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Town Officers Elected Mar. 4, 1889.

Moderator, Daniel Kilbreth.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

EDWARD PRATT. W. H. THOMPSON, C. R. LEACH.

Clerk,

W. N. BENNETT,

Treasurer.

R. B. BRADFORD.

Supervisor of Schools, R. A. RYERSON.

Collector, J. H. THING.

Report of Selectmen.

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VALUATION APRIL 1st, 1889.

Real estate,	\$319.900	
Personal estate,	69,760	————
Total valuation,		\$389.660
Real estate exempted from taxation exclusive of town farm,	\$300 00	
Am't raised by town March 4, 1889:		
For schools,	\$1,050 00	
Free High schools,	150 00	
Roads and bridges,	1,000 00	
Town charges,	3,300 00	
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00	————
		\$3,515 00
Am't assessed and committed to J. H. Thing, collector of Livermore:		
For town charges,	\$3,515 00	
State tax,	1,188 43	
County tax,	663 37	
Overlay,	208 32	————
		\$5,575 12

Rate per cent. of taxation, .0123.

The above sum was committed to the collector with a warrant in due form of law for collecting and paying to the State, county and town treasurers the sum due each respectively, on or before the first day of February, 1890. Non-resident taxes not subject to this rule.

Number of taxable polls, 365. Tax on polls, \$2.00.
Number of dogs taxed, 56; tax per dog, \$1.

TOWN FARM.

April 1, 1889.—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Keith were engaged to take charge of the town farm at a salary of \$260. He has also taken charge of the hearse without extra pay. Mr. and Mrs. Keith are snug calculators and have figured well for the interest of the town. No extra charge has been made for help and the work has not been allowed to get behind. We think they have proved themselves to be the right persons for the place. We thank them for the earnestness and interest which they have manifested during their administration. At present there is but one pauper at the farm—Delia Stevens. Joseph Palmer died June 23, '89.

TOWN FARM EXPENSES, \$459 28

Made up of the following items:

Superintendent's salary,	\$260 00
Clothes, Dr.'s bill and burial of J. Palmer,	34 50
Grain bought,	23 88
Store bill over and above credit,	32 31
Paid for hay,	3 63
-rigs,	19 00
barrels,	12 50
cow,	40 00
horse-rake,	25 00
pasturing colt,	5 00
sundries,	1 46
butchering,	2 00
	<hr/> \$459 28

TOWN FARM CREDIT.

Pork sold,	\$15 00
Beef sold,	41 36
Calves sold,	21 50
Apples sold,	67 50
Cheese sold,	126 76
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Balance against farm, \$187 16

The hearse has, since April 1, 1889, been in charge of H. B. Keith, superintendent of town farm, thereby saving a bill of \$27.00.

Schedule of personal property on hand Feb. 13, 1889:

Horse,	\$135 00
Colt,	40 00
Six cows,	165 00

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Thirteen hens,	6 50
Potatoes,	12 50
Apples,	56 00
Corn,	18 00
Oats,	10 00
Forty-two gallons cider,	4 20
Beans,	3 00
Pork and beef,	27 50
Groceries on hand,	14 50
Butter,	4 50
Beets, turnips. etc.,	1 75
	—————
	\$499 95

Schedule of personal property on hand Feb. 12, 1890:

Horse,	\$135 00
Colt,	55 00
Five cows,	140 00
Sixteen hens,	8 00
Potatoes,	20 00
Apples,	40 00
Corn,	5 00
Oats,	12 50
Forty gallons cider,	4 00
Beans,	2 00
Pork and beef,	30 00
Groceries on hand,	12 00
Butter,	2 00
Beets, turnips, etc.,	3 00
Cheese,	3 00
Soap,	3 00
Two swine,	10 00
	—————
	\$484 50

Decrease of personal property Feb. 12, 1890, \$15.45, which added to the balance against the farm, \$187.16, makes the actual cost of running the town farm for the past year, \$202.61.

Support of poor off the farm consisting of the following items:

Town of Oxford, bill of Reuben Andrews, (who has had a broken leg),	\$61 00
Julia A. White,	65 00
Mrs. R. N. Norton,	50 00
Expenses at Peru, Oxford and Leeds, looking after paupers,	15 50
Chas. Stevens. school books,	2 00
Edward Haynes, of Peru,	5 00
	—————
	\$198 50

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Total cost of poor off farm,	\$198 50
Total cost of poor at farm,	202 61
Total cost of poor, town of Livermore,	401 11
Actual cost of poor and of hearse, town of Livermore,	\$401 11

 HIGHWAYS.

