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H. G. McCallum, Secy.
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BILL ARP.
The Georgia Philosopher on The Farm, the Alliance and Politics.

I farmed as hard as I could for eleven years, and never found that I was oppressed. I worked in the field with my boys. We planted and plowed and mowed grass and raised horses and cattle and sold our produce for a good price. Our corn always brought 50 cts a bushel at the crib and our hay \$20 a ton, and nobody ever came and told me I was imposed upon, and I was such a fool I never found it out. Joe Bradley has been farming right close by for twenty years and hasn't found it out yet. He must be an awful fool. Joe used to bring his cotton to my gin before I got up and I asked him one day how he managed to make so much cotton and corn and raise so many fat hogs, and send his daughter to town to school, and buy a piano, and all that, Joe smiled and said: "Well, you must know that if I don't see the sun rise in the morning I have the headache all day, and as my house is down in a hollow, I have to go to the corralfield or cotton patch to see the rise." I'll bet \$10 that Joe don't belong to the alliance. He hasn't got time. When a rainy day comes you will find him in his workshop making a plowstock or mending his harness, or cleaning out his stables. He saves every spade of barnyard manure and puts it on his land. I had one tenant who worked hard and prospered. I had two others who were always behind. They had a power of business at the mill or at town or at some meeting house, and when the creek was muddy they were just obliged to go selling. Their crops were always in the grass, and they are in the grass yet I reckon. They belong to the alliance, and are waiting for something to turn up. This is plain talk, but it is true talk. The greatest enemy the farmer has got is his own indolence. No man succeeds at anything who does not work diligently. If a man would work as hard on his farm as Raub Satterfield does in his store, he would prosper. Mr. Satterfield is a good merchant. He is at his store before I get up. His dinner is sent to him on busy days. After supper he goes back to his store and works on his books. He is never idle and is making money. It is the same way with all trades and professions. It is very nice and pleasant to set about and talk and read the news, but the lawyers in this town who get most all the business are rarely seen on the streets, and entertain no loaders. Diligence is the secret of success, and diligence ought to be the secret password of the alliance. I wish I knew exactly who it is that is oppressing the poor farmer. I think I would get

a big stick and go for him. I wish I knew the distress that hangs like a millstone over my friends, Gus Bates and Tom Lyon, and old man Barge, C. M. Jones, and Connor, and Tomlin, and John Brown, and a host of other big farmers in the county. They have all got rich enough to leave home when they please and send their children off to college, but still they are not happy. They seemed to think we have been doing something against them, but I declare upon my honor I haven't. They say they want a warehouse and a loan from the government, so they can hold their cotton and force the manufacturers to pay 15 cents a pound for it. Just so—the great west wants warehouses for their grain, so as to make us pay \$2 a bushel for wheat and \$1 for corn. If this thing all happens, what is to become of me? I won't have more than a shirt and a half all the year round, and my wife will wear her eyes out patching and mending. Carl and Jessie won't have but one biscuit a piece and nothing but oatmeal to carry to school. What will become of the shoemaker and the blacksmith and the carpenter and the brickmason and the day laborer? What will become of all the poor folks and the negroes and the cotton pickers? I have before me the tables of the last census, and find that there are 4,250,000 farmers and planters in the United States and there are 13,000,000 laborers—tollers—working people who are not farmers. There are over 3,000,000 laborers on the farm who work for wages. What will they say to four at \$5 a 100? There are over 1,000,000 mechanics and nearly as many railroad operators and half as many milliners and factory hands, women and children. What is to become of them if the farmers get up a center on the necessities of life? One of England's greatest statesmen was Richard Cobden, whose powerful speeches abolished the duty on grain, and the inscription on his monument is: "He gave the poor cheap bread."

I tell you farming friends, this thing won't do. You have gone far beyond reason in your demands. Demagogues have led you astray—I say it considerably—demagogues have led you far away from the original purposes of your order. Don't you know that you will never live to see a dollar of that \$61,000,000 that your leaders say is coming right away from England to advance on cotton? Don't you know that all these promises are a delusion and a snare, and will fade into a mist after the elections are over? I do confess to some grief and mortification over the credulity of my farming friends. I feel but little interest in politics. My politics is for the south to go on prospering as she has done since the war. The farmer, the laborer, the merchant, the mechanic, every class has prospered. Diligence in business and a contented disposition will make us all happy. There are no people on earth that have as much to be thankful for as we have. I feel like I am alone in these views, for I know that the press is against me, and most of the people, but I feel better for having had my say whether it pleases any body or not. I see politicians dancing and prancing around the alliance, and talking big about corn and cotton, who don't know the difference between a bull-tong and twister. I heard of one the other day that said there would be a very short crop of cotton for he had noticed that the red blossoms were all falling off. He said that as soon as a poor farmer had anything to sell the

