Memorial Services for Prof. Wenckebach

The new year opened sadly for Wellesley, for during the Christmas holidays the college had lost Fraulein Carla Wenckebach, for nearly twenty years beloved and honored here as the head of the German Department. The first Sunday evening, after the opening of the winter term, was devoted to a service in her memory. The following is a facsimile of the service list:

Wellesley College
The Memorial Chapel, Sunday, Jan. 11, 1903
Service in Memory of Carla Wenckebach
Professor of German in Wellesley College
Born February 14, 1833
Died December 29, 1902

Service

Allegretto from Seventh Symphony

Processional: "O Sacred Head." No. 393

 Invocation

Prayer

"If Thou but Suffer God to guide thee"—Naumann

Responses by the President: Professor Katherine Lee Bates, Dr. Edmund von Nibich, Miss Mary Haskell, Miss L. L. Hodgkins

Offering: Prayer from Liebmann

Wagner

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God." No. 97. Luther

The Scripture lesson was read in German by Associate Professor Müller, I Corinthians, 13, which Professor Wenckebach read to us the last time she led chapel at Wellesley. President Hazard offered the prayers, which were responded to by the choir with Naumann's beautiful hymn, "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee." Throughout the prayers the choir used the Dresden Amen, which was Professor Wenckebach's favorite, as the one which Wagner used in "Parzival."

President Hazard's address began with a brief account of Professor Wenckebach's life and work.

"She was born at Hildesheim on the fourteenth day of February, 1833. After a careful education in her own home, she left Germany to assume the duties of teaching in Brussels, in Scotland and in Russia. She finally came to New York, where she remained five years. It was after this wide experience in different countries and in different ways of teaching that she gave a course of lectures in a summer school in 1883. Miss Freeman, then president of Wellesley, attended this course, and was immediately attracted by the great ability with which it was conducted, and by the delightful personality of the teacher. Fraulein Wenckebach came to Wellesley that same year, and from almost the first was at the head of the department of German in college. She was gradually promoted in rank until 1893, when she was made full professor. All who had any connection with her must have recognized the great organizing ability which she possessed. It has been well said that the Department of German had "one head and many hands." Her own spirit was so shared by all the teachers who came into close relation with her, that the greatest unanimity has always existed under her inspiring guidance. Under such circumstances and with such leadership, the department grew steadily in numbers until for some years it has been among the largest in college.

"A service which she rendered to the college was the suggestion of a course in Pedagogy, which she offered as her contribution to the work of the college. When she first came, other members of the faculty were giving extra hours in Bible instruction, a work in which Fraulein Wenckebach did not feel qualified to join, and she therefore suggested to Miss Freeman that she would like to make some voluntary offering for the good of the college, which would perhaps take the form of instruction in Pedagogy. For a number of years she carried on such instruction, and when through this opening so generously made that the present Department of Pedagogy was established.

"All her associates and the trustees who were familiar with her work, unite in expressions of profound respect and deep gratitude for the life that she has lived here and the work which she has done."

Professor Bate's made the next address, saying some of the "beloved words that, on behalf of Fraulein Wenckebach's Wellesley colleagues" she would say if she could speak with her, soul to soul. We regret that there is not space here to give her never-to-be-forgotten words; but as the next (February) number of Wellesley Magazine will contain all the addresses in full, we must refer our readers thereto for a parable of so much admiration, and are coupled with the firm resolve to show ourselves worthy of the teachings of her beautiful life."

Miss Mary Haskell spoke of Fraulein Wenckebach's relation to the students in an intimate way which made it seem impossible that the "little twirled figure" was gone forever; and Miss Hodgkins gave some very interesting memories of a visit she once paid to Fraulein Wenckebach at her home in Hildesheim. Both of these will appear in the February magazine.
There is an article on "Class Spirit" in the Harvard Monthly for December the closing paragraph of which runs as follows:

"Such men (i.e. the men who go about their work in a quiet, but effective way) may not shine in the eyes of their class during their college days, but their persistent efforts will tell in the end, and they will become in years to be the main props of the class."