The town voted to raise the sum of \$1500 to be expended in labor and materials on the highways. This sum was duly assessed and committed to the several highway surveyors. The town voted to raise \$1,000 to be expended on roads and bridges, under the direction of the selectmen. W. H. Thompson was engaged to manage the road machine and worked during the months of May and June. The cost of repairs for the machine, with the total cost of working it for the season was,

Other expenditures for roads,	\$430 00
Am't of snow bills paid individuals over and above their highway tax,	420 83
Expense of planking Livermore Falls bridge,	32 65
Total expenditures on roads and bridges,	247 14
Oxen bough, and sold during the year :	\$1.130 62
Bought three pair of oxen for	407 50
Sold the above oxen for	352 09
Loss on cattle,	\$55 41

 HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Expenses at Hillman's Ferry, 1889,	27 95
Due from East Livermore,	13 87
Actual expense at ferry,	\$13 88

 ABATEMENTS.

Abatements made to collector on resident taxes of 1889,	\$78 16
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 SCHOOLS.

Due the several school districts :

Feb. 14, 1889,	\$433 84
Raised by town, Mar. 4, 1889,	1,050 00
State school fund,	614 45
Town school fund,	108 00
Tuition,	19 00
	\$2,225 29

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Orders have been drawn for the several districts to the amount of 1,805 52

Balance due the districts, \$419 77

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Balance in treasury due Free High school.

Feb. 14, 1889,	\$117	27
Am't raised by town,	150	00
Received from State,	138	75
		\$406 02
Orders drawn for past year,		285 44

Bal. due Free High school, \$ 120 58

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G. A. R.

The town voted to raise to be expended by Kimbal Post for decorating soldiers' graves, \$ 15.00, and the same has been forwarded to the treasurer of the Post.

Town officers' bills for 1888 were paid Mar. 4, 1889, \$268 25

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Paid Geo. Gibbs, collector of '88,	10	44
for use of vestry,	15	00
for books for town, '89.	8	03
Geo. Gibbs for abatement of taxes, '88.	8	71
H. A. Hutchinson for driving hearse,	1	50
for printing town reports, '88.	18	00
Isaac Gifford for care of Simeon Philbrook, '86,	7	63
Paid for legal advice,	5	00
J. H. Thing, collector,	104	23
Total,		\$178 54

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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Edward Pratt, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$72	00
W. H. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.	50	25
C. R. Leach, selectman, assessor, etc.,	30	00
R. A. Ryerson, supervisor of schools,	55	00
R. B. Bradford, treasurer,	20	00
W. N. Bennett, clerk,	15	40
C. W. Fuller, treasurer of ministerial and school fund,	17	00
		\$259 65

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RESOURCES.

(Exclusive of town farm and stock.)

Due on uncollected non-resident taxes of '89,	\$89 14
Cash in treasury Feb. 12. '90,	1,852 20
Due from town of Lisbon,	4 29
Due from East Livermore,	13 87
Due for cheese in hands of treasurer of Cheese Co.	126 76
Cash due for pork,	15 00
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	\$2,101 26

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding municipal orders,	\$8 25
Due the several school districts,	419 77
Due the Free High school,	120 58
Due for use of vestry,	15 00
Due for town officers' bills, '89,	259 65
Due superintendent of town farm,	246 93
Other outstanding bills,	157 31
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	\$1,227 49
Resources over liabilities,	\$873 77

During the past municipal year orders have been
drawn to the amount of \$4,525 32

Classified as follows:

For support of poor at town farm,	\$180 04
For support of poor off town farm,	148 50
Paid for oxen,	407 50
Expenses at Ferry,	27 75
Abatements,	78 16
Schools,	1,805 52
Free High school,	285 44
For highways and bridges,	1,130 62
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00
Miscellaneous orders,	178 54
Town officers' bills for '88,	268 25
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	\$4,525 32

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD PRATT,	} Selectmen of Livermore.
W. H. THOMPSON,	
C. R. LEACH,	

Feb. 13, 1889.

Treasurer's Report.

To the inhabitants of the town of Livermore, I hereby submit a report of the standing of your treasury for the year ending Feb. 12, 1890.

