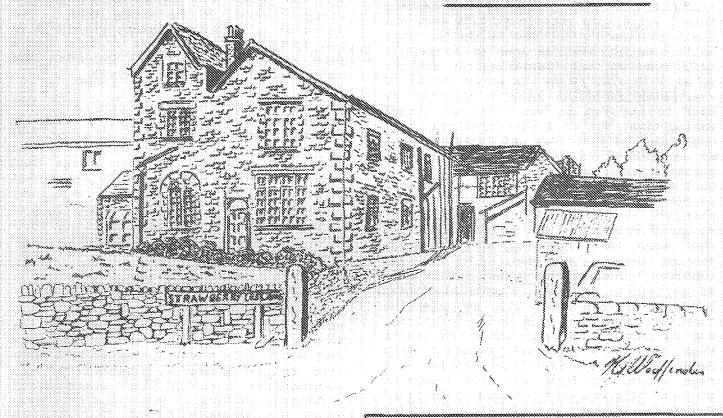
TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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This months drawing is of the building at the corner of Strawberry Lee Lane which was formerly the Grouse Inn. It was inspired by the reference in last months Independent when the "Walk Around Totley" took us past this spot. We understand that the building is now occupied by a milkman so the reason for calling in could be very different from the former reason although both to satisfy thirst!

T.R.A. A.G.M. MONDAY APRIL 10th LIBRARY 8 - 00 p.m.

Artists Again!

Inevitably in producing the "Totley Independent" we find that some of the letters in the stencil sets get used up before the others. One set which is no longer available had used all the "A", "E", "R", & "T". There aren't many headings which don't use at least one of these letters so the remainder were cast into the waste paper basket. The enterprising 12 year-old daughter of the editor found these and made some quite passable designs with what was left - see below and in other places in this issue.

Perhaps we have a reader who would like to pick up this thought and let us know what hidden artistic talent there may be in the Totlev area.







It is a sure sign that we are lambing when I write this article at 5.30 a.m. Our usual routine is for Jen to do the late shift, i.e. to keep an eye on them till 12.00 p.m. while I "retire" early and get up at 5.30 a.m. to do the early shift. If everything is quiet then I normally go back to bed for an hour till my normal waking time, but if I have problems, i.e. copy date was yesterday and I haven't done my article, then pen has to be put to paper!

On a more serious note, the usual purpose of the early shift is to "lamb" any ewes that are having difficulty giving birth, re-unite any lambs that have strayed from their mums, been abandoned, or fostered by another over-zealous ewe. It is also important to spray the lambs' navels with an antibiotic as soon as possible after birth to prevent Joint Ill, an infection that can cripple or kill a new-born lamb, and to inspect the ewes udder to ensure that there is a good milk supply. days old the lambs are given numbered eartags to identify them, are tail docked to prevent "fly strike" (maggot infection) during the summer, and if male, castrated quick growth and ensure tender untainted meat. In common with most farmers our results this year are down on last years which was an exceptionally good lambing year.

Anyone who would like to have a look at the lambs while they are in the barns, either individually or in a group, are welcome to do so but we would ask that you phone first to ensure that it is convenient or arrange a visit.

Edwin Pocock

Editor's Footnote: Edwin (and our readers) may be interested to know that his article was typed and pasted into position in the Independent within five hours of his early rising!





There is always something rather fun about going to watch amateur dramatics. The atmosphere is homely and one can somehow feel more part of the show than is possible with a more professional production. There is always the feeling too that one can identify with the people who are acting and perhaps imagine oneself in an acting role. The production of "Murder Mistaken" by the Dore and Totley U.R.C. Dramatic Society was a good example of the way in which the audience could respond in this way.

Perhaps it was unfortunate that they had chosen a hard play because the movement in the early scenes was distinctly slow and heavy - only compensated partly by the unexpected twists of the plot in the final scene. Nevertheless it was a competent performance with the brunt of the story falling upon John Stone playing the part of Edward Bare. We certainly look forward to many more productions coming from this company.

