ones, as the cles from its branches. case may be. Decorate entirely with large potted plants and autumn leaves with wild grape vine and woodbine if obtainable. The crepe papers that pops and sweetmeats for sale. come in leaf design will work in beautifully with this decoration and an entire arbor or lattice may be charge. made by cutting out paper leaves and pinning on the trellis. Oleanders and rubber plants help out, too.

Tables may be placed in front of the trees, making booths, the top, front and sides being covered with cheesecloth on which paper leaves are pasted or pinned. If a grape arbor can be constructed, tea and other beverages or light refreshments may be served from small tables under-

tric lights placed among the leaves adds to the effect if the affair is held over into the evening. At the end of the arbor, have grape juice, grape

Here is the list of trees which may "Married in September's golden glow, be arranged around the room as best suits the committees: "The Pair

Feather Stitch



Into Nutshell by the Medical Times of New York.

The Medical Times of New York chet, or ribbon or leather), mittens, this nutshell-

links, etc.; on the table have spiced pears, pear marmalade, canned pears. The Peach Tree-Decorate with real peaches, which may be tied to the branches if a real bearing tree is not obtainable. On the table serve peach ice cream, peach shortcake, marma-The Palm Tree has real palms donated by a florist, to be sold on commission, and back of the paims have

The Orange Tree is literally covered chine. These trials and several othwith orange-colored paper fruit, each containing an article worth five or ten cents; this takes the place of the grab bag found at most church affairs. It may be presided over by quite a young girl and should prove a lucrative attraction, as its "fruit" will be all clear profit. The table next this should contain orange marmalade, candled orange peel, orange-colored bon-bons and orange cake. Orange ice may be served, also orangeade.

For the Banana Tree have bunches of real bananas; in cities bananashaped candy boxes are obtainable. The Date Tree will have all sorts of calendars, engagement tablets, note

books, telephone lists, diaries, in fact, everything with which to make or keep a date. Sell stuffed dates, plain dates, date cake, etc., on the table in front of the tree. Suspend small arti-The Sugar Plum Tree will have

candy canes hung on its branches, bags of candy, and all sorts of lolli-A lemon tree may be added, or any others at the discretion of those in

For September.

Remember that this month claims the sarphire for its stone, the morning story for its flower and it is considered a most auspicious month for marriages. Here is a verselet for a maiden who has a birthday in September's thirty days:

"A maiden born when September leaves Are rustling in September breeze, A sapphire on her brow should bind; "Twill cure diseases of the mind."

The 16th, 18th and 20th are considered especially happy wedding days; an old saying goes:

Smooth and serene your life will flow." MADAME MERRI.



condenses the alcohol questions into The problem of the fuod value of al-

cohol does not seem, after all, to have been finally resolved by Professor Atwater. A German physiologist of high standing, Professor Kassowitz, has lately published the details of an experimental investigation which has ted him to precisely the opposite conclusion. A certain number of dogs. were given definite amounts of food. some with and without alcohol, and required to take a stated amount of exercise each day in a running ma-

ers of a like nature were repeatedly carried out, and it was found that the recorded results were uniformly against the alcohol-fed dogs, both as to the amount of work accomplished and changes in weight. The author is of the opinion that no food material can be used in the body without being first concerted into protoplasm-Since alcohol, being a stimulating and poisonous substance, destroys the highly complex and unstable proto-

plasmic molecule, it cannot at the same time be assimilated by it, consequently it cannot act as a food and a polson simultaneously. After a comparatively short period, alcohol para

lyzes the center of innervation of the muscles and therefore, by diminishing the amount of muscular action, the secretion of carbonic acid is lessened. The diminished secretion, consequently, means no saving of the tissues of the body, but is a direct result of the

poisonous action of alcohol. Kassewitz is convinced that under no circumstances can alcohol act in a nutritive manner. Such is the latest authoritative pronouncement on this subject from the world's scientific cen-

ter. What do we learn from the fasts of human experience? Daily observation shows that all men who drink do not become drunkards. Those who are thus unfortunate are not so because they are weak in will or morals.

have become inebriates. A man is a drunkard because he has a nervous system that is peculiarly susceptible to the poisonous qualities of alcohol. No young man, when he begins the moderate use of alcoholic beverages. knows whether or not he belongs to the class that can drink without danger. He can find this out only by experiment, and after the experiment it is likely to be too late to avert the disastrous results, against which strength of character and will is no safe-guard, any more than it would be against smallpox. Therefore, strich avoidance of alcoholic beverages is the logical conclusion, if the gravest

ODD ARRANGEMENT OF ALTAR

perils are to be avolded.

speaker's stand:

mon he said:

You can't make William Brown believe There was an Adam or an Eve-No. sir! He says that's just a myth play on people's feelings with It's no use to give William tracts He says he runs his mind on facts!

