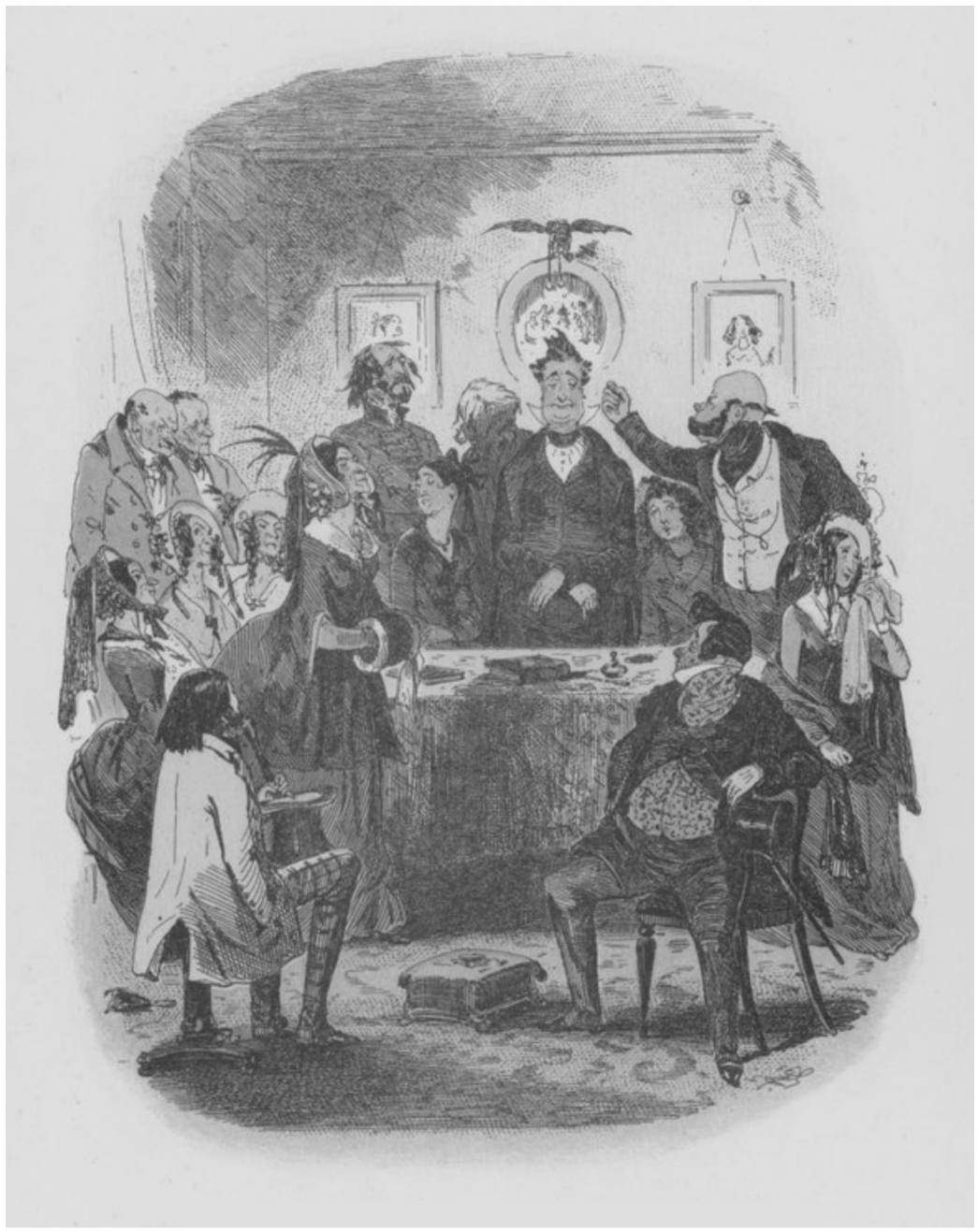

THE FAMILY PARTY

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Chapter 4 - "Martin Chuzzlewit"

Chamber Opera by
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1922

BASSOON 1

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"Pleasant Little Family Party at Mr. Pecksniff's"
Color Lithograph from The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit

by

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Illustrator
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Bassoon 1

THE FAMILY PARTY

Charles Dickens / Charles Wood

Charles Wood

Adagio

13

1–13

1 Allegretto

4

14–17

Vla

23

p

1

1

4

27–30

mf *p*

34

2

3

36–38

f

8

41–48

p staccato

50

cresc.

f

6

52–57

3

p

61

10

62–71

4

p

2

75–76

77

Andante

1

1

1

3

80–82

p

86

5 Sostenuto

cresc.

f *f* *p*

95

Adagio

mp

2

100–101

1

2

103–104

105

1

3

106–108

6

2

109–110

3

115

con moto

mf

1

p cresc.

