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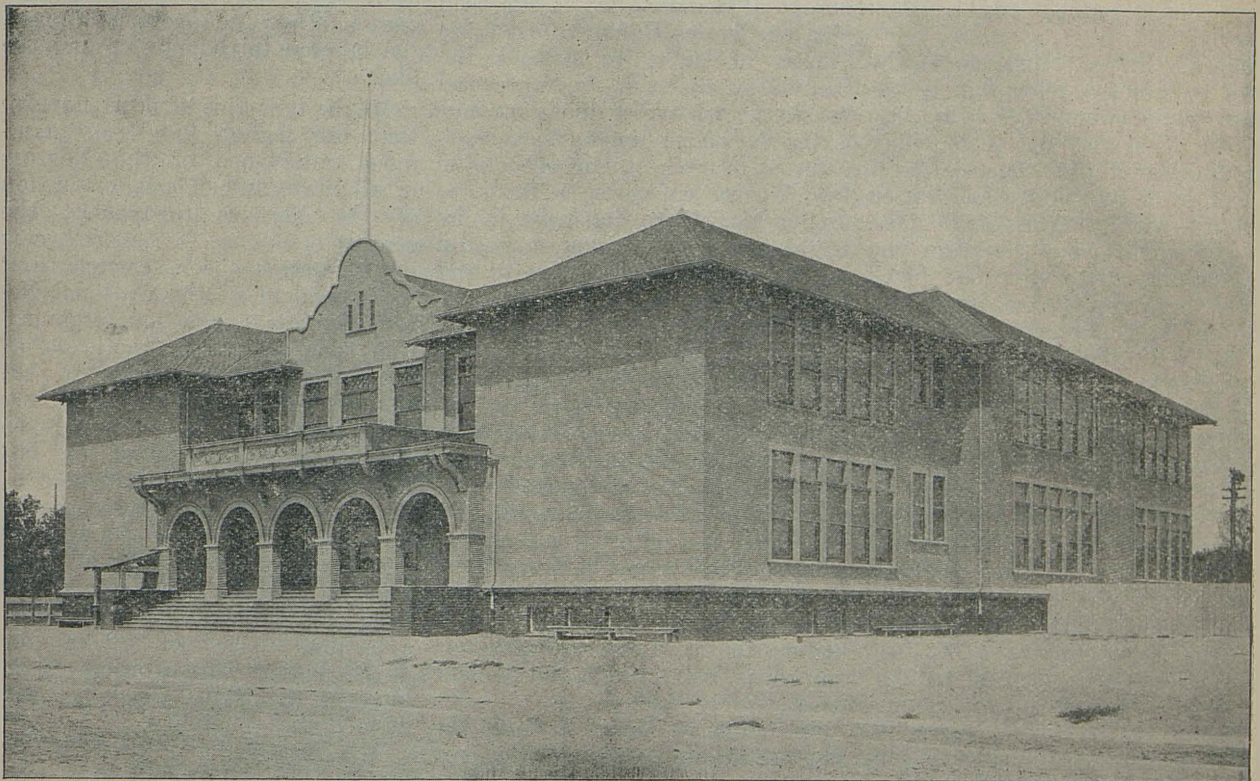
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## MOUND BAYOU AND ITS BUILDER.

Charles Banks

Down in the rich delta land of the Mississippi Valley, midway between Memphis and Vicksburg, is a little town owned and controlled solely by Negroes. even to the aspiring black man himself there is something shockingly reverse to receive mail from the hands of a black postmaster, to purchase tickets from a black ticket agent and to have laws made and enforced by a black mayor aided by a black council and a black marshal.

Mound Bayou, Mississippi, the town to which I refer, was established some twenty-five years ago by an ex-slave, and ever since the landing of the Negro pioneers the pulse of the village has beaten steadily with progress and gain. As you alight from the train you see nothing about you but black faces, there being exceedingly few who are even fair enough to "pass for white." Should you have reason to make any inquiries whatsoever, and especially touching any business or town politics, you will invariably will be answered, "See Banks."