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Yard on North Main Street.

price went down. Cotton was down, and fodder had dropped from two dollars a hundred to one dollar, and sweet potatoes had already gone down to sixty cents a bushel, and in two months from now corn would fall 25 or 50 per cent. "We must have a big warehouse," said he, "and store the produce and keep it until the speculators and the monopolists are whipped out." Maybe that man wants to be a friend to the farmers but he don't know nothing of the laws of supply and demand. During the tabernacle meeting I had to pay 25 cents for chickens that wasnt done sucking—before that they were plenty at 15 cents. The Methodist preachers did that, but they didnt mean to, and I'm not complaining. I'd do anything for a preacher.
BILL ARP

A Boy's Essay On Girls.
Girls is great on making bleeve. will make bleeve a dol is a live baby. She will make bleeve she is orful sweet on another girl or fellow, if they come to see her, and when they are gone she will say, "Horrid old thing."
Girls is always fooling a fellow. She can't lick yer, so she gets the best of yer that way.
If yer dont do what a girl tells yer, she says yer horrid. I drather be horrid than soft. If you do want a girl tells yer, you will do all sorts of foolish things.
Girls can be good in school every day if they feel like it. I shud think they would get tired and have to do sum thing worse in a while; I know a feller does. Girls say fellers acts orful, but when a girl gits a going it she acts orful than any feller durst. They don't care for nothing.
If a girl wants a feller to carry her books home, she ain't satisfied unless she gits the same feller the other girl wants, whether she likes him or no.
Girls is great on having secrets.

I mean telling secrets. They make a secret out of nothing at all, then tell it around to all the other girls, orful quiet, just as if it was sum thing dreadful.
Girls always git their goggerly lessons better than a feller, but if they are going anywhere they are sure to git lost.
If two fellers have a fite, the girls always go for the feller that licks, no matter whether he is good for anything else or not.
If a girl dont feel like doing a thing yer can't make her, no matter whether she had order or not. If she won't she won't, and she will git out of it some how. Thats all I know about girls this time.
Obituary.
Clark—Sister Amelia Maggie Clark daughter of B. L. Poor, deceased was born in Logan Co. Ky February 27th 1845, and was married to James A. Clark Aug. 17th 1862, moved to Texas in January 1871 and joined the Baptist church the following summer.
She was a true christian devoted and fond mother. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom survive her, to mourn with the heart stricken husband and father the loss of the most sacred tie that bound the once happy family in bonds of purest christian love. Sister Clark suffered severely for many long months—months of untiring watchfulness by family and friends before she died. During her illness she repeatedly said she never would get well and said, "It is better for me to go I am ready." Those who knew sister Clark best do not feel that she is dead, she has only "crossed over the river to live with Jesus, the while becoming her dear family to come up higher."
God bless and comfort the bereaved.
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LOCAL DOTS.

—Choice Candy cheap at Paris.
—Clocks are cheap at Grover's.
—Go to McLemores for Lamps and Lanterns.
McElree's Wine of Cardui for Weak Nerves.
—Lamps and lanterns of all kinds at McLemore's.
—Mrs. J. C. Baldwin is daily receiving her holl ay goods and has something for the young and old and you can save money by buying from her.
—Mammoth Sky Rockets at Paris.
—John Jones of Crystal Falls is in Haskell.
—China fire works cheap for cash at Paris.
—T. A. Gillmore was in town Monday.
Try **BLACK-DRAUGHT** tea for Dyspepsia.
—J. M. Clifford was in the city Monday.
—Corn, oats and hay cheap for cash at Haskell Feed Store.
—R. S. DeLong & Co. are giving special inducements on their clothing.
—Suits for boys from 4 to 12 years old for \$1.00 at Long Bros.
—M. S. Pierson left the first of the week for Emory.
—Rice & Finn Seymour are sole agents for Superior and New Moshawk stoves.
—Mr. Wraah made a business trip to Rayner this week.
—The Baptist will give a festival at the court house the 23rd inst.
—Mr. Wingo of the Loxia neigh borhood was in the city Monday.
—J. C. Baldwin Esq. left Wednesday for Bonham, his old home.
—Great variety of Lamps and Lanterns at McLemore's.
—The nicest line of Xmas goods ever brought to Haskell to be at F. F. Turner & Co.
—Rice & Finn, Seymour Texas, carry the largest stocks of Queens ware and glassware, in Seymour.
—R. C. Lomax Esq. made a business trip to Abilene this week.
—Long Bros have just received an elegant lot of boys clothing call and see them.
—A. H. Tandy made a business trip to Seymour Friday.
—R. S. DeLong & Co. have the nicest line of Ladies shoes in the west.
—S. H. Johnson wants to buy one thousand dollars worth of county scrip.
WINE OF CARDUI, a Tonic for Women.
—J. S. Keister and Pete Hazlewood have purchased the Haskell Livery Stable.
—Go to McLemore's drug store for what you want in that line.
—When in Haskell call at the City Hotel, where everything is kept neat.
Becknell & Rups, prop's
—See the display ad of E. P. Downey in another column. He is an enterprising business man of Seymour.
—F. G. Alexander sold Mr. S. W. York a three year old mule Thursday for \$100 in cash.
—Best grade of barbed wire at Rice & Finn at \$3.70 per hundred. Seymour Texas.
BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation.
—Call on C. O. Riddel for Harness, Saddles and Leaping Horn side saddles. Haskell, Tex.
—As we go to press we learn that Deputy Sheriff A. W. Springer, shot Hugh Hunt while resisting arrest. The wound is not thought to be a fatal one. So far as we are able to learn Mr. Springer was justifiable.