123

f

4

124–127

rall.

1

p

7 Moderato

135

144

8

mf

3

cresc.

151

dim.

p

5

156–160

161

9

Allegretto

1

p

3

168–170

171

p

179

Sostenuto

p *f*

3

185–187

10

4

188–191

2

192–193

1

mf *cresc.*

197

cresc.

ff

fp

204

11

colla voce

Maestoso

f

mp

211

1

f

218

223

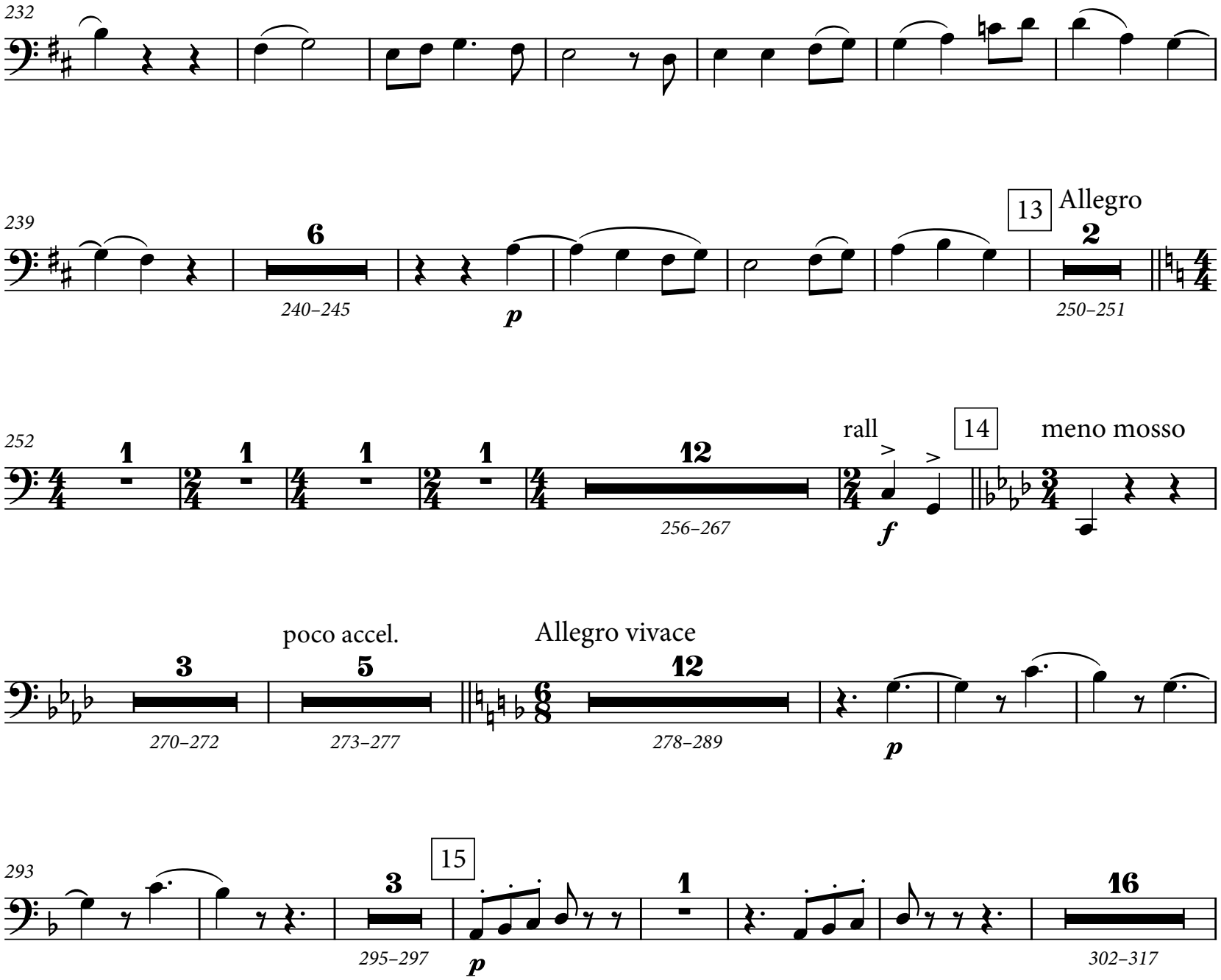
12

cresc.

ff

dim.

p


232
239
6
240–245
p
13
Allegro
2
250–251
252
1
1
1
1
12
256–267
rall
f
14
meno mosso
poco accel.
3
270–272
5
273–277
Allegro vivace
12
278–289
p
293
15
3
295–297
p
1
16
302–317

16

Cl. 1

2

318–319

f

328

1 1

17

338

p *f cresc.* *ff*

345

fz *fz* *fz* *fz* *fz dim.*

358

rit.....