Now the editor had been musing long and sadly on the near approach of the senior exit into the "wide, wide world," and as her eye fell on these words, she realized as never before that the class is an institution for time and eternity. It is evident that later colleges and universities feel that the four years actually spent in college are but the beginning of class life. If you have ever seen a reunion of gray-headed men who graduated from Harvard or Yale sometime in the 60's, this fact will need no demonstration or proof. And why should it not be so with us as women? We should resent immediately any implication that we have less capacity for deep, strong, and lasting comradeship than our older brothers, but why then, are we inclined to scoff at this much talked-of class spirit? Let us be firm in our belief that it is a very real, a very vital, and a very precious part of our life, now and hereafter. Life will never again bring us any experience quite like those of our college days, and the spirit which binds us together here is one which ought to furnish an impetus for our whole life work; it is the only thing which will counterbalance out and out the changes which the years will surely bring. Let the senior-soul not be cast down, then, at the approach of Commencement Day. It is but the beginning, after all,—the beginning of the days when we are to try our new armor and go forth to do valiantly "for the honor of the class!"

The Philosophy Club.

Immediately after returning from vacation the members of the Philosophy Club and their guests were addressed by Dr. Dewey of the Philosophy Department of Chicago University. His subject was "What is Knowledge?"

Mr. Dewey first discussed the question of Truth, and came to the conclusion that truth was not an absolute final thing but the highest action possible at any given moment or event in the chain of such moment and events in human life. The course of Philosophy, he said, was to lead us on and on to meet each crisis that came to us in a higher and this was the object of Knowledge—philosophical and otherwise,—to help us to meet conditions, which were always changing. He stated as his belief that there was nothing permanent but the law of change. The members of the club were much interested in this answer to the great question as to the use of Knowledge and although Mr. Dewey's creed does not seem a particularly consoling one by which to steer one's life, his keen, clear, intellectual weighing of existence and its conditions could not help but hold our attention and admiration.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

Thursday, January 8, 1 P. M., college opened after the Christmas holidays.

Saturday, January 10, 3 P. M., lecture in College Hall Chapel by Professor Farnham of Yale University on "The Coal Strike."

Sunday, January 11, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Rev. William D. Lawrence, Bishop of Eastern Massachusetts.

7:00, P. M., vespers. Memorial service for Professor Wenckebach.

Monday, January 12, 3:30, P. M., Shakespeare Society at home.

7:30, P. M., meeting of Scribblers' Club.

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30, P. M., meeting of the whole Debating Club in College Hall Chapel.

Saturday, January 17, 3:30, P. M., Barnswallows play "Place aux Dames."

Sunday, January 18, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Mr. Robert E. Speer.

7:00, P.M., vespers. Address by Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Monday, January 19, 7:30, P. M., concert by the Becherer String Quartet.

Tuesday, January 20, 7:30, P. M., meeting of Division A of the Debating Club in College Hall Chapel.

Sunday, January 25, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Dr. William W. Richards of New York.

7:00, P. M., vespers with special music.

Monday, January 26, 7:30, P. M., in College Hall Chapel, lecture before the Latin Department by Professor Warren of Harvard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next week there will be issued a volume of Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" edited with a critical introduction and notes by Associate Professor Hart. This volume is one of the series of English Classics published by Longmans, Green & Co., under the general editorship of Prof. G. R. Carpenter of Columbia University.

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The Christian Association.

The first prayer-meeting of the term, on Thursday, January 8th, was led by Professor MacDougall. After reading from the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, he gave a short address, taking as his central thought, the word "Service." "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

Under the auspices of the Christian Association, Mr. Robert E. Speer addressed a large gathering of students in College Hall Chapel, on Sunday, January 18, at three. He spoke in general of the unique opportunities of our college years.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

On Saturday afternoon, January 10, Professor Farnham of Yale University gave a lecture on the Coal Strike. He began by saying that he must work impressionistically in the short time before him, leaving out everything except the most striking points. He left entirely out of consideration the question of strikes and that of the rate of wages, and confined himself to discussing the special features of the mining business. He showed a varied assortment of stereopticon pictures, mingling the pills and the sugar very judiciously by having each diagram preceded and followed by entertaining photographs of the Pennsylvania mining towns. Professor Farnham said the root of the trouble lay in the dissatisfaction of the miners in the North Pennsylvania Coal Fields with the methods of determining the amount of compensation. He stated as his belief that the operators have held out against the strike because they wished to do away with the Mine Workers' Unions, not because they were unwilling to yield to the matter of wages.