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Yes, William's baldness has grown Although he used the barber's tonici

And William Brown he says the flood Is just a myth, as plain as mud. He says old Noah never made The ark, but on dry land he stayed. He's from Missouri, and you know That sort o' man you've got

Yes, his dyspepsia's nearly killed him Although with Stummick Balm they filled him.

"Humph!" William Brown will say, "that tale About old Jonah and the whale

Is all pure legend! Why will you Belleve a thing you know ain't true? Now I will not believe a bit O' stuff that isn't definite!"

Yes, Brown's rheumatic pains still hold

for men of the highest character In spite of what the druggist sold him.

And William Brown will almost fight If you say his views are not right. "Don't try to talk to full-grown men O' Daniel in the lions' den!" He'll shout till others stand aloof. "I won't believe till you bring proof!"

Yes, Brown gulps down without a quiver Old Doctor Bink's Dape for the Liver.



neath the enclosure thus made. Elec-

jelly and raisina for sale.

as if realizing that something was the matter with him, he came to his feet. He took one step forward into the space between the tables, reeled, at tempted to steady himself by holding on to a chair, then everything grew black about him, and he pitched forward on the floor. His face was dead white; his fingers moved a little, nervously, weakly, then they were still.

Several people rose at the sound of the failing body, and the new-comer hurried forward. His coat sleeve caught the empty demi-tasse, as he stooped, and swept it to the floor, where it was shattered. The head waiter and another came, pell-mell, and those diners who had risen came more slowly.

"What's the matter?" asked the head waiter anxiously.

Already the new-comer was supporting Mr. Grimm on his knee, and flicking water in his face.

"Nothing serious, 1 fancy," he answered shortly. "He's subject to these little attacks."

"What are they? Who is he?" The stranger tore at Mr. Grimm's collar until it came loose, then he fell to chafing the still hands.

Iny.

outside, and freedom,

Two hands stretched forward in the

dark, touched him simultaneously-

one on the face, one on the breast. A

singular thrill shot through him, but

there was not the flicker of an eye or

the twitching of a finger. The woman

-it was a woman-seemed now to be

pressed an inquiring ear to his left

side. It was the heart test.

walted.

"He is a Mr. Grimm, a government employee-I know him," he answered again. "I imagine it's nothing more serious than indigestion."

A little knot had gathered about them, with offers of assistance.

"Walter, hadn't you better send for a physician?" some one suggested. I'm a physician," the stranger put in impatiently. "Have some one call a cab, and I'll see that he's taken home. It happens that we live in the same apartment house, just a few blocks from here."

Obedient to the crisply-spoken directions, a cab was called, and five minutes later Mr. Grimm, still insensible, was lifted into it. The stranger took a seat beside him, the cabby touched his horse with a whip, and the vehicle fell into the endless, moving line.

CHAPTER XXI.

A Silp of Paper.

When the light of returning conslousness finally pierced the black lotaargy that enshrouded him, Mr. Orimm's mind was a chaos of vagrant, thaurd fantasies; then slowly, slowly, realization struggled back to its own, and he came to know things. First was the knowledge that he was lying fat on his back, on a couch, it bending over him, then he heard her teemed; then, that he was in the dark drop on her knees beside him, and she an utter, abject darkness. And finaly came an overwheiming sense of si-

For a while he lay motionless, with not even the movement of an eye-lash that Mr. Grimm held himself limp and to indicate consciousness, wrapped in a delicious languor. Gradually this veloping him-a fragrance he well passed and the Seble flutter of his knew. ceart grew into a steady, rhythmic The keen brain was awaken- breast again, and there was the sharp bur: to was beginning to remember. crackle of paper. At first he didn't What had happened? He knew only fasting of oplum; that speechlessly, ened up, and took two steps away who let you die."



"I Imagine It's Nothing More Serious Than Indigestion."

eyes. A pall of gloom encompassed | night, and still he clung on. At last him-a pall without one rift of light. there came relief.

"That's the place, where the lights His fingers, moving slowly, explored the limits of the couch whereon he are-just ahead."