75 YEARS OLD.

Anglican Church members in Totley are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Sheffield at the beginning of next month. In a way Totley members have less to celebrate as the village has successively been in the Dioceses of Lichfield, Southwell, Derby and only came under the jurisdiction of Sheffield 15 years ago.

All Saints Church will be holding a Barbeque and Party on Monday 1st May at 6.30 p.m. The "Young Saints" will be presenting their own celebration at 11.a.m. on Sunday 14th May in the Church Hall — and that evening the Bishop of Sheffield will be preaching live to every church in the Diocese through the courtesy of Radio Sheffield. His sermon will form part of a local anniversary service.

St. John's Church Abbeydale will also be arranging a special programme to mark the Anniversary. Details will be available nearer the time.

T.R.A. DATES TO WATCH FOR.

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9th Sept TOTLEY SHOW.

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Walks

Around

Totley

Walk No 3. THE BLACKA MOOR CIRCUIT.

Distance: 6 miles. Allow 23 to 3 hrs. Take the same route as walk number 2 -Hillfoot Road, Cricket Inn, Old Hay, Shorts Lane, Main Track into Blacka Moor via the Piper House Gate path which is wooded in lower reaches then a well defined line through heather and boulder strewn moorland. A fairly steep pull takes us to the main Fox House road. The ruined farmstead of Piper House (Houndkirk Moor) is on the opposite side of the road. Tarry awhile to drink in the views all around. A finger post directs us to the left through a delightful plantation. We are now walking parallel with the main road but are thankfully hidden away from the constant hum of traffic. (Note several plaques to various donors and lovers of Blacka Moor) After 1/2 mile of pine woods we break out into the rhododendron fringed track. Turn left and follow a wall to an enclosure - 400 yards. Turn left again through a gate outo the open moor. The path goes forwards for 300 yards and at the edge of a broken wall and the tree line turn right across the moor. The faint track crosses a

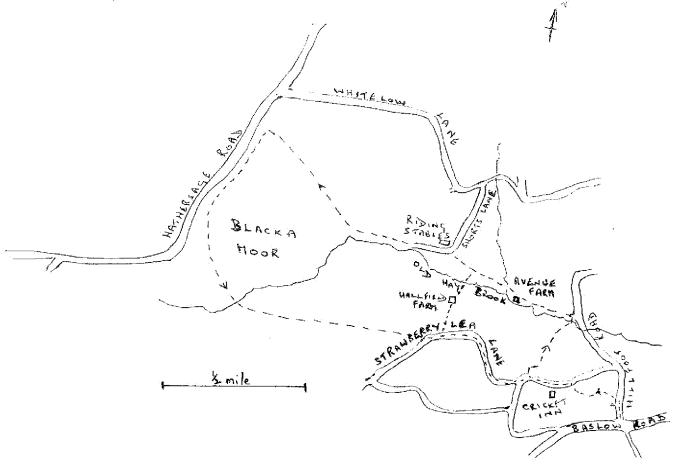
TALKING NEWS FOR THE BLIND.

There is a service for the blind which has been introduced By Sheffield Volunteer Bureau. Features and news from the Sheffield Star are put on tape each week and distributed for a total cost of £5 per year. If you want to know more contact Shelagh Gleeson at 69, Division Street. (Telephone 739393).

stream - keep to the right of the cascade. Views from here have no equal in the whole Peak District! We pass another wooden seat and join the main path under Blacka Hill and head towards Strawberry Lee Lane via a lovely fringed beech tree avenue. Soon we are back to the lane which leads us to Totley Bents and perhaps a well-earned drink at the popular Cricket Inn. From here a short stroll to Chapel Lane and the finish at Hillfoot Road.

A slight variation to the walk would be from Strawberry Lee Lane turn left 300 yards after the plantation Car Park where a finger post points across fields to Hallfield Farm. Cross a bridge and follow the Old Hay stream to the right back towards Avenue Farm and rejoin Hillfoot Road and back to Totley via the Crown Inu.

John C. Barrows.





Thomas Wrigglesworth DENNIS THE MENACE Totley All Saints Primary School

Children's Art.

