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HISTORICAL CANTATA DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

The Calvary Chorus of Conshohocken Presents Musical Entertainment

"Joan D'Arc", A. R. Gaul's historical cantata was presented by the Calvary chorus of Conshohocken last Thursday evening in Bomberger Hall, and although the phrase is most certainly trite, no better description of the evening's entertainment may be given than to say that it was in every sense of the word, a musical treat. You can easily imagine it—a chorus of some fifty voices, perfectly trained, and well balanced; a leader who interpreted the composer's feeling with consummate skill; soloists of unusual merit and talent; and finally, a musical work that tested the singers' powers and called forth their highest art, at the same time delighting the ear of the most unmusical hearer. Perfection in chorus work belongs properly only to the millenium, and faults may always be found, but none could have wished a more satisfactory concert.

The story of Joan of Arc, with all its historical significance and dramatic interest is well suited to be the subject of a cantata. The heavenly voices calling the brave little peasant girl, the devotion to her village lover, the rush into battle with Joan in mail leading the French to victory, then the sad ending as she is captured by the English and sacrifices her life for her beloved country—all these are brought out in the very spirit of the music. Thus from beginning to end, the attention of the audience never lagged. Particular credit must be given to Mr. H. Grey Steele, who at all times had the chorus well in hand. The members showed that they had been well prepared, and sang in simple melody or fugue parts with the same excellence, and swelled from hushed accents to stirring climaxes with apparent ease. The spirited chorus, "A Shepherd Maid Has Passed", the vigorous "On to Battle On!", and the "Ave Maria" chorus were especially liked.

Solo work of high grade was not lacking. The part of Joan, the principal soprano role, was sung by Miss Eleanor A. Dougherty in finished style. Miss Rhea E. Venner, in the contralto
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Prominent Speaker For Week of Prayer

The Rev. Clayton H. Ranck, General Secretary of Reformed Church Schools, will Speak to Students



REV. CLAYTON H. RANCK

NEW JERSEY FIVE TROUNCED 'VARSITY

Stevens Technology Institute Smothers Ursinus on Saturday Night

The Stevens Technical Institute basketball tossers of Hoboken, N. J., proved too strong an opponent for the Ursinus quintet on Saturday night on the former's floor, and easily won in a one-sided game. Score 50-16.

The "Tech" team literally ran away with the local five from the time the referee's whistle started the game until time was called at the end of the forty minutes. The "tech" forwards, McIntyre and Riesenberger led in scoring. McIntyre caged six field goals and a similar number of foul goals, while Capt. Riesenberger helped his team to win by netting seven goals from the field. Eggers, a guard, also contributed four two-pinters.

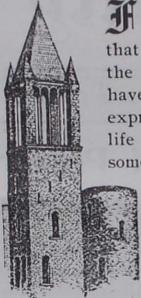
The overwhelming defeat at the hands of the opponents must be traced to the mid-year examinations. Several Varsity men were barred from athletics for the remainder of the collegiate year on
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The Rev. Clayton H. Ranck who will deliver four addresses before the students of Ursinus this week beginning this (Monday) evening and closing Thursday evening, is an experienced guide in religious matters and is especially well qualified to speak to college students. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall in 1898. Subsequently he took a theological course at Union Seminary in New York City and at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. On completing his professional preparation he became pastor in the Mercersburg Academy where he had several hundred school boys in his flock. His experience here, extending over several years, gave him a permanent interest in students and in the problems of Christian education. He next took up the pastorate of a downtown church in Baltimore where he applied himself with great success to the social problems of the city. His versatility is indicated in the fact that along with busy pastoral work he has interested himself in public affairs, and has written much for print, his productions appearing in such widely variant journals as *Life* and the *Homiletical Review*. About a year ago he became General Secretary of the Association of Schools, Colleges and Seminaries of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Vesper Services

The regular vesper services Sunday afternoon were very well attended for due to the pleasant weather many townspeople were present. Dr. Omwake, who lead the service, announced the names of four prominent Norristown pastors who will give the short talks during February and extended a general invitation to the public to be present at these highly successful services. The President also gave the talk of the afternoon. In a scholarly manner, he lead the audience in a consideration of God as a being and in action and the application of our conception of Him in our lives.