And to see Banks you have merely to look around you. A tall, big-bodied man of pure African blood, with a small round head and quick, snapping eyes, in general build the very pattern of Jack Johnson, will be seen busily directing the loading of cotton, settling a dispute or hurrying away to the big cotton gin or the oil mill, a \$100,000 plant now nearing completion under his direction—always busy, always ubiquitous, always brief, settling disputes as it were by a single stroke.

As you meet Mr. Banks and talk with him, I think you are struck chiefly with the air of readiness about the man. Sparing, even stingy, with words, he nevertheless seems to know every moment just what is to be done in any crisis. His easy, informal manner of wearing his clothes seems to suggest at a glance a readiness to settle

a fray or matters of more deliberative consequence; and as I review him now, after several years of work with him in all parts of the country and under many different circumstances, I cannot recall that he ever in any way seemed at a loss or in the slightest degree puzzled as to what to do in a crisis.

As I have already indicated, Banks is the moving spirit of Mound Bayou.

It was the task of Isaiah T. Montgomery, the ex-slave of Jeff Davis's brother, to blaze the way in the forests and begin this prosperous settlement, but it has been left for Charles Banks to clear the village of debt, to extend the boundaries of the town several hundred acres and to give the whole community a genuine business character. He seems to be one of the few Negro college graduates to apply himself to business in its larger sense. A banker, a cotton broker, a dealer in real estate and a farmer, he seems to have mastered thoroughly the financier's secret that money increases itself and makes for service by frequent turning over.

The printing press of the town, the schools, the bottling factory, the score of various business houses, the cotton gin, the sawmill, the churches, the oil mill, all radiate from the little brick banking house of Charles Banks, and whenever there is trouble in any of the business enterprises hereabouts you will hear once more the laconic order, "See Banks."

In point of wealth among Negroes Mississippi far outstrips any other State in the country. Every city worth the name boasts of its Negro bankers and substantial business concerns among Negroes. Clarksdale, Columbus, Meridian, Greenville, Yazoo City, Jackson, Vicksburg and half a score of others will point to a flourishing bank and many substantial Negro dry-goods and grocery merchants. And yet, apply to an aggregation of these men at any time for a leader, and a burst like that of a political nomination will rend the air with "Banks! Banks!" To many it is

difficult to understand this; for, among Negro leaders at least, a man of fewer words never lived.

I never saw a member of my race who so conscientiously shunned the attempt at oratory and confined himself to a few short, simple words and sentences. Whether presiding over thousands of colored people at our National Negro Business League, or over hundreds at his own State League, he insists upon the barest informal statement of the purpose of the gathering and nothing more. While in no way seeming timid, he yet brushes aside all the glitter of the president's office, the opening address, the labored introductions and the like.

Maybe it is this striking novelty that has gained him the unanimous confidence of the Negroes of his State and of a large portion of the Negroes throughout the country. He has for several years in succession been elected first vice-president of the National Negro Business League, an organization that comprises practically all the Negro business men of the country. In like manner, he has for a number of years been president of his State League, and last year he was, almost as it were by State acclamation, elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Fraternity of Mississippi, an order that at its last yearly report has paid out \$195,000, and contained a balance in cash of \$80,000; one of the largest Negro orders of the kind in the State, in money, influence and reliability.

The peculiar conditions in the South render it urgent that whoever aspires to prominence in any direction must reckon with the good will of both races. Paradoxical as it may seem, he cannot be wholly white unto himself or wholly black unto himself. This is emphatically true where the question of money is involved. A Negro who would be a banker cannot be a very large one without in some way rubbing elbows with white men in the same business. In this respect, it is highly to Mr. Banks' credit that he very early

established correspondence wherever he needed it, and the Bank of Mound Bayou now enjoys correspondence with banks in Memphis, in Louisville, and in Vicksburg, with the National Reserve Bank of the City of New York and with the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis. Regarding the bank in St. Louis, it is singular enough that a letter of just a few days ago from one of its officers, Mr. Eugene Snowden, lies before me. Mr. Snowden writes me, "It has been our pleasure to lend them" (referring to another Negro bank in the same connection) "\$30,000 each year, and their business has been handled to our entire satisfaction." When it is considered that Mr. Snowden is a Southerner living right here near us, it can be seen how much a man like Charles Banks contributes toward the softening down of prejudice and the establishing of genuine confidence between the races.