—Ed S. Hughes & Co. have a large stock of Corrugated iron for roofing and siding.
—J. L. Jones was on the sick list the first of the week.
—J. L. Baldwin and family have returned from Honey Grove.
—F. E. Turner one of Haskell's popular druggists left Tuesday for Dallas.
—We are still in the lead for good goods and low prices.
Johnson Bros.
—Ed S. Hughes & Co. have an elegantly assorted stock of China-ware, Queensware etc.
—McLemore is still selling large quantities of wall paper. Call and examine his stock before buying elsewhere.
—Will Jones and brother of Grimes county have returned to Haskell.
—Are you married? If not, send your address to The American Cor, responding Club; P. O. Box 643; Clarksburg, W. Va.
McElree's Wine of Cardui for female diseases.
—Miss Minnie Tomson of Itasca sister of Mrs. J. C. Baldwin and Annie Tomson arrived Tuesday.
—S. M. Hammons has completed a beautiful residence on the west side of the city.
—Genuine Glidden wire, Perfect Baker wire, Imitation Glidden wire Imitation Baker wire at Ed. S. Hughes & Co's.
—Ask your dealers for the N Porter make of Horse Collars Saddles, Harness etc., etc.
—Superior stoves fire backs, war ranted to last fifteen years at Rice & Finn, Seymour.
—Will Weems has been acquitted for the killing of Lish Roberts in Floyd county.
—Miss W. H. Hinds and W. H. Peatsey have purchased the Road to Run Saloon.
—Ladies of Haskell try the Diamond S Baking Powders it will please you.
DODSON & CROLEY.
—R. F. Miller has returned to Haskell to spend a few weeks with his old "Friends."
—Long Bros are taking the lead in shoes, they have just received a beautiful line from Pogue & Smith Don't fail to see them.
—S. H. Johnson cashier of the Haskell National Bank went to Seymour this week on business.
—In an other column will be seen the display "ad" of the First National Bank of Seymour.
—See the new "ad" of Johnson, Cook & Murry in an other column and when in Seymour call on them.
—R. B. Miller has been busy with a force of men on Paint creek bridge.
—Mr. Dave Lindsay of Kaufman brother of Dr. J. E. Lindsey arrived Monday night.
—R. H. Parker of Abilene sold Mr. J. A. Sauer's of this place some beautiful turned poplar gallery posts, to be used in the construction of his new residence.
—A. C. Foster Esq. and S. W. Scott have gone to Houston as delegates of the Masonic lodge of this place.
Farmers watch this:
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—Zephyr shawls, nubias, toboggans etc. at Johnson Bros.
—A. L. Kirby has returned from Memphis.
—T. F. Tucker has returned from a trip to east Texas with horses which he found to be slow sale.
—Miss Susie Titus, and Mr. Will Daniels of Knox county are in the city.
—Keg pickles, sauer kraut, mackerel, hams, dried beef, breakfast bacon etc. at Johnson Bros.
—W. P. Paris has a full line of choice candies, Apples, Nuts, Bananas, Pickle Pig feet, potatoes, Almonds, Chili Pepper, Garlic etc.
—J. W. Coxer and J. F. Albion of Comanche county was in Haskell this week. Mr. Coxer is one of the Free Press' prosperous subscribers.
—Dr. J. G. Simmons of Star City Ark., paid Haskell a visit this week. The Doctor has recently made large purchases of real estate in Haskell, and is one of the firm believers in her future.
—H. R. Jones and J. W. Agnew have returned from a hunting trip to Tongue river. They report four deer, two antelope and two turkeys, killed. Mr. A. presented us with a fine ham of the venison which was very fine indeed, and highly appreciated.
—See the change in Bass Bro-card, they are receiving an immense stock of Holiday Good such as fine Glass ware, Albums, Writing Desks, Workboxes, many new styles and designs. By all means see their Stock.
—Capt. H. D. noho heard some disturbance with his poultry the other night and went out to investigate. He saw what he took to be a hen and picked it up to place it on the roost and to his surprise it turned out to be a skunk which bit him through the finger as well as saturated him with his musk. The skunk was liberated and the Captain re-retired.
—It will pay all who visit Abilene to go to the drugstore of Bass Bros. and see their elegant stock of Novelties and Holiday Goods which they are now receiving for the trade both wholesale and retail. Their store is packed from top to bottom, and they will sell very low. Go and see them.
—H. B. Martin made a trip to Abilene this week in the interest of the Free Press. He was courtly received by the business men, who have always manifested an interest in Haskell. While there he found out that the board of trade were contemplating building a telephone line to this place via Anson. The business men will no doubt complete this enterprise and Haskell must help them. They are our friends, and we must encourage them, in all enterprises calculated to advance our common interest.