The Tower Window



FOR a long time we have had the feeling that as a Christian college, the institution ought to have some way of giving expression to its religious life in a public service somewhat more elaborate than that of the regular morning worship. With the installation of the new Clark Memorial Organ the opportunity seemed to be at hand, and it was voted by the Faculty that a vesper service should be instituted.

The whole matter was placed in the hands of a special committee by whom a beautiful order of service was prepared. In this, the new hymnal, with which the chapel is liberally supplied through the kindness of a benefactor, proved to be a splendid aid. The service is rich in organ and choir music and includes a ten-minute meditation or discourse.

It was decided to hold the service on Sunday afternoons at four o'clock. At the request of the Faculty and in accordance with the Laws of the College, the President took charge. We held that attendance upon the Vespers should be absolutely voluntary, and desiring that the service should stand on its own merits, no special measures were taken to draw crowds. It was made known, however, that the people of the community would be equally welcome with professors and students. As worshippers come, they want to come again, so that in the comparatively short time since the services were instituted, increasing numbers are forming habits of regular attendance.

Except for the loyalty and faithfulness of the Organist and the College Choir our efforts would have been in vain. We have now attained such a degree of efficiency and the popular interest has grown sufficiently to warrant me in inviting friends in the ministry to come and speak at these services.

I have offered for publication at another place, the list of those who have consented to help in this way in the immediate future.

G. L. O.

President Montgomery of Muskingum recently announced the gift of \$250,000 to the College on condition that an equal amount be raised. Half a million will enable the school to carry out some of its big plans for the future.

Contributed Article

ADAPTABILITY

CALVIN D. YOST

The fourth result named in the introductory paragraph to this series of articles is the *power of adaptability*. This is a result different from those already treated and has nothing in common with them. It is nevertheless very essential to a man supposed to be trained for life. The criticism has been made that the college man cannot take hold of things, cannot adapt himself to varied situations as they confront men. It has been said that business men prefer to take men from the ranks for responsible and important positions, because they can train them to better advantage for a particular form of service. If this has been true, it was due to the fact that the college men, in many instances, lacked the power of adapting themselves to the situation at hand.

On the face of it, it would seem that a man with a course of education and training extending through four years, should be better able to adapt himself to the various exigencies that arise than one who does not have this training. The matter of adaptability is partly due to mental processes. The student for four years lives a different kind of life. Too often he views it as a preparation for life and not as living a part of life. It is the former, but it is also the latter. If he sees it in the former light only, he is likely to miss much that should accrue from it. The four years that a man spends in college are different from the years that follow, but they should be four years of actual living and not four years of playing at living. If this latter view is held, then it should not be so difficult afterward to get a grip on the "work" and "business" of life. This side of the problem must be wrought out in one's thinking and requires some effort of the will to accomplish.

But the matter of adapting one's self to life and its problems is also one of training. A college of liberal arts does not profess to give vocational training and it should not do so. That lies in another province. But such a college gives the mental training that should lead to a "versatility" in the use of one's powers. One thus trained should be able to adapt himself to the solution of problems and the meeting of conditions. It is unfortunately true that there are those whose mental powers have been highly trained, who lack the ability to attend with facility to the ordinary business affairs which necessarily

belong to every man who lives in society. They lack adaptability and are to a certain degree dependent upon others where they should be able to help themselves.

With all its organizations and interests which the twentieth century college maintains, it affords ample opportunity for many of the students to get this practical training. If this work were properly distributed every student in the college would get a share of it and thus receive a practical training of much value. Many men are prepared to bear testimony to the value of the training thus received while in college. The editing of a college paper, the managing of an athletic sport, the management of group and class affairs, all have practical value. Too frequently it happens that those who are deficient on this side of their training, avoid the activities which would be helpful to them.