R. B. Bradford, Treas.	Dr.
To balance brought forward from settlement with selectmen Feb. 13, 1889.	
Due on uncollected non-resident taxes, 1888,	\$583 22
Cash in treasury,	665 13
To cash, highway taxes paid in,	72 59
To cash for support of F. Gross from town of Jay,	3 00
for town school fund,	108 00
from State for Free High school,	138 75
from State school fund,	614 45
tuition to Free High school,	2 50
for road team sold,	352 09
for calves sold from town farm,	21 50
for apples sold from town farm for '88 and 9,	113 50
for cow sold from town farm,	28 00
for beef sold from town farm,	13 36
from town of Jay. Union Dist., for '88 and 9,	19 00
from State return bounties on crows,	2 50
assessment of 1889,	3,723 32
	\$6,460 91
R. B. Bradford, Treas.,	Cr.
By paid municipal orders,	\$2,426 07
By paid school orders,	1,805 56
By paid Free High school orders,	285 44
Bounties on crows.	2 50
Due on uncollected non-resident taxes, 1889.	89 14
Cash in treasury,	1,852 20
	\$6,460 91

R. B. BRADFORD, Treasurer of Livermore

Report of the Treasurer of the Ministerial and School Funds.

The six per cent. State bonds, heretofore in the possession of the Trustees of the Ministerial and School funds, matured on the first day of October last and have been called in by the State Treasurer. Said funds, amounting to four thousand dollars (4,000), are now deposited in the several savings banks in Androscoggin county as ordered by the board of trustees.

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Am't deposited in Auburn Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Am't deposited in the Mechanic Savings Bank in Auburn,	1,175 00
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Principal,	\$2,175 00
Interest due April 1, 1889, which has been paid as follows, according to the division made by the selectmen:	\$126 00
First Baptist, paid to R. A. Rverson,	\$21 34
Second Baptist, paid to Zenas Lane,	1 27
First Universalist, paid to F. W. Coolidge,	22 60
Second Universalist, paid to O. Rollins,	27 20
Methodist, paid to Rev. G. M. Abbott,	43 50
Advents, paid to C. Dennen,	8 39
Spiritualists not called for	1 70
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	\$126 00
Also to Second Baptist, amount in treasury not heretofore called for, paid to Zenas Lane,	4 18
Interest accumulated to Jan. dividend day by Savings Banks, nine months,	\$89 00
Division now due made by the selectmen for A. D. 1890.	
First Baptist,	\$13 71
Second Baptist,	26
First Universalist,	16 57
Second Universalist,	19 40
Methodist,	30 53
Advents,	7 76
Spiritualists,	78
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	\$89 00

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SCHOOL FUND.

Deposited in People's Savings Bank, Lewiston. \$1,000 00

Deposited in Androscoggin County Savings Bank. 825 00

Principal, \$1,825 00

Interest due April 1, 1889, which has been paid to
town treasurer, \$108 00

CHAS. W. FULLER.

Treasurer of Trustees of M. & S. Fund.

Report of Supervisor.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Whole number of scholars 28. Summer term 10 weeks. Miss Edna B. Morse, teacher. Wages \$3.00 per week; board per week \$1.25. Whole number attending 19; average 15. I was pleased with the work accomplished by the pupils this term. The school was orderly in appearance. Miss Morse has a pleasant manner of conducting her work. She is very careful in instruction and good results are reached. The reading classes all showed good training, and the work in arithmetic, analysis and geography was especially noted as showing good instruction on the part of the teacher and hard conscientious work by the pupils. Miss Morse is a fine teacher.

Winter term 10 weeks. Miss Mary E. Pollard, teacher. Whole number in attendance 21; average 17. Wages \$6.75 per week; board \$2.00 per week. This school was in every sense a profitable one. A spirit of earnestness pervaded every part of school work. The pupils were studious and the teacher was untiring in her efforts to benefit her classes. The arithmetic, algebra, history and geography recitations with other exercises were listened to with pleasure. The rank in spelling was very high. The map drawing was very creditable. The order excellent. Teacher and pupils deserve high praise.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Whole number of scholars in district 59. Summer term 10 weeks. Miss Minnie Rice, teacher. Whole number scholars 44; average 37. Wages \$5.00 per week; board \$2.00. Miss Rice is unusually well qualified to instruct a school like this. She easily gains the affection of her pupils by genial manner, and her discipline is good. I was pleased with all her work, and especially noted good work in reading, arithmetic, writing, geography and grammar.

Fall term taught by same teacher, with 41 scholars attending; average 33. Showed the same careful work in mathematics and grammar especially. All excellent.

Winter term, same teacher; 29 scholars attending, average 20. A good term's work broken somewhat by the prevailing sickness so that very few scholars were present at my last visit. The year's record in this school is creditable to teacher and pupils alike.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Whole number of scholars 15. Summer term, Warren C. Abbott, teacher. Whole No. of scholars 13; average 8. Wages \$2.50 per week; board \$1.00. Mr. Abbott is a conscientious teacher and he evidently gained the affection of his pupils. Good work was noted in hygiene and arithmetic especially.