The Annual Children's Art Exhibition is being held at Graves Art Gallery in Surrey Street from 25th March until 29th April, and is open Monday- Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The following pupils of All Saints School have work exhibited:-Charley Barber, Ruth Bolton, John Coggins, Marcelle Kaid, Sam Norbron, Julia Ward, Jolene Heald, Duwayne Kaid, Juliette Prosser, Katja Alcock, Rebecca Claydon, Simon Darling, Lucy Ferguson and Steven Ho.

There is also a group work by the J1/2 children and a drawing by Claire Ilardi made when she was a pupil at All Saints and who is now a pupil at King Ecgbert's School. A picture of Dennis the Menace painted by Thomas Wigglesworth when he was a pupil at All Saints, and exhibited in last years show, has been chosen to illustrate the poster advertising this year's exhibition. Thomas too is now a pupil at King Ecgbert's.



"It stops me being homesick!"

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been a sudden increase in house burglaries in Totley.

Houses in Five Trees Avenue, Totley Grange Road, Quarry Road and Greenoak Road have been broken into. An attempt on a house in Sunnyvale Road was foiled by good security measures on doors and windows. In all but one case the houses were empty at the time.

Our Community Constable John West offers the following advice.

- The houses were not overlooked or the view of the house was obscured: fit outside lights and consider cutting back trees or hedges.
- 2. Have lights in the house that come on at dusk.
- 3. Look out for anyone walking round after dark and particularly anyone carrying a suitcase or holdall.

The burglaries took place in areas which are not in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. These are very easy to set up and are a definite deterrent. For more information contact John West at Woodseats Police Station (Tel. 500200). This is also the number to call if you see anything suspicious. Police The cannot everywhere at once. They need our help to let them know where there might be a problem. It does not matter if it turns out to be a false alarm. Colin Wells.

Goals Galore!

Many football supporters would welcome the opportunity of watching more goals in the matches which they watch. Nevertheless 622 sounds like rather a large number. This actually was the number of goals scored in Totley on 3rd and 4th March by a team of only six young men! "Where's the catch?" did you say? Well, the game was SUBBUTEO and they were playing, between them, for 24 hours non-stop. Even so it a remarkable effort congratulations go to James Brown, Aaron Foster, Simon Deeks, Chris Pocock, Neil Aldersley and James McNaughton achieved this.

As you might by now have guessed the effort was for charity and the benefit was for the Royal Hallamshire Bone Unit and in particular for those who suffer from Osteoporosis. A total of something over £300 was achieved and for this all our best thanks are due to the lads concerned and to everyone who sponsored them. Well done indeed!

GARDENING TIPS T

Well, up to now old Jack Frost has not wreaked too much damage though there is still time, so watch the forecast and cover delicate plants when low temperatures are expected.

It's very rewarding after the drabness of winter to see the spring well and truly on its way. Splashes of colour planned for earlier are now coming to fruition.

Things to do in April

- * Mulch shrubs as soil becomes less soddened. Give them water if it's dry.
- * Planting from containers is O.K. throughout the season but dry rooted shrubs are far too late even if they are cheap
- * Don't leave frames open at night. When your cuttings are installed they can be very badly frosted just now.
- * Early flowering shrubs such as forsythia, flowering current and winter jasmine, can be cut back when the flowers have finished to within a few buds of the old growth.
- * Feed established rose bushes with a rose fertiliser about (28g) round each plant and hoe it in.
- * Cut out any growth on shrubs which frost has killed.
- * Plant perpetual fruiting strawberries and vent strawberries under cloches so that pollinating insects can get in.
- * Make sure mulching is completed around rhubarb, raspberries, blackcurrants, gooseberries etc. Watch out for new shoots. Don't damage them.
- * Keep the strawberry patch free of weeds, they don't like the competition.
- * Keep an eye open for green fly on all fruit and spray when necessary with picket or sprayday.
- * Watch out for first signs of disease on apples and pears. If scab or mildew were present last year spray with Benlate or similar.
- * Sow new lawns, re-seed any bare patches and level out bumps or hollows.
- * Don't cut the lawn too short 1½ to 2" should be ok to avoid yellow patches.
- * Continue raking and remove dead grass
- * Apply spring fertilisers to established lawns ready for that green sward.
- * Sow brussels sprouts, autumn cabbage, late summer and autumn cauliflower on well prepared seed beds.
- * Sow small rows of lettuce and radish in succession every three weeks to avoid a glut.