A college man by virtue of his superior opportunities should become a leader among men. He needs to be capable of laying hold of opportunities; in many instances he must be "the man of the hour;" and he should, figuratively speaking, be able to turn "adversity into prosperity." The comment of the unlettered man in speaking of one who was well educated, but who lacked all power of adaptability to the practical side of life, contained more truth than literary finish, when he designated him as "the 'dummiest' smart man he ever knew." There are some college men of that type.

The college man who goes into business should carry with him a culture which would at once mark him as a superior man; the one who goes into professional life, where at least a certain degree of culture is assumed, should carry with him an adaptability that will place him in the forefront in his community; the one who enters one of the many avenues in the industrial world that have opened in the last half century, should bear with him the qualities and characteristics which show him a man among men. Into whatever field in life he may cast his lot he should always be an outstanding man. Besides bearing away from his college the intellectual training there acquired, learning in some definite fields of knowledge there pursued, let him bear away as by-products of his four years' life, culture, refinement, taste, and the power of adaptability.

A new athletic field, devoted entirely to inter-class and inter-fraternity events, will soon be a reality at Western Reserve. Two football fields and two baseball diamonds will be provided.

Among the Colleges

A bureau of salesmanship has been opened at Carnegie Tech in connection with the department of psychology. Mental tests are given to determine what qualities of character and temperament make the best salesmen.

The students of California University are working on a plan to raise \$200,000 for a Student Union Hall. The scheme is to borrow the money and to pay it back with interest from the proceeds of rentals.

The student government officials of Heidelberg University have drawn up and published a very complete set of social rules and general campus regulations which will soon be in force at that institution. Careful distinction as to class, time of year, nature of social engagement, hour of calling or walking, and detailed ruling as to chaperonage are provided in the rules for the social relations of the two sexes. Under campus rules the use of tobacco on the campus is forbidden. The rules are the work of the co-operative government association which includes both the Women's and Men's Councils.

The men at Ohio Wesleyan have entered a vigorous protest because they are not allowed to witness the girls' basketball tournament.

Speakers at Vespers

The following speakers, all of Norristown, are announced for the Sunday vesper services for the coming month: February 4, the Rev. Thomas H. Evans, Haws Avenue Methodist Church; February 11, the Rev. H. W. Bright, Reformed Church of the Ascension; February 18, the Rev. Aden B. MacIntosh, Trinity Lutheran Church; February 25, the Rev. John A. Crawford, Central Presbyterian Church.

College Calendar

- Monday, January 29—6.45 p. m., Meeting, Christian Organizations, Rev. Rauck, speaker.
- Tuesday, January 30—6.45 p. m., Talk to Christian Organizations, Rev. Ranck.
- Wednesday, January 31—6.45 p. m., Third Meeting, Christian Organization, Rev. Ranck, speaker.
- Thursday, February 1—6.45 p. m., Last Meeting of Week of Prayer, Rev. Ranck, speaker.
- Friday, February 2—7.40 p. m., Literary Societies.
- Saturday, February 3—9.30 a. m., Inter-Class Basketball: Seniors vs. Freshmen, Juniors vs. Sophomores.
- Basketball, 'Varsity vs. Delaware College, Newark, Delaware.
- Sunday, February 4—4.00 p. m., Vesper Services, College Chapel.

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Editorial Comment

With a final supreme effort we have accomplished the task which concludes the record of our work for the first half of our school year. That record has now been closed beyond a possibility of further change, and we are left to expend our energies in beginning a new and in many respects a more auspicious period of work.

Yet, while that former record itself has been placed beyond our power to improve, its recollections lie fresh in our minds, a force for better or for worse as we see fit to use it in our further work. There is a tendency to the extremes of confidence as we realize the excellence or poorness of our achievements. It is the temptation among the less ambitious either to rest in over-confidence on the laurels of past attainments or to surrender from lack of confidence to the disappointments and failures of recently dismissed tasks.

But these, let us hope, constitute only a small minority of our number. There are many more who will profit by their experiences and use them as a guide in further and swifter progress. It is easily possible that unfamiliarity with our work at the beginning of the school year has placed upon some of us handicaps which have more or less hampered us

throughout the greater part of the term. But now, those handicaps have been thrown off and even more, the cause for them has been removed. Out of our experience with our duties has grown a familiarity which obviates their perplexities and makes possible, successses greatly exceeding, in number and in character, those which we have already achieved.