There was no mistaking that voice raised above the clamor of the engine, Confident, at last, that wherever he The car slackened speed, and Mr. was, he was unwatched, Mr. Grimm Grimm dropped off and darted behind was on the point of concluding that further inaction was useless, when his some convenient bushes. And the first straining ears caught the faint grating thing he did there was to light a match, and read what was written on of metal against metal-perhaps the the skp of paper pinned to his coat. insertion of a key in the lock. His It was, simply: hands grew still; his eyes closed. And after a moment a door creaked slight-

"My Dear Mr. Grimm:

ly on its hinges, and a breath of cool "By the time you read this the com air informed Mr. Grimm that that pact will have been signed, and your open door, wherever it was, led to the efforts to prevent it, splendid as they were, futile. It is a tribute to you There was another faint creaking that it was unanimously agreed that as the door was shut. Mr. Grimm's you must be accounted for at the time of the signing, hence the drugging in nerveless hands closed involuntarily, the restaurant; it was only an act of and his lips were set together tightly. kindness that I should come here to Was it to be a knife thrust in the dark? If not-then what? He exsee that all was well with you, and leave the door open behind me.

pected the flare of a match; instead "Believe me when I say that you there was a soft whread, and the rustle are one man in whom I have never of skirts. A woman! Mr. Grimm's caution was all but forgotten in his been disappointed. Accept this as my farewell, for now I assume again the surprise. As the steps drew nearer name and position rightfully mine. his clenched fingers loosened; he And know, too, that I shall always

cherish the belief that you will remember me as "Your friend.

"ISABEL THORNE. "P. S. The prince and I left the steamer at Montauk Point, on a tugboat."

Mr. Grimm kissed the note twice. then burned it.

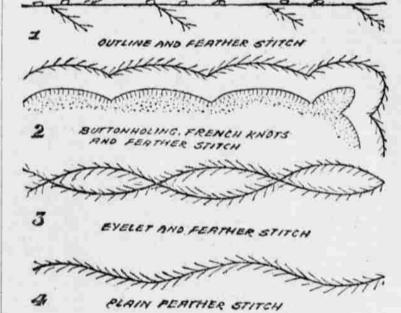
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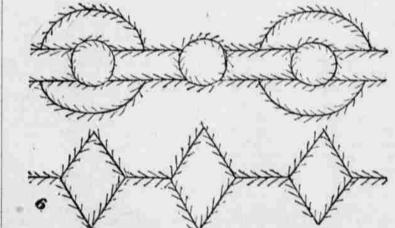
Our Doctors.

"Thank God!" she breathed softly. "The late Count Tolstoi loathed physicians," said, at a dinner in Washing-It was only by a masterful effort ton, a Russian diplomat. "You remember how Tolstoi ridiculed

inert, for a strange fragrance was enphysicians in 'War and Peace?' Well, heard him ridicule three of them to

The hands were fumbling at his their faces over a vegetarian dinner at Yasnaya Polyana. "'Physicians,' he said, bitterly, lookthat in some manner a drug had been woman had pinned a paper to the divided into two classes-the radicals, ministered to him, a bitter dose lapel of his coat. Finally she straight who kill you, and the conservatives,





THESE illustrations I have used on dresses for children; I and I used on flannel 2 and 1 both 2 I used on flannel, 3 and 4 between tucks on waist, 5 and 6 on waist and skirt above the heat. Very pretty and dainty when even-

BEAUTY HINTS FOR THE GIRL | the skin with a soft towel. As if some mysterious magic came to your ald.

you will discover a soft velvety skin.

white as if powdered, proof against

Princess Slips.

There has been an unusually large

distribution of princess slips during

the spring and summer, owing to the

The Reason.

Wigg-Henpekke has bought a mo-

torboat and named it after his wife.

Wagg-Can't manage it, oh?

plied and Will Be Found of the perspiration, a most excellent skin ton-Highest Value. ic and face bleach. The above quality

will last two or three days. It must be Not all young women desirous of ob- used fresh. To dancers it is a veritable taining beauty effects have the unlim- boon and it calls for no powder what ited wealth of their more fortunate sis. ever, and is a most excellent lotion to ters, consequently it is necessary for hide a little touch of rouge to cheeks them to resort to cheap and simple or lips,

But here is something, an old for-

qualities and is so inexpensive that every girl needing a skin tonic and general use of sheer materials for instant beautifier, cannot afford to re-Ject.

summer dresses, says the Dry Gonda Economist. The highest grade num. Break the white of one egg into a bers are made of marguisette and mercerized batiste. They are elab orated with hand-embroidery, lace and ribbons, and make effective linings for the new-style dresses. a smooth paste. Remove from the

fire and add any desired perfume. After bathing the face, apply this in small quantities to the face, neck and arms. Soon it will have a sticky feeling which promises some dismay. Rub

aten Island Pastor Creates tion Among Congregation by Strange Collection in Pulpit.