18 Moderato

8

363–370

pp *p espress.*

375

rall.....

3

dim. *pp* 387–389

19 Adagio

5

390–394

p *fz* *pp*

2

397–398

Adagio

11

400–410

411

rall. a tempo

1 6 4

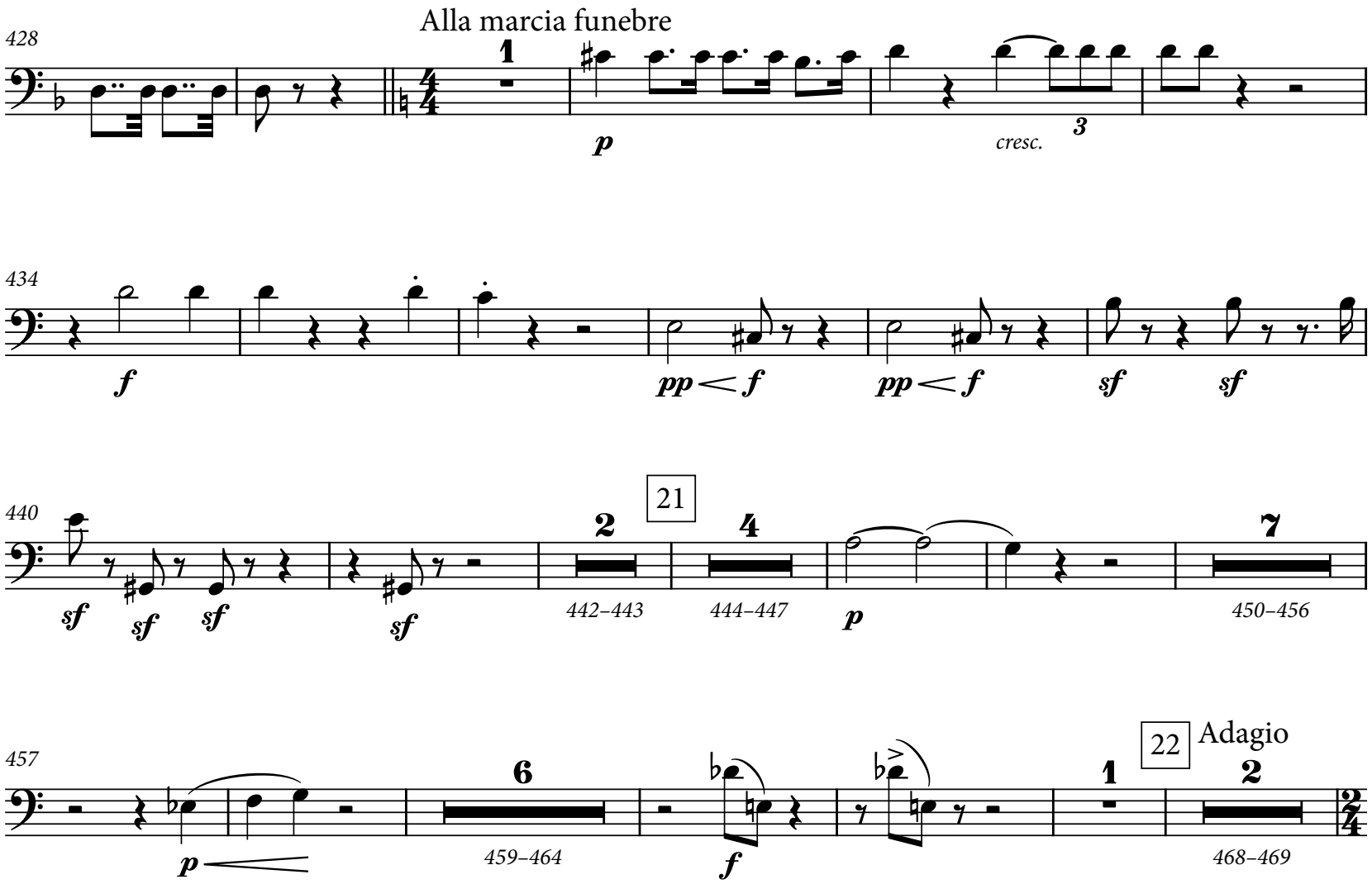
413–418 419–422

20

Ob.