Those attempts in which we have failed heretofore, we can now, in most cases, bring to a successful end, because we see wherein was the cause for their failure. Experience has taught us by what mistakes our failures have been brought about, and so has prepared us to handle those former obstacles with a skill and firmness which can result in none other than a successful outcome.

Our neglects and misapplications have been brought before us with unprecedented vividness, and from this new knowledge we learn the lesson of wiser application of our time and energy to worthier duties. All these advantages rise up to aid us and with their assistance we shall go forward into the new term confident in the hope of achieving still greater success where formerly we succeeded, and new success where formerly we failed. J. B. Y., '19.

Literary Societies

Zwinglian Society

The dominant feature of the Zwinglian program Friday evening was a spirited and lively debate on woman suffrage. The statement of the question was, *Resolved*, "That women should have the franchise in the United States." The cause was ably defended by Misses Maurer, Craft and Thompson. Their opponents were Messrs. Conahy, May and H. P. Long. The teams were very closely matched and contended at all times with admirable energy. Strong arguments were delivered with a force that compelled conviction and the time-worn subject of woman suffrage was filled with a new interest as its numerous virtues and defects were set forth with fresh vigor and emphasis.

In the refutation, Mr. May for the negative and Miss Craft for the affirmative attacked their opponents' arguments with commendable skill. The judges of the debate, Miss Brant and Mr. Shaub, rendered their decision in favor of the negative.

The first musical number for the evening was a well-rendered trombone solo by Mr. L. O. Yost. His encore was also very pleasing. A mixed quartette led by Mr. Wilhelm contributed the next musical number in a most capable man-

ner. They performed equally well in their encore. Following them Mr. Baden read a Review full of amusement and wit, and the program was brought to a close with a capable report by the critic, Miss Butler.

At the regular business meeting held at the close of the program, the following new officers were elected; President, Mr. Bomberger; Vice President, Mr. H. S. Gulick; Recording Secretary, Miss Fries; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Closson; Treasurer, Mr. May; Chaplain, Mr. Mellinger; Musical Director, Miss Wagner; Editor No. 1, Miss Maurer; Editor No. 2, Mr. Wilhelm; Janitor, Mr. Baden.

The Society was especially pleased to receive into active membership during the evening Miss Mary B. Closson of Philadelphia, Pa.

Schaff Society

Unusual interest was centered in the debate which constituted the Schaff program Friday evening. The question, *Resolved*, "That co-education should be abolished at Ursinus College", was of great importance to all present, and the speakers, Misses Reifsnieder, Rosen and Miller on the affirmative and Messrs. Krekstein and Trucksess on the negative, treated it in a well becoming manner. The arguments were presented with convincing force and vigor and thus showed oratorical as well as argumentative skill. In the rebuttals delivered affirmatively by Miss Reifsnieder and negatively by Mr. Krekstein, the speakers maintained the same high standard as was shown in their main arguments. The judges, Messrs. Messinger P. Deitz and McKee decided in favor of the negative side.

The musical part of the evening's program was of a type equal to that of the debate itself. The piano solo by Miss Boeshore was very beautiful and was rendered in a most masterful way. Miss Wickersham's musical recitation was performed in a most commendable manner. Mr. Sands read an interesting Gazette and Miss Faulkner closed the program with an impartial criticism of the several parts.

Under voluntary exercises the society was favored by several beautiful violin selections by Mr. Charles Eckstein, of Norristown, Pa.

The society was more than delighted to welcome into its active membership Miss Margaret H. Harclerode of Hope-well, Pa.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing period: President, Mr. Spannuth; Vice President, Mr. P. E.

Y. W. C. A.

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"What would Jesus do?" and then we can usually decide what is right.