The pastor of a fashionable Staten

Island, N. Y., church recently created

appearance of the pulpit. Instead of

A whisky barrel several cigar and

cigarette boxes, a dice box, a small

automobile, some beer bottles, a ham.

a pair of shoes, and strewn over this

motley collection, some school books,

The pastor said the objects illus-

in the United States." In his ser-

"One-seventeenth of every dollar

spent in this country every year goes

for drink, the amount being \$1.675,-

000,000; one-eighteenth of every dol-

lar goes for tobacco, one-seventeenth

for boots and shoes, one-lifteenth for

meat, one-twenty-fifth for education,

Advance Step in Germany.

women waiters in the beer-gardens

throughout Germany. The ground of

legislative quarters. Its passage will

be a decided step in advance for Ger-

man temperance and the public in-

terest directed toward the matter may

Alcohol an Enemy of Thrift.

tion, chiefly through the activity of

numbers 3,300 members (the largest in

the world), and is in close co-operation

with a W. C. T. U. of 700 members.

One-third of the drinkshops have been

closed as a consequence of the special

Knox has scored the public house as

Intemperance and Poverty.

of the country, there would be hardly

poverty enough left to give health ex-

If we could sweep intemperance out

"the enemy of thrift."

Phillips Brooks.

take expression in further reforms.

and one-fiftieth for churches."

a mission envelope, and a Bible.



"I hear that Myrtle Swagger has something of a sensation. When the had to take optical treatment, that congregation arrived there were gen- her eyes have failed because of her eral exclamations of shock over the writing too much."

"Her eyes failed, but not exactly floral decorations, there were the fol- because of the writing she did, allowing objects grouped about the though it sounds as if it were."

"I don't understand what you mean."

"It wasn't pen and ink-she dotted her eyes with a veil."

ODDITIES OF THE GREAT.

Charlemagne would not take an uptrated his text: "How a Dollar Is Spent per berth when traveling.

Julius Caesar, in all his public life, did not wear a silk hat or frock coat. Marcus Aurelius could not sharpen a lead pencil.

Alexander the Great could not be induced to allow any one to make a snapshot of him.

Nero would not have an automobile, Christopher Columbus never trusted. himself in a steamboat.

George III. did not drink ice cream toda.

German women, headed by Frau Henry of Navarre could not smoke Jellink of Heidelberg have secured a cigar. 130,000 signatures to a petition to the

Queen Elizabeth would not go to a Reichstag for the doing away with moving picture show.

His Own System.

their protest is the "intolerable degradation which such service brings "Yes," says St. Peter to the shade of the philanthropist, "we will do our to women" and the menace to morals best to let you work yourself through and health which are its inevitable accompaniment. Most of the importthe gate. We will give you a hundred credit marks, provided that you get ant Women's Societies are actively some of the others on the outside to engaged in the promotion of this new donate you a million more." reform and many ladles of rank and

Whereas the philanthropist discovinfluence are taking special interest in securing favor for the measure in ered for the first time that his robe was pocketless.

Polished the Tooth.

"Isn't it remarkable," said the man in the front row at the theater, "how she holds her youthful appearance?" "It is truly wonderful, indeed," re-

The Scotch city of Airdie, formerly plied the man next to him. "I wonder what she uses to defy the famous for its drunkenness, has since tooth of time." 1900 gone through a great transforma-

"I have understood that she uses the Good Templars. The local lodge dental powder as a cosmetic."

The Problem Solved.

"Now, profesor, if I should get a pound of radium and put it into a glass tube, and place that inside an iron tank, what would be-

work and influence of these active temperance forces. The city savings "Walt a minute. Let us take the banks for sixty-five years made little problem up section by section. If progress, but since 1900 the number of you should get a pound of radium you depositors has risen rapidly from 6.769 wouldn't have enough money left to with about \$1,700,000 to 11,262 with buy the glass tube." nearly \$8,000,000 in deposits Mayor

its Worth.

"But why do you call the name of your new food a 'coined' word?" we ask of the astute manufacturer. Pursing his lips, he answers "Because there is money in it."

ercise to the charitable impulses - Thebur Sterbit

means, often the best. mula which has so many beneficial

cup and beat it to a froth, add the juice of a half lemon, place the cup in a pan of bolling water and stir constantly until the mixture thickens to

ly worked .- Exchange. Inexpensive Skin Tonic Easily Ap-