After the lecture the Economics Club held a reception for Professor Farnham in the Faculty Parlor.

On Monday afternoon, January 13th, the Shakespeare Society held its annual mid-winter reception in the Shakespeare Room. The chief feature of the afternoon was the opening for the first time of a new room, librierte unfinished and used as a green room.

MISS SCHÖNEPERLE and Miss Holt entertained the Scribbles Club at their January meeting on Monday, January 12, at the Tau Zeta Epilon House. Dr. Lockwood read for criticism a one-act play written by one of the members. There were present fourteen members of the club.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, January 13th. The following question was debated: "Shall Wellesley have a Fire Brigade?" Excellent arguments were brought forth on both sides, and the manner of presentation was visibly better than at previous meetings.

Under the auspices of the Botany Department, Professor Henry S. Graves of the Yale School of Forestry gave a most interesting lecture on Saturday, January 11, at 4:30 P.M., in the Physics Lecture Room. After the lecture a reception was held by the Department for Professor Graves.

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Shortly before the holidays, Dr. Paton of the English Department was obliged to leave Wellesley on account of illness. Her classes in Course 2 are now taken by Miss Walter, and Miss Walter's class in Course 1 will be under Dr. Lockwood for the rest of the year. Other minor changes in the Department have also been necessitated by the departure of Dr. Paton.

Miss Katherine Bates, formerly of the Department of English and for the past few months absent on account of illness, has returned to her residence in Wellesley Hills, much improved in health.

THE FACULTY SCIENCE CLUB.

The meeting of the Faculty Science Club this week was devoted to a review of the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the affiliated Societies which occurred in Washington during the week.

Dr. Cookey was in the chair. Professor Cummings and Dr. Ferguson reported the meetings of the Botanical Section and three affiliated Societies. Dr. Thompson read the papers on Zoology; Dr. Roberts and Professor Bragg in Chemistry; Professor Whiting and Miss Tinsford in Astronomy and Physics, especially those which describe the delicate experiments by which the pressure exerted by a beam of light has been measured, and this pressure shown to go far to explain the mystery of comets' tails. Several members of the Wellesley Faculty read papers at the recent meetings in Washington, Professor Haynes on the Geology Section on Lunar Calendars; Professor Calkins and Dr. Gamble before the American Psychographical Association on "The Supplementary Image in Recognition"; and Professor Whiting before the Astrophysical Society on "Some Instruments and Methods of Use in Laboratory Work in Physical Astronomy." This paper was illustrated by lantern slides.

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I. Now-a-days when we are having such chilly winter weather, just the sort to be indoors, why is it that so few girls are seen out after class room appointments are over? Only a few are on the locker their zeal is especially commendable for the ice is not very "fine." But there are crowds working in the library and in their rooms. Now we all know that mid-years are coming and that papers are due before that time, but would we not be the better prepared for mental exertions if we took daily advantage of sunlight and clear air? E. II., 1894.

II. When asked her opinion of the advisability of maintaining a Debating Society in Wellesley every student is enthusiastic in saying there should be one here, but between enthusiasm and work there seems to be a great gap.

Of course all our work is heavy this winter term and we have little time for outside interests, but we have challenged Vassar and if we intend winning from her we must put forth some extra work and see that our ideas are up to par.

Do not be only enthusiastic, but come for an hour every two weeks and do a little work to help win the coming debates.

III. We of the Debating Club want everybody to come and hear us talk. Now that we have opened our meetings to the Wellesley public we want to cast our pearls before something else than empty chairs.