Booker T. Washington.

#### In Memoriam

Respectfully dedicated to the memory of a dear friend, by the author:

Our friend hath gone, his journey's done,

He is from sorrow free;

The strife is past, he rests at last  
Beyond life's storm-swept sea.

His toil is o'er forevermore,

No more he'll suffer pain;

Beyond the tomb in Eden's bloom  
We'll meet our friend again.

His sun will rise in fairer skies

Where peace doth reign forever;

His dream is sweet, his rest's complete

Beyond the Silent River.

We'll clasp his hand in that fair land  
Where partings are no more;

No funeral bell will chime farewell  
On that Celestial Shore.

W. W.

Bloomington, Cal.

#### An Address to the Y. M. A. by L. K. Beeks, President.

##### Character

Members of the Young Men's Assembly, I know of no subject so befitting to speak upon on this occasion than the one which I have selected, Character.

It is the development of this high and indispensable possession upon which I particularly speak.

We, as young men just reaching the age of manhood, must take upon ourselves the inevitable task of character building and character development. No man or woman is ever successful in this or in any other life without a clean and pure character. By character I do not mean what the people around your homes, the churches or your friends think of you, but what you are; your real life whether it be at home or abroad. It is easy enough to do the right thing in the daylight when every one can see us, but this is not what counts, but it is what we do when no one is watching, what we do in the dark, what we do without being compelled that is our character. This is what counts.

Trace the records of history and designate the characters of the great and those of the successful, and there report the result and you will find that their success has been due to the obeying of that divine instinct in their breasts; thereby forming a divine character which has opened the doors of fame to them and allowed them to enter.

We boys have that same guide to lead us aright, if we obey, fame, joy and happiness is ours, if not failure and degradation.

To develop a character which will always stand the test, let us first learn to obey that sweet and tender guide in us, who guides us into all truth; next keep away from the crowd, I do not mean from good association but I do mean such as will lead us astray

Who is the happiest, the African separated off to himself from the

dissolute part of the civilization of this day, or we who are running pell mell to crowd the operas, filling the hospitals and lunatic asylums?

Who presents the finer figure, the old, rusty country boy or the polished town dude? Which one develops the prettier, one growing off to itself or the one in the crowd? I say and no doubt you will say the one off to itself. So it is with you and I. Alone, we can think and meditate; alone, we can keep company with the divinist and think of high and great things of this life.

We are as the rose first a bud, next a flower; then it withers. To be beautiful, it must be a well cultivated, healthy bud; so with you and I, we are now the buds of future flowers or manhood. To be cultured and respected men, we must now cultivate and preserve the bud. A character is not built in a day boys, but brick by brick, we lay the foundation. We are the builders, the bricks are our good deeds and thoughts are cement with which we weld them together.

Learn to rely on yourself; let none persuade you to do wrong. We are all going to be something, we all have a chance, take it, let nothing cheat you out of it; don't be contented with being a boot black or janitor all of your life, but get the opportunities of the school of these societies so that in future days you need, be able to be a worthy adversary for any man and prove to the world: "That righteousness exalteth a nation."

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### Alleged Dynamiters in Jail Here.