Winter term, same teacher. This term of 11 weeks was a continuation of the good work of the previous term. The order very good, and the pupils interested.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Whole number of scholars in district 18. Summer term 8 weeks. Miss Annie E. Nichols of Leeds, teacher. Whole number attending 13, average 9; wages \$4.00 per week; board \$1.25. Remarkable progress was made by some of the younger pupils. All showed a willingness to learn. Good progress was made in algebra, fairly good in arithmetic; writing was carefully taught. The order was very good. Miss Nichols' instruction was generally up to the average. Her way of putting things not always the best, but taken as a whole her work was profitable to the district.

Winter term, C. Pitt Sanders, teacher. Whole number attending 15; average 11; wages \$25.00 per month. I can speak in the highest terms of the work done in this school. Mr. Sanders possesses superior natural and acquired abilities as an instructor. He maintains excellent order in his school. The pupils were interested and evidently did faithful work. The recitations in mathematics, language and geography were interesting and profitable.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Whole number of scholars in district 35. Summer term 8 weeks. Miss Mary E. Pollard, teacher. Whole No. attending 18; average 14; wages of teacher \$5.00 per week; board \$1.50. In every sense this was a profitable term. The order was first class. The pupils manifested a decided interest in their work. I was pleased with the character of the instructions in arithmetic, history and analysis particularly showed good work by teacher and scholars; writing was carefully taught. Every department of work showed thorough training. Miss Pollard taught the fall term with a larger attendance and with the same efficiency. I was especially interested in the class in analysis and the manner of instructing the primary pupils. Exceptional high rank was maintained by the spelling classes. A short term was taught early in the winter by A. G. Timberlake, which I did not visit, but presume the usual good work of this teacher was performed.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Whole number scholars in district 13. Summer term of 8 weeks. Miss Edith Boothby, teacher. Wages \$2.50; board \$1.00; whole number attending 6; average 5. I thought

Miss Boothby interested in her pupils and very pleasant in her manner of conducting her school. I noted very fair progress for so young pupils. in reading and arithmetic especially.

Winter term of 9 weeks, Mr. A. G. Timberlake, teacher. Wages \$10 per week; whole number scholars attending 10. Excellent classes in arithmetic, higher algebra and geography were noted, and as usual with this teacher. good instruction was given to students who are earnest and intelligent.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Whole number of scholars in district 13. Summer term. Miss C. E. Thompson, teacher; wages \$2.00 per week; board \$1.25; whole number attending 5; average 4.5. The pupils were small this term. Miss Thompson evidently tried hard to succeed in her work, and all things considered, fair progress was made.

Winter term. Miss Grace Thompson of Hartford, teacher; whole number attending 45; average 37. At my first visit I thought teacher and pupils interested in the work as much as can be expected in so small a school. I wish I could report like favorable impressions at my last visit. The order was not good, and not as much interest manifested as is usual with small pupils; not all were present. The usual work gone over indicated some advance.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Whole number of scholars in district 23. Summer term, 8 weeks. Miss E. Fannie Campbell, teacher; whole number in attendance 13; average 10. I think this term's work was profitable. The teacher gave good satisfaction to the district. Very few of her pupils were present at my last visit owing to sickness, but I saw evidence of good progress. The teacher won the affection of her pupils.

Winter term, 9 weeks. Rush B. Bradford, teacher; wages \$30 per month; 22 scholars in attendance. This was one of Mr. Bradford's most successful terms of school. Sickness in the school reduced it in numbers near the close of the term so that few were present at my last visit. Mr. Bradford was highly esteemed by his pupils and many evidences were seen of his interest and care.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Whole number of scholars in district 15. Summer term, 10 weeks, Miss M. Alice Bradbury, teacher; wages \$2.50 per week; whole number attending 9; average 7. Teacher and pupils appeared interested in their work at both of my visits. I noted good progress in reading and geography; excellent work in analysis; arithmetic quite good. The pupils seemed in sympathy with their teacher, who is a fine scholar and whose work as a teacher improves with each. I deemed this term a profitable one.

Fall term, 8 weeks, Miss Maude Randall of East Livermore, teacher; wages \$3.25; board \$1.75. A conscientious teacher with

diligent pupils. The grammar, arithmetic and reading recitations showed careful work. A good school.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Whole number of scholars in district 25. Summer term, 8 weeks, Miss Ella A. Adkins, teacher; wages \$3.50 per week; board \$1.50. A successful school. Observed good results in arithmetic, reading and language. The primary scholars made a good showing. Miss Adkins is an earnest worker in the school room.