- * Sow broad beans, carrots, herbs, onions, peas, Kohl rabi and turnips when the ground is workable.
- * Garlic, onions and shallots can all be planted now (and should do nicely in time for the Totley Show!) .
- * Only sow seeds if the ground is not too wet. It's much better to wait until it dries out.
- * Focus on troublesome border weeds now before they seed. Pull out nettles completely, any bits left behind will regenerate.
- * It's a bit early to plant bedding plants. Even if they do look tempting, keep them under cover for another month.
- * Plant Gladiolus and other summer bulbs now. If the ground is heavy add a hand full of sharp sand to the hole before setting the corm or bulb.
- * Start tuberous begonias in the greenhouse by burying them hollow side up in trays of moist peat. Leave the crowns exposed and keep temperature around 57F (15C). When shoots are produced pot on into 4-5 in pots.
- * Continue sowing seeds of greenhouse plants. Fine seed should not be covered by compost. Just press into the surface gently.
- * Apply shading to protect sensitive plants from strong direct sunlight particularly seedlings and young plants.
- * Continue repotting house plants that have filled their present pots with roots. Use a pot one size larger.
- * Take cuttings of plants that are easy to root such as tradescantia and rhoicissus (grape ivy) and spider plant.
- * Feed regularly with houseplant fertilizer - but don't feed newly potted plants for about six weeks.

Remember.

- * Finish pruning roses if not already
- * Water newly planted shrubs and seedlings if the weather is dry.
- * Feed established plants growing in containers.
- * Deadhead daffodils so the bulbs can build up their strength for next year. Don't remove leaves for at least six weeks and don't tie them in a knot.

That lot should keep you busy! If not you can nip round and help me!
Cheerio for now. Tom. Busy Bee.

Youth in Totley

Although no report on the current situation with regard to the lack of facilities for the Youth in Totley has appeared, of late, many and various avenues have continued to be actively pursued.

On the 22nd February Mike Williamson and Tristan Swain met Irvine Patnick N.P. and Councillor Jack Thompson, to enlist support and explain the total lack of progress concerning this particular matter.

On our behalf, Councillor Thompson will be contacting the Council Departments involved and the outcome will be reported in future issues.

ABBEYDALE HALL.

A wide range of courses are commencing at Abbeydale hall after Easter. In particular there are holiday language courses so if you are planning to go abroad for holiday this year there might be something for you. Courses in French, Greek, Spanish, Italian and German all start during the week beginning 24th April and run for five weeks. There are also evening courses on Cake Icing, An Introduction to Philosophy and "Know your Countryside".

Dayschools on offer include Painting and Drawing Flowers, Ikebana, Summer Supper Parties. Enrolment for all the above is on Wednesday 19th April from 7.30 to 8.00p.m. Special arrangements apply to "Baskets from the Hedgerow", Yoga and Guitar for All. Further Details for all these can be obtained from Ian Horsfield or Pauline Dorrell on 368931...

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LETTERS...

...IN & OUT

Dear Sir,

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May I, through your paper, express my sympathy to her family at their sad loss. Yours sincerely,

Brian Francis.

Dolphin House, Higher Erith Road, Torquay.

LOBBY YOUR M. P.

Do you think the Government is going off course? Is there something in their policy which you disagree with? If so tell your M.P.

Irvine Patnick represents all of us at Westminster whichever way we voted in the election. He is thus able to channel our views to the relevant department.

Write to him at the House of Commons or go to see him at the monthly surgery at the Conservative Club - he is there and people do go to see him!

It always helps if you put your views in writing and it obviously caries more weight if you are representing a group (and can say so) rather than just yourself.

In the end nobody may take any positive action as a result of your representation but they may very well and in any case you will feel better for having told the government what you think instead of just grumbling among yourselves.

Try it! I did!

Colin Wells.