#### The Liberator Congratulated.

This journal is being congratulated on every hand for the battle it has waged during the past five weeks for industrial freedom. Since the arrest of the dynamiters and the expose of the nation wide plot to blow the life out of industrial freedom, the colored citizens are just beginning to realize the immense service the paper rendered them and the community at large, when it began sounding the warning note against the danger of negroes joining labor unions. Although lawless bands of dynamiters have murdered 112 persons, caused fourteen explosions and destroyed

property amounting to \$3,650,000 in value, not a negro in this country is suspected of having a hand in the awful plot. We do not want it understood that we lay these awful crimes upon the labor union. Those organizations may be as innocent as we are. But as long as those crimes are laid at their doors, the negroes cannot afford to hold membership in them. And that is not all, the Negro cannot afford to affiliate with any organizations that promote strikes, lock-outs and industrial disturbances. To succeed, the negro will have to move along the line of the least resistance. It is indeed gratifying to the editor of this journal to know that the people of this community, both white and black, appreciated its services as shown by their generous financial support of the paper.

We are also grateful to the men, women and boys who aided in placing the paper in the homes of the colored people. The work was complete as a result the sentiment against negroes being used to unionize this city was felt everywhere, thus demonstrating the immense power of a newspaper that fearlessly advocates what it knows to be right. If the progress that is being made by the negroes is to be maintained, they will have to stand shoulder to shoulder with the white people who stand for industrial freedom. If the people both white and black who have the best interest of this city at heart, will give this journal their moral and financial support, it will make its work of education so complete, that there will be no danger of envolving this community in industrial strife by the aid of the negro.

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### The Forum.

The crowd at the Forum last Sunday, was one of the largest in its history. The absorbing topic being the labor situation. *The Liberator's* editorial showing the perfidy with which the colored cooks and waiters of Chicago, were treated by the white unions of that place, furnished the main topic of discussion for the evening. The addresses were able and instructive and were listened to by the vast audience with the closest attention. The ladies turned out in great numbers and showed the same interest in the absorbing topic as did the men. The addresses were remarkable for the thought brought out. Very note worthy speeches were delivered by Rev. J. A. Stout, Messrs. S. B. Tillman, Morgan T. White and G. Walter Snell. On the whole the speeches of the gentlemen named were far above the average.

Owing to the absence of the president, vice president, J. W. Coleman presided and took care of the proceedings in a dignified way.

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The many hundreds of friends of Dr. Edwards, now pastor of the A. M. E. Church in Wichita, Kansas, will be pleased to learn, that by a large number of the most influential men of the race, he is being urged for a place on the Board of Bishops of the great A. M. E. Church. Dr. Edwards is favorably known by hosts of good people in this city, as a man who knew his full duty and faithfully performed it.

When he first took charge of his work of this connection in the little, shabby, old church, located on Azusa street, which he afterwards delivered from its great indebtedness, few then believed that they would live to witness the erection of the magnificent edifice, the First A. M. E. Church, that stands on the corner of Towne avenue and Eighth street. It is a monument not only to the African Methodist Episcopal denomination of the West Coast Country, but also to Dr. J. E. Edwards' self-sacrificing and unwavering devotion to duty.

This church was the forerunner of other magnificent structures, notably Wesley Church, corner of San Julian and East Eighth streets, the Zion A. M. E. church on Paloma street, and a number of other churches in different parts of the city and county of Los Angeles. It was owing largely to the force of example by the erection of the church building on the corner of Towne and Eighth streets that all of this building pace was set. The arrangement of its vast auditorium, its lecture rooms, its choral place, vestry, with its commodious balcony, were all devised and planned by this man, who not only set the example for his immediate vicinity; but whose valuable influence extended far north of the Golden Gate.

Dr. Edwards is a cultured, Christian gentleman, sans puer, sans reproche, both in his private and public capacity. His influence for good has always extended beyond his church connections. He was a close intimate friend of the late

lamented Bishop Grant, the grand old hero. Educationally, Dr. Edwards is a scholar; an entertaining, persuasive speaker and a sweet singer.

In this, and every community that he honored with his pastorate, he has accomplished in the face of apparently insurmountable obstacles, the most praiseworthy results. With an eloquence that is convincing, he is a power for good. His life has been ideal in its Christian simplicity, thereby winning the highest encomium for himself and for his church connections.