Winter term, 10 weeks, Mr. A. C. Bradbury, teacher; wages \$24.00 per month; board \$1.50 per week; whole number in attendance 17; average 14. Mr. Bradbury conducted this school with his usual good success. Sickness among the pupils near the close of the term made it unpleasant. The pupils in this school are always well disposed and studious.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Whole number of pupils in district 19. Summer term of 6 weeks, Miss Carrie M. Wing, teacher; wages \$3.00 per week; board \$2.00. I visited the school the first week and the various classes appeared well, and the order was good. Sickness of the teacher caused the closing of the school without any examination. Fall term of 7 weeks, same teacher. Whole number attending 19; average 15; wages \$4.00 per week; board \$2.00. The various classes made a good showing this term, especially history and arithmetic. The pupils conducted themselves in an orderly manner. Winter term, 5 weeks, same teacher; whole number attending 11; average 9; wages \$4.50 per week; board \$2.00. The winter term commencing almost immediately after the close of the fall term, I deferred my visit until the close, but the sickness of teacher and scholars prevented any examination. Miss Wing is a teacher of much successful experience and her instruction was without doubt good this term. The pupils in this school are studious and pleasant.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Whole number of scholars in district 11. Fall term of 4 weeks, Alfred E. Thomes, teacher; whole number attending 11; average 9. I visited the school at the beginning of the term and found the teacher evidently doing his best and bound to succeed. The school was closed by the burning of the house in which it was held.

DISTRICT No. 14.—Whole number of scholars in district 29. Summer term, Miss Mamie Whittemore of Chesterville, teacher; whole number attending 13; average 12. This was a very good school. The order was good. Quite a number of the pupils were absent at my last visit, but the recitations listened to were creditable alike to teacher and scholars.

Fall term, 10 weeks, Mr. Dana B. Bradbury, teacher; whole

number in attendance 13; average 11; wages \$3.50 per week; board \$1.50. This was Mr. Bradbury's first work as a teacher and his success gives promise of much usefulness in the future in our schools. The pupils seemed interested and the recitations all were listened to with pleasure.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Whole number of scholars in district 11. Summer term, 5 weeks, Miss Lida H. Merrill of Hartford, teacher; whole number attending 5; average 4; wages \$3.00 per week, including board. I visited this school the second week and found it in a disturbed condition. I visited it again the third week and the school appeared orderly and the classes made, as a whole, a very fair showing. Miss Merrill is quite young, and while energetic and ambitious, needs more tact in management.

Winter term, 13 weeks, Miss E. Frannie Campbell, teacher; wages \$2.50 per week; board \$1.25; whole number attending 6; average 5. This was a good term's work for a school so small in numbers. Recitations in arithmetic, reading and language, good. Order was good.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Whole number scholars in district 15. Summer term, Mrs. Lillian McLaughlin, teacher; wages \$2.50 per week; board \$1.00; whole number attending 8; average 7. The first class in arithmetic, in fractions, it seemed to me was interested in the study and made fair progress; and in the other primary studies there evidently was interest and considerable advance. While not altogether satisfactory, there was no marked deficiency in the conduct of the school that I observed. The scholars were mostly quite young and not any were far advanced in their studies. The scholars in this school are easily controlled, and willing to learn.

Winter term, 11 weeks, Miss Esther H. Ellis of Canton, teacher. Whole number attending 9; average 8. While the pupils this term seemed interested and made some progress in their studies, yet taken as a whole Miss Ellis did not make a success of the school. I think if she had applied herself with ordinary interest to her work she might have given far better satisfaction to the district.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.—Spring term, 89, Mr. W. S. Masterman, teacher, closed in April. I visited this school, near the close of the term and I am confident that the instruction given was able and the term profitable to all concerned.

Fall term, Mr. Everett B. Currier of Wilton, teacher. Mr. Currier's work in this school was of the best character. He maintained good discipline and won the respect and affection of his pupils in a remarkable degree. Excellent progress was made in all the studies. There were classes in Cicero, Caesar, astronomy, ancient history and English composition. The Anabasis and higher

mathematics, which with the common English branches taken, made up a school which for general excellence in scholarship and good character of the pupils, I think has but very few equal if any in our country schools. It is earnestly hoped that these schools may be continued with the same efficiency.

As a rule our schools have been successful. A greater interest has been taken by parents and it is to be hoped that this interest will increase until we can look with pride upon a system of schools at once modern, and productive of the best results possible. In a town whose schools are situated like ours I think a union of some of our smaller district schools, at least for a part of the school year, will be productive of better work than is possible now, and I hope this idea will commend itself to those interested as an improvement on the present way.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. RYERSON, Supervisor.



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