When we become discouraged our vision is particularly obstructed. Paul says "Now I see through a glass darkly." By faith in Him our vision is made clearer. When God is a strong factor in our lives and when we take Him into our work we will be able to understand everything better. Most of us could find more time to talk with God if we would make up our minds to do so. So the essence of our thoughts is a clearer vision of God through communion with Him.

Notice to Alumni

It has been the custom of the alumni of Ursinus College to hold an annual banquet in Philadelphia. This year, however, it has been wisely suggested that instead of this Ursinus banquet, a union banquet be held, consisting of the institutions enrolled in the recently organized educational movement of the Reformed Church, and to this end the committee in charge is lending its efforts. Although the decision is not yet final, nor the time definitely arranged, in all probability such a banquet will be held in Philadelphia on the sixteenth of February, 1917. A meeting of the arranging committee was held to-day and its decision will be published in a later issue of the WEEKLY. If this idea is carried out the institutions which will be included are: Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S.; Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the U. S.; Franklin and Marshall College, Heidelberg University; The Mission House and Theological Seminary; Catawba College; Allentown College for Women; Ursinus College; Hood College; Franklin and Marshall Academy; Mercersburg Academy; and Massanutten Academy. This banquet, if held, should be an instrument for good in the great movement which has been launched and should be of interest to the alumni of Ursinus. Please watch this column for final arrangements.

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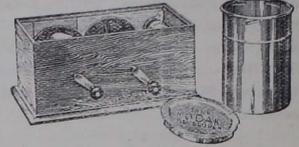
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On the Campus

Miss Schweigert, '19, has been compelled to leave college for a short time because of a nervous breakdown.

Quite a number of students enjoyed a pleasant vacation in York as the guests of Misses Moul, '19, and Shroeder, '20.

The pleasures of the recent vacation were greatly increased for many of the students by the excellent skating which was to be had during the period.

Under the supervision of the College Y. W. C. A., the girls' study room in Bomberger Hall is undergoing a thorough renovation.

The mid-year examinations caused considerable confusion and alarm among the students. Several students failed and many others have been notified that better work is necessary to keep their names on the roll.

Coach Thompson has recently been summoned to his home in Euclid, Pa., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Inter-Class Basketball League

The Senior basketball team forced ahead and secured first place by defeating the Juniors by the score of 26-23. The contest was hard fought throughout and the Juniors threatened to overthrow the lead which the Seniors had gained early in the game.

The Freshmen proved their prowess in a rough game against the Sophomores and won to the tune of 24-21. This was a battle for the third place in the standing of the teams. Next week the Seniors and Freshmen will meet and the Juniors will play the Sophomores.

Senior 26.

Junior 23

Hain	forward	Diehl
Wintyen	forward	Miller
Clark	center	Putney
Yost	guard	S. Gulick
Kehm	guard	H. Gulick

Substitutions: Brown for Yost, Deitz for Diehl. Field goals—Hain, Wintyen 2, Clark, Yost 2, Diehl, Putney, S. Gulick 2. Foul goals—Hain 14 out of 23, H. Gulick 15 out of 26. Referee—Wood, '19. Scorer, S. Richards '17.

Freshmen 24.

Sophomore 21.

Mellinger	forward	Deisher
Hefren	forward	Paladino
Dyson	center	Wood
Orendorff	guard	Griffin
Ferber	guard	H. Long

Field goals—Mellinger 2, Hefren 3, Dyson 2, Deisher, Paladino, Wood 4, Long. Foul goals—Mellinger 7 out of 11, Hefren 3 out of 7, Deisher 4 out of 9, Wood 0 out of 4, Paladino 3 out of 7. Referee—H. Gulick, '18. Scorer—Richards, '17.