The following by Mr. T. M. McClellan for twelve years president of the Board of Trustees of Wesley M. E. Church, speaks volumes: "No colored man who ever lived on the Pacific Coast, was so much missed as was Dr. Edwards, both by his people and all the people of this coast country. He was indeed a father of his people."

He is a forceful man; a genuine Christian capable of doing far greater things than has been offered by his present restricted sphere; and in the event of Dr. Edwards' elevation to the bishopric of his church, the church will indeed be the gainer."

#### WILL READ NOW.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth."—Prov.

The truth of the above rock ribbed old proverb was fully demonstrated last Sunday at the Forum, when *The Liberator's* article, urging young men to educate themselves was being discussed. One young gentleman although no name had been mentioned in the article, secured the floor and proceeded amid much laughter to read the riot act to the paper for attacking him. In spite of the fact that his friends warned him that his name had not been mentioned, he persisted in acting as though the long winded speeches described in the article were his personal productions and no amount of argument could change his views. There were two or

three others entertaining the same views, but owing to the ridicule created by the episode, they managed to keep their seats and didn't draw upon themselves the fierce castigation given the young gentleman who took the floor and furnished amusement. The young man in question, flew into *The Liberator* for saying that young people should educate themselves, like the fable rabbit, that jumped on a tar baby for refusing to speak to him. Of course the rabbit got his feet and head hopelessly stuck into the tar. So the young man got hopelessly stuck in his attack on *The Liberator* and was mercilessly lambasted by Rev. J. A. Stout and Messrs. G. W. Snell and S. B. Tillman. The episode was simply a circus on a small scale, with one man acting as a whole show. It was a splendid diversion from the regular routine and furnished laughter for the evening.

When the gentleman walked away in a reflective mood, one of his friends looked at him and smilingly said; "That man will buy him books now and go to reading. I hope *The Liberator* will keep up its agitation against the waste of time in the Forum by men who speak without thinking, and who imagine that because they possess a husky voice, that they need nothing else in the way of education." Yes brother we are going to keep it up if urging men to educate themselves, so as to become thoughtful, useful members of society, is an insult, *The Liberator* will continue to heap insult upon insult. We want our young men to do their own thinking, and the only way they can do this is by educating themselves. We had rather be the companion of a half dozen men and women who think, than be leader of an army of men who allow other people to do their thinking. "Men who read, think, and men who think, furnish the motive power that runs the machinery of human progress."

This is why we advise young men and women to read.

Young Peoples Societies.  
The Douglass.

The attendance at the Douglass Literary Society was larger than usual.

After the election of Mr. Sheely as journalist and Miss Ethel Maxwell as critic, the literary program was taken up with a vocal solo by Mr. Pierce who rendered it in his usual entertaining style. The readings by Miss E. Maxwell, Mr. T. A. Perkins, Mr. Plummer, Henry and J. W. Bundrant were each well received and generously applauded. The selections read by them showed careful preparation.

Without a dissenting vote *The Liberator* was made the official organ of the Society and money appropriated to pay for a standing card in the same.

*The Liberator* is greatly indebted to Mr. J. A. Slaughter for the friendship shown the paper by urging all members of the society to subscribe for it.

Among the visitors at the Douglass Literary Society, were Miss E. Kinnard.

The Golden Rule had a short but interesting program. The debate: Resolved that the back to Africa movement is best for the Negro, which was to take place between Mr. Lacy and Miss M. E. Brown was postponed. Mr. Lacy pled unreadiness. He saw Miss Brown annihilate a famous young orator a few Sundays ago at the Forum and wanted time to prevent meeting a similar fate. Current topics were read by Mrs. Cornelia Hunt-Lacy. After a short discussion of the topics, Miss Brown treated the audience to two selections from Paul Lawrence Dunbar, which it is needless to say were greatly enjoyed by the audience. The readings were a program in themselves.

Owing to the fact that Rev. J. L. McCoy, pastor, will open protracted meetings, the Golden Rule which meets at the Second Baptist Church will postpone further meetings till the revivals close.