Editors footnote:— The Totley Independent remains non-party political but the above represents sound advice. We must apologise however for the "Surgery" date of March 31st quoted in last months issue. We were advised that it had been postponed after we had gone to press.

T.O. A.D.S.

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MORE ABOUT DOGS

HOW DO WE CHOOSE THE RIGHT BREED FOR US?

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Libraries and book shops have some excellent guide books on breeds which will give you some idea of size, temperament and good and not such good points of various breeds. Visiting a dog show might help to give you some idea of sizes and coats etc. but do bear in mind that each individual breeder or exhibitor will feel their own breed is the best and may not be entirely impartial! If you have friends who have dogs visit them and see for yourself what that particular breed is like in an ordinary home, remembering that all dogs are different and how they are "brought up" affects their behaviour. Talk to people who see a variety of dogs, vaterinary surgeons, dog trainers, groomers, boarding kennel owners etc.

Think of the future; If you are having a baby, will you be able to cope with taking a bouncy dog the long walks he needs, with a tiny baby in a pushchair? Will you be able to look after the dog in 5-10 years time or will you be too old or too busy? You need to consider the size of the dog. Dogs vary from the tiny Chihuahua to the majestic Irish Wolfhound. Puppies grow very quickly and can become strong, unmanageable adolescents. Training should start early, but are you strong enough to manage a large bouncy animal? Older children might like to walk the dog; what size could they cope with? If you live in a flat, some of the smaller breeds are ideal. Big dogs usually require big rooms! As a general rule, the larger the dog the more exercise it requires. There are exceptions. The Great Dane for example requires very little for a dog of his size, whereas some of the smaller breeds. terriers for instance (cairn, border, kerry blue to name a few) are very lively and require lots of exercise. And this does not mean a walk to the shops and back!



What sort of coat do you like? Smooth, curly, wiry, long? - all dogs require grooming! In addition curly coats (poodles) require clipping about every six weeks depending on the way you want him to look. Some terriers require a trim 2-3 times a year; Afghans and Old English Sheep dogs need a great deal of time spent on their coats every day; also, when it is raining an Old English can bring gallons of water inside after a walk.

By far the most important factor in choosing a dog is temperament. This will vary from pup to pup and this I will tell you about in a future article, but each bread has its own general characteristics.

Gun dogs (Labradors, Retrievers, Spaniels etc) are usually gentle, kind and good with children but require lots of exercise. The hounds (Beagle, Basset, Spitz etc) have strong roaming and hunting instincts and tend to be rather aloof. The Terriers are very quick, alert and may quite like a scrap. Some of the working dogs:- German Shepherds, Doberman, Corgies for instance are not keen on strangers and even the rough Collie can be a little nervous of outsiders.

Some dogs are very dominant. Schnauzers (standard and giant) and Rottweilers for example require firm and consistent handling. Some dogs are inclined to be a bit shy, like the Shetland Sheepdog.

Are you a bold, confident, quick person? Then a more dominant dog might be right for you. Or do you perhaps lead a quiet, peaceful existence? in which case a quiet, sensitive dog may be the one to choose. With children you need a tolerant, patient dog.

All this might seem rather a lot to think about, but buying a dog should be well thought out.

Katie Patmore.

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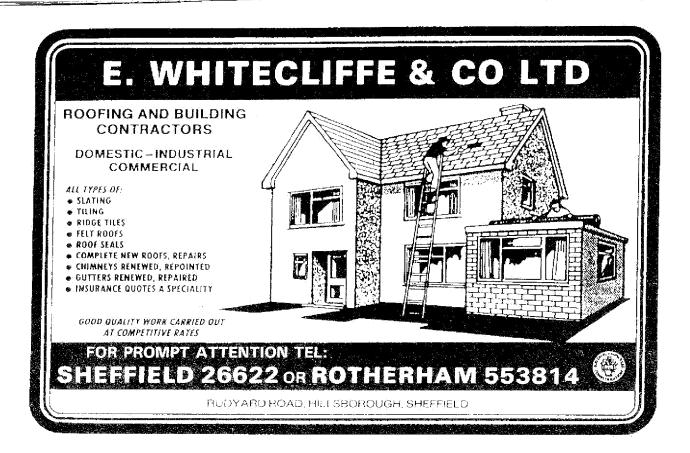


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Unleaded Petrol

Unleaded petrol has arrived in Totley. The Mobil garage is already selling it and the Total garage plans to have it in the pumps by June 1st.