1

p cresc.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428
1
p
cresc.
3
434
f
pp < f
pp < f
sf
sf
440
sf
sf
sf
sf
2
21
442–443
4
444–447
p
7
450–456
457
p
6
459–464
f
1
22
Adagio
2
468–469

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470

Mr. Pecksniff

and who, we know, else why is she his com - pan - ion? har - bours

rall.....

476

— the ve - ry bas - est de - signs up - on his weak - ness and his prop - er - ty.

f

Allegro

480

23 Sostenuto

fp

486

Allegro

fp *fzp* *cresc.* *f*

492

rit. Allegro moderato

ff *f* *dim.* *pp*

496–502 504–509

510

24

p

rall.....

Andante Allegro moderato rall. 25 a tempo Andante

517–518 519–524 527–530 532–533

Go on, Pa!

Mercy

534

Adagio

pp *p* *f* *p*

540–543 544–546

Andante

3

547–549

Mr. Pecksniff

No, nor oy - sters. But by no means un - like

3

pp

1

26

2

Adagio

555–556

p cresc.

f

Moderato

2

561–562

p

564

2

565–566

Adagio rall. a tempo

p dim.

5

570–574

Allegro

576 27

p

580

rall.....

ff

585

a tempo

f

colla voce

f f

1

f

591

1 1

Allegro 28

p

596

600

cresc.

f

605

29

1

7

ff

607–613

617

623

30

2

13

f

625–626

p

631–643

644

pp

648

poco a poco accel.

652

cresc.

2

f

656–657

658

31

ff

667

rit.....

sf *sf* *sf*

676

32 Moderato

mp

5

681–685

1

p

3

690–692

693

fp

4

698–701

mp

dim.

2

706–707

708

33 Adagio

pp

1

pp

716

Tranquillo

pp

1

pp

2

721

mf *p*

34

pp

cresc.

f

728

sf

p

3

731–733

mf p

736

35

1

6

737–742

colla voce

a tempo

36

rall.

Allegro

1

1

1

747

p

cresc.

mf cresc.

754

f

cresc.

ff

p

3

761–763

764

f

f

1

1

3

773–775

37

10

776–785

p

Meno mosso

4

793–796

Adagio

3

797–799

ff

38 Allegro ma non troppo.

15

804–818

f

821

827

39

p

831

835

839

cresc.

843 40

3

844–846

f

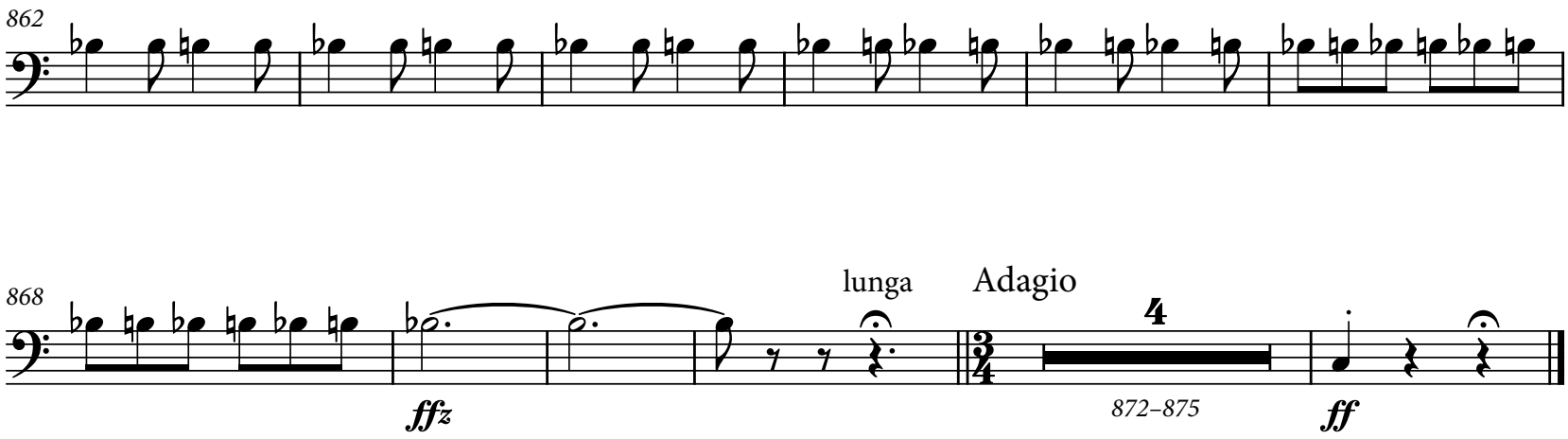
f

p cresc.

852

ff

animato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868
lunga
Adagio
4
872–875
ffz
ff

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