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Public Schools and
Mail Facilities.

HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the panhandle on the line of the one-hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1856 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennessean, who fell at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1880 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers for use in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was beautiful.

In 1886 and 1887 the entire west from Dakota to Mexico suffered from seasons of unprecedented dryness, but the faith of the few farmers of Haskell county kept green and in the fall of 1887 farming began in dead earnest, and the crop of 1888 far surpassed all anticipation, corn made 25 bushels per acre; oats made from 60 to 100, wheat from 15 to 25, rye 20, and cotton, one-third to one-half bale per acre, and sorghum, hay and millet was so beautiful it was hardly considered as a part of the general crop and there was no demand for it in the local market. The average in farms have been increased to at least 30,000 acres.

TOPOGRAPHY.
The county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the creeks and rivers but with river breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not average over 10,000 acres that would not be a fine agricultural land.

WATER.
It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of pure water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Southwest to Northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.
The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porous and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere; and for the like reasons the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil as well as the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enable vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps, which are easily extracted,

there are no obstructions to plowing and the land being level or generally rolling, and easily worked, the use of labor saving implements at once becomes pleasant and profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.
Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, flax, peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the South. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriant in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superior quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairie, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep through out the year, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass forms a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELDS AND PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS.
The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel; the wheat yield for the year 1888—a dry year ranged from 18 to 30 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 20 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre, but owing to the great distance to market its cultivation is not engaged in to a great extent. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound; fresh beef 10 to 15 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.
As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the H. & T. C. 45 miles from Haskell on the south east, and Seymour on the W. V. road 45 miles on the northeast.

RAILROADS.
There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth The Texas Central will have to extend in a short time from Albany or Forten its charter, and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south. H. & T. C. R. R. and 90 miles north of the T. & P. R. R. and 90 miles south of the P. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Our school land is perhaps the best of any county in the north-west. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 19 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year. This fund can also be drawn upon to build school houses in any organized school community of the county.

MAIL FACILITIES.
There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a tri-weekly mail north to Belknap and to Seymour on the Wichita valley railroad, these lines also carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.
The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county. We have a good Union Sunday School, and weekly prayer meeting that are well attended.

HASKELL.
The town of Haskell is the county seat, and is situated on one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is six years old and has a population of 800. Has as good well water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. Haskell has five dry good and grocery stores that sell goods at prices as low as can be had in railroad towns, with 50 cents per hundred pounds for freight added, and dry goods and groceries as cheap as can be bought anywhere. Two Millinery establishments one gin and mill. Also has two drug stores two hardware one furniture one notion one hotel and one restaurant, three blacksmith shops

two cabinet and wood shops one lumber yard one national bank, one barber shop; one silver smith shop one saddlery shop, one boot and shoe shop; two meat markets; two livery stables; three doctors; 13 lawyers and land agents; two first class newspapers and job offices and only one saloon, all doing a good business. The town of Haskell, with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.
In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own country there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses; others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation, and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversations are collections of oaths words and Mulhattan myths, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same education, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a county well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a county of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of inexpensive and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as hospitable and good natured, as law abiding, patriotic and righteous as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change of some, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

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