A switch to unleaded petrol would be good news, particularly for those living or working near Baslow Road.

As it does not have its own workshop, the Mobil garage is advising drivers to consult their dealer for advice on converting their car to run on unleaded petrol.

They also have a very good free booklet showing which cars can be converted. A copy of this booklet has been placed in the library.

If your car can be converted, the Gordon Lamb garage under the Total filling station can do the modification on any make.

The cost will depend on the amount of work involved but on many modern cars it only needs an adjustment to the timing.

Vauxhall are offering to do the adjustment free of charge on all their cars sold since 1985.

With unleaded petrol now costing 10p a gallon less than leaded petrol there is a greater incentive to change.

DO IT NOW.

Colin Wells.

Apologies!!!

Good as New Jumble Sale 14th April.

Jumble Sale 15th April.

These sales will be held in April (not March as previously advertised).

The Good as New and Better Quality Jumble Sale is on Friday 14th April at 3.0 p.m. at Totley All Saints School Hall, Hillfoot Road.

This will be followed by a **Jumble Sale** on Saturday 15th April at 11.0 a.m. at Totley All Saints Church Hall, Totley Hall Lane. (Please note: - new time, new place).

Don't miss these sales for some good bargains. If you have any jumble needing collection please telephone 361839 or 361743.)Sorting better quality jumble would be a great help). All Proceeds are in aid of Totley All Saints C.E.School.

Housing Department

The Housing department hold advice sessions in Totley Library on the first Tuesday of each month from 9-12 am. A representative from the Housing Department attends each session to give advice about housing problems. They will also advise people in private housing as well as council tenants.

APRIL DIARY

5th Cheshire Home Coffee Morning. 10.a.m. - 12 noon. Weds.April 7th John Wade Singers. "Dido and Aeneas" King Ecgbert School 7.30. p.m. Fri. 8th Scouts Paper Collection. Skip at College Car Park. Sat. 8th Jumble Sale. All Saints Church Hall. (Sunday School) 1.30. p.m. Sat. 8th Jumble Sale with Quality Auction. U.R.C. Church Hall. 1.30.p.m. Dore, Totley and Bradway Peace Action Group. Sat. 10th T .R .A., A. G. M. Totley Library. 8.00.p.m. Mon. 13th Cheshire Home Fashion Show. 7.30.p.m.by "Trisha" of Abbey Lane. Thurs. 14th Nearly New Sale, All Saints School. 3.00 p.m. Fri. 14th Irvine Patnick M.P., "Surgery". Heatherfield Club. 4.00 - 6.00. p.m. Fri. 14th "The Great Sheffield Flood", Ladies Evening Guild, Abbeydale Hall. Tri. 7.30. p.m. 14th "Peace in Europe". United Mations Association. Abbeydale Hall. Fri. 3.00. p.m. 15th Jumble Sale. All Saints Church Hall, (organised by All Saints School) 11.00. a.m. Sat. 18th Townswomens Guild, Methodist Church Hall. 10.00 a.m. Tues. 19th Enrolment for Abbeydale Hall. 7.30.- 8.30.p.m. Weds. 20th Copy Date for May Independent. Thurs. 21st Silent Auction. All Saints Church Hall, 7.30. p.m. Fri. 22nd S.L.D. Jumble Sale, The Old School, Dore. 2.00. p.m. Sat. 26th) T.O.A.D.S. - "Outside Edge" at St John's Church Hall, 7.30 p.m. Weds-28th Irvine Patnick M.P., "Surgery", Heatherfield Club. 4.00 - 6.00. p.m. Fri. 1st Barbeque and Party. All Saints Church Hall 6.30.p.m. Mon . May 2nd N.S.P.C.C. Coffee Morning, 22, The Quadrant, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Tues.

2nd Dore and Totley Christian Council A.G.M. English Martyrs Church 8.p.m.

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