Some of us are going to try for the Wellesley-Vassar debate and are trying to perfect ourselves in delivery, especially in ease of manner and persuasiveness. We are now feeling perfectly at ease before empty chairs, and would like to try talking before full chairs. We find it impossible to be persuasive to those same chairs. They are so expressionless; but we feel sure that if they looked hostile, we would be inspired to try to convince them, or if they seemed sympathetic, we would be charmed to flights of eloquence. And so we appeal to you Wellesley girls who are interested in debates and "the debate," to replace their empty solemnity with an audience. We need your aid as disinterested persons. We need the stimulus of your presence. Won't some of you please come and hear us debate? 1894.

IV. "To provide the latest fiction and to supplement the general library," the class of 1890 instituted the Circulating Library, a need for which those of us who use these books feel very grateful. The surprising thing is that more of us do not give ourselves the opportunity of appreciating this library, for it is undoubtedly an admirable medium through which we may keep in touch with the books of the day. One girl recently said that she did not approve of novels, and for that reason had no use for this sort of a library. But surely such writers as Kipling, Hardy, Van Dyke, Elith Whitton, or Matthew Arnold are worth at least a reading. Granting that they are as far from being George Eliot or Shakespeare as—and Boston is distant from Chicago, they are at any rate the men of our day and can humbly "enrich and improve our general library." After all, they stand for our own times. We will not always be shut out from the world, and if we are to come in social contact with it, we must be willing at times to leave the more or less narrow confines of college life and find out what people in the world itself are thinking about. We may find that, (in our neighbor's estimate) though we speak learnedly of spheres and even of the 125 Great Prophets, if we do not know (for instance) "Miss Wigg," or "The Virginian," it profits us nothing. Besides it would give us in college something outside of our work and each other to talk about. Really, though, there is a great deal of pleasure to be gotten from these books and libraries, and there are, from this point of view, many satisfying books in this library. Let us all look at the catalogue hanging near the bookcase on third floor center, and see if there is not something there we want to read. It will please ourselves, help the library, for all the money from the rent of the books goes towards buying new ones, and it will show our appreciation of the services of the librarians who give their time to this. Office hours are held three times a week, and the rent is only five cents between office hours. I know there are many girls who have never thought of this circulating library, who, if they would once try it, would get enjoyment from it and try it again.

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V.

One great point to consider before we take our stand on the side of intercollegiate athletics is, how will such athletics for girls appear in the eyes of the world. People in general are interested in affairs of college girls. Were it otherwise the leading papers and magazines would not put so much space to college news as they do much space to college news as they do. The question is a moral and political question. A debate, however, cannot beclassed with a basketball game. A game lacks the dignity of a debate. Wellesley should keep her athletics between the members of the college, for to do otherwise she is stimulating the contestents from that which would surely follow in the case of intercollegiate athletics, undesirable publicity.

VI. THE CROWD AT NOON.

The great number of girls coming from the different class rooms after the 12:30 recitation, forms a dense mass at the north entrance, and in their eagerness to get out, push and shove as if there was not another moment. Strange to relate, it is not always the Freshmen who do the crowding. Being upperclassmen may give you the privilege of walking in an out of the elevator first, and having right of way on the boardwalks, but it certainly does not give you the privilege. If it could be called a privilege, of forgetting your politeness. Even if you are upperclassmen, it does not say that you are privileged to push the Freshmen rudely aside in your mad endeavor to get out first.

VII.

We are sorry to see that the village Freshmen are not particularly observant of the rules of propriety on the street. It most certainly is annoying to meet seven or eight young women who take possession of the sidewalk, and are after too careless or too selfish to let others pass. We are obliged to step into the gutter. Besides this, Freshmen are in the habit of spending on the street in loud and not too musical voices at all times and hours of the day. All we are very glad that the Freshmen find college life so exhilarating. We should really be sorry to stop such an innocent amusement as singing, but any amusement, if carried too far, becomes a nuisance, and nuisances cannot be tolerated. Freshmen, of course, are supposed to be young and green about college matters, but there is no excuse for downtight bad manners.