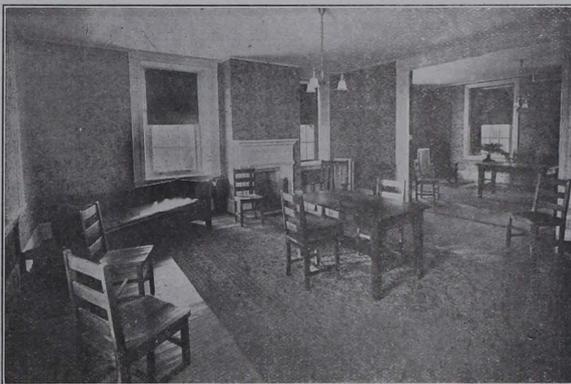
Standing of the Teams

	Won	Lost	Percentage
Seniors	3	0	1000
Juniors	2	1	667
Freshmen	1	2	333
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IV. THE HISTORICAL-POLITICAL GROUP

This group furnishes thorough preparation for the study of the law, and enables students who expect to teach to become specialists in history, economics, political science and public finance.

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This group fits the student for a life of letters in general and offers exceptional advantages for persons expecting to enter the educational profession.

VI. THE MODERN LANGUAGE GROUP

This group affords special advantages to students who expect to enter the field of literature, or who desire to become specialists in teaching the modern languages.

New Jersey Five Trounced 'Varsity (Continued from page one)

account of low grades, which were made during the mid-year examinations. This action taken by the faculty directly affected the basketball team and consequently weakened the 'Varsity five and team work in general. The team, too, suffered a serious loss in "Billy" Wiest, the former York High School star, who withdrew from college in order to take up business pursuits. "Billy" during his two years of college basketball developed into one of the best floor-men and most accurate shooters ever seen in Thompson Cage. He was not only a sure-shot from the open field, but tossed the foul goals with a marked degree of proficiency. Carling, who has been playing a guard position all season, was shifted to the center position on Saturday and acquitted himself admirably. Yost, one of last year's scrub men played a fast and aggressive guarding game.

The team was also obliged to practice the past ten days without the services of Coach Thompson. Coach Thompson was suddenly called home to the bedside of a sick father. The students and alumni of the college unite in extending their sympathy to Mr. Thompson in this season of distress and sorrow.

Ursinus.	Stevens Technical Institute.	
Grove	forward	Reisenberger
Havard	forward	McIntyre
Carling	center	Oetting
Light	guard	Eggers
Yost	guard	LaPointe

Field goals—Grove 1, Havard 1, Carling 2, Light 2, Yost 1; Reisenberger 7, McIntyre 6, Oetting 1, Eggers 4, LaPointe 1, Valentine 1, Berger 2. Substitutions—Valentine for Eggers, Goodale for LaPointe and Berger for Valentine. Foul goals—Grove 2, McIntyre 6, LaPointe 1. Referee—Brunn, Cornell. Time-keeper.—E. L. Snow. Scorer—L. D. Nicalso.

Reserves Suffered Defeat

Schuykill Seminary completely outplayed the Ursinus Reserve basketball team on Saturday afternoon in Reading by the one-sided score—47-19. The personnel of the Reserves consisted, of H. Gulick, S. Gulick, Putney, S. Miller, Hefren, Ferber, and Weiss. The opponents presented a well-balanced team and exhibited good team work which was too much for the Ursinus players.

The Norristown Club and guests occupied a box in the Grand Opera House, Norristown, at a concert given by the combined musical club of University of Pennsylvania, last Thursday evening.

Walking has been adopted as an inter-collegiate sport by the different colleges of Cornell University.

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Historical Cantata Delights Audience

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solo part, proved a delight to the audience, for her voice is very pleasing. Mr. J. Burnett Holland, the baritone, sang his parts in a manner that showed some study and appreciation. But perhaps best liked of all was Mr. Bernard W. Poland, whose rich tenor in the role of Philip, Joan's lover, attracted much favorable comment. The tenor song, "There is No One Like Her" and the baritone and tenor duet, "Full Flows the River" were features of the concert. Mention must also be made of Mrs. Irvin O. Noll, who accompanied the chorus and soloists and displayed both in the accompaniments and intermezzos, the skill of the trained pianist.

The purpose of this entertainment was for the raising of funds for the relief of the suffering across the sea. The Calvary Chorus joined heartily in the philanthropic movement, thus making possible a neat sum to be used for this noble cause.

The girls of Wittenberg Y. W. C. A. were hostesses at a Christmas party given for fifty poor girls of Springfield.

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