VIII.

It surely is a great pity that there should be a time at which we would not like to confess that we are from Wellesley. Yet, there are such times, when for the sake of the college, to say nothing of ourselves, we do desire to shrink into a corner and to pray devotly to be left alone. Such times are surely those, when in gregarious college fashion we all travel on the train together—or travel on anything together. It is true that girls on a train do have a faculty of creating commotion and complication, and in college girls this is multiplied ten fold. In spite of our fervent claims of increasing self possession and restrain coming from college life. There is no objection to sitting together, but why should personal affairs with the name of Wellesley attached. In the dining car, piercing comparisons of the menu to the fare of College Hall, reflects credit on the person making it, for the college—nor the dining car. Can we not remember that the fact we are college girls does—not as seems the general impression—excuse such conduct in travel—log but rather, as we represent an institution, renders it the more objectionable? It is true that all this has been said before, but has it been to any particular end? One would think not.

IX.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

At a meeting of The Agora held Friday, January 9th, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, In accordance with the divine ruling, Professor Carla Wenckebach departed this life on Monday, December the twenty-theth, Nineteen Hundred and Two, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of The Agora of Wellesley College, at this first meeting of the Agora held since her decease, do place upon and the high esteem in which we held Professor Wenckebach, and the deep sense of the loss which has been sustained by Wellesley College.

In force of character, in strength of will, in zealous devotion to her work even when her physical powers were much impaired, Professor Wenckebach presented an example of steadfast courage which will never cease to be an inspiration to those who knew her.

Not only in Wellesley College will Professor Wenckebach be missed, in the world of letters, as well, she has reached a place to which few women of her time have attained.

The Agora, therefore, counts itself honored to have enrolled Professor Wenckebach among its members, and sincerely grieves for a loss which is, in all respects irreparable.

(Signed)

FLORENCE BARTH, President.
LOUISE W. ALLEN, Corresponding Sec'y, pro tem.

On Sunday, December 27, a most enjoyable luncheon was given for the active members and alumnae of Tutt Zeta Epsilon in and near New York. The luncheon was proposed and all arrangements were made by Ethel R. Mead, '97, and Melissie C. Phillips, 1900. They secured a private dining room at the St. Dennis Hotel on Broadway. Among those present were: Delanie A. Howes, '86; Ethel R. Mead, '97; Gertrude Underline, '98; Melissie C. Phillips, Mrs. Lewis E. Sparrow (Eleanor M. Strong), 1900; Edith L. Bart, E. Belle Fletcher, 1901; Anna B. Vail, Mary G. Vail, 1902; Florence Noera, Lucy Hegeman, 1903, Julia Tyler, 1904.

During the luncheon telegrams of regret were received from Mrs. Gilbert D. Murray (Katherine M. Winton) '93; and Miss Alice V. V. Brown.

On Monday evening, January 19, the Belcher String Quartet gave a concert in College Hall Chapel.

PROGRAM.

I. Quartette in C minor, Op. 18, No. 4 ........................Beethoven
1. Allegro ma non tanto.
2. Andante Scherzoso quasi Allegretto.
II. Solos for Violincello.
A. Allegro, from Sonata. ....................................Locatelli
"Wie Melodien zieht es mir" ..................Brahms
The Butterfly ..................................................Poncer
III. Variations from Quartette in D minor. ..........Schubert
IV. Solo for Violin.
Zimmermeisen. .............................................Saraste
V. Andante and Finale from Quartette in D Major. Tchaikowsky

Musical and Theatrical Notes.

COLONIAL THEATRE: Week of January 19, and the next week, Richard Mansfield in "Julius Caesar."
BOSTON THEATRE: "In Old Kentucky."
BOSTON MUSEUM: "A Country Girl."
HOLLY-STREET THEATRE: Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Dubarry."
TREMONT THEATRE: Henrietta Crossman in "The Sword of the King."

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ALUMNAE NOTES.

Miss Ruth Forbes, '01, is teaching mathematics and English at Hommer Hall, St. Louis.
Mr. Helen Harrington, '02, has accepted a position as teacher of science in Fort Morgan, Colorado.
Miss Miriam Coste, formerly of 1893, is teaching at the Philippi School of N. St. Louis.
Miss Genevieve Humb, '07, who spent the summer abroad, is engaged in settlement work in St. Louis, this winter.
Miss Eliza Alschuler, '05, of Louisville, Kentucky, has been in Wellesley for a week.
Miss Alice Cole, '02, is teaching English, algebra and history in the Beverly High School.
Miss Katharine E. Holtz, '02, is teaching in "Oak Cliff," Dallas, Texas.
Rev. William Bancroft Hill, husband of Olive A. Weyherhouse, '02, entered upon his work in charge of the Bible Department of Vassar College.
Miss Anna W. Blackmer, '01, is teaching in the Normal School at Geneva, New York.
Miss Erika M. Raynal, '07, is teaching at the Friends' School, in Washington.
Miss Edith May, Wellesley, '07, who has for several years taken parties abroad, will take a small number to Europe in the summer of 1908. Her trip includes Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland and England. Miss May's address is Dana Hall, Wellesley.

The Los Angeles Wellesley Club.

Saturday afternoon, December 27, the Los Angeles Wellesley Club held its winter meeting at the home of Miss Deyo, in Pasadena. Professor Colman, who has recently returned from Hawaii, was the guest of honor.

With the sad news of the death of Mrs. Palmer, as well as the death of Mrs. Ellen Holmes Beckwith, one of the club's members, the meeting was devoted to reminiscences of both. Professor Colman's talk on the personality and achievement of Mrs. Palmer was intimate and inspiring. Miss Foster spoke of Mrs. Beckwith.

BIRTHS.

November 3, 1902, a son to Mrs. Grace Mayo Archer, formerly of 1901.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement of Agnes L. Callaway, '05, to Mr. Arthur Dunlap of New York was announced during Christmas week.

MARRIAGES.

Guillem—Anniss. November 10, 1902, at Natick, Massachusetts, Miss Helen Hall Gibbon, '97-'03, to Mr. William Howland Bassett.

DEATHS.

January 2, 1903, at her home in Newton Centre, Mrs. Mary Adelaide Woodward Jones, a member of the class of 1892.
November 6, 1902, at McLoose, Mass., Mrs. Martha Frances Carr, mother of Grace B. Carr, '04.

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EXCHANGES.

The Exchange that have accumulated during the vacation bear an unusually festive appearance in their gay holiday dress, and may lead us to wonder why Wellesley's artistic talent is never displayed upon our Magazine covers. There is unusual variety of subject and charm of treatment to be found within many of our exchange publications also, and we guarantee to our readers a pleasant and profitable hour, if they take the time to look them over. We should especially the Mr. Holley's, the Harvard Monthly, the Radcliffe Magazine, the Smith College Monthly, and the Williams Lit.

The editors wish to make a correction of a statement in the last COLLEGE NEWS (December 17, 1902) concerning the "Jack." Lomber, which was a misprint for "Tech," the weekly publication of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Now is the high tide of the year" in literary work among our colleges and universities, judging from the exchanges of the week. The light tale is giving way to more serious work, and we find a surprising increase in the amount of literary and dramatic criticism that is distinctly worth while. Read for example, the articles on Hermann Sudermann, Mrs. W. S. Harvey, and the Celtic Movement in the last number of the Harvard Monthly.

The Columbia Lit. for January has a bright and refreshingly simple story, "The Sentimentalist's Surprise," in marked contrast to the morbid horror of "The Hunchback" in the same number.

A peep within the covers of the Nassau Lit. justifies the impression of unusual interest gained from the table of contents, but we must warn our readers to gain further information for themselves. (We would also call attention "en passant" to the fact that there has been an attempt at housecleaning in the region of the Exchange table in our reading room.)

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