The Westminster Presbyterian Negro, Refused Admission to Theater  
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It was our good fortune to attend divine services at the above named church on last Sunday the 23rd inst. and listened to an eloquent sermon by the pastor Rev. Mr. Holmes. It was the Tercentenary of King James' version of the bible. He paid an eloquent tribute to the grand old book, calling especial attention to its immutable character—of how it had withstood the storm of infidelity and skepticism. And how amidst the great ocean of books it has gone on from age to age towering above them all.

At the close of the services which were very interesting, the Sunday school assembled. Measured by the membership of the church we believe the Westminster Sunday School to be one of the largest among our people in the city. Rev. Holman has the good fortune of being assisted in his work by his talented daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Alexander, Mr. A. Simpson and others whose names escape our memory. Mr. Sinclair, a zealous worker, is superintendent Mr. F. B. Alexander is one of the first members of the Westminster to take up the work in this city and has greatly aided in making the present beautiful church and commodious parsonage possible.

The church and parsonage both handsome structures are located on the corner Denker and West 35th Place. After close of the Sunday School, we took a stroll through the colored Presbyterian colony of which Westminster is the center. Of the elegant homes, we will give a description at some future date. We made short calls at the neat homes of Mr. Warren Woods, Mrs. Alexander, sister of Mr. Woods, Mr. John Hall and Mr. J. L. Garrett.

R. L. Beverly, colored, began suit in Justice Young's court yesterday to recover \$299.99 damages alleged to have been sustained because he and his wife were refused admittance to a South Main street picture show conducted by R. W. Woodley and wife, who are named as defendants.

Beverly alleges that when he tendered the price of admission he was informed the management did not allow colored people to attend their show and refused to let him enter.

The defendants claim they have a legal right to refuse admission to any objectionable persons.

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GOOD THINGS TO EAT

**Items of Local Interest.**

Mrs. R. A. Davis and daughters, Bessie and Ruth spent last Sunday at Santa Monica as the guests of Mrs. Rainey and daughters.

Miss Ida Bailey also visited the city by the sea as the guest of Mrs. J. A. Stout.

Miss Crystal Albright and Miss Bessie Flemings were among the many visitors at the Forum last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of Santa Monica were visiting friends in the city Monday.

Attorney R. S. Stout is in the East for a month's stay. He went to attend the Annual Official Board meeting of the C. M. E. Church held at Jackson, Tenn.

Our Baptist Brethren of the entire city are greatly elated over the arrival of Attorney Walter A. Taylor, A. M., L. L. B. of the Washington, D. C. bar. He is the first baptist lawyer that ever came to town. Dr. Hill had him deliver an address at the Mt. Zion Church, then he was hustled off to the Tabernacle Church, where he responded to the call for another address. We extend congratulations to our Baptist fellow citizens.

Johnson, the grocer at the corner of Ninth and Tennessee streets, is doing a thriving business.

The concert at Elk's Hall, Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Working Girl's home was a grand success in every respect.

The editor of the Los Angeles Herald has kindly consented to speak at the Y. M. C. A. Men's meeting in the very near future.

The Mississippi and Tennessee folks might organize a joint society like the Kansas-Missouri folks have done.

The Los Angeles County Alumni Association has been called to meet in the parlors of the Wesley M. E. Church, Eighth and San Julian streets, Sunday afternoon, April 30th, 4 o'clock sharp.

Mr. Leon A. Watson has opened a fuel and feed store on East Ninth street. We commend these young men who are branching out into business for themselves.

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Father Cleghorn, Priest.

Mr. Wm. Prince of Pasadena was in the city last week.

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### The Seal Garden Park

The Independent Order of Elks have leased Seal Garden Park and thrown it open as a pleasure ground for colored picnics and outings. Only the best of order will be maintained. We feel certain the colored people will appreciate the advantages offered. It fills a long felt want. Read their announcement in this edition and arrange your picnic dates.

The debate: "Resolved that United States Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people," between the Young Men's Assembly and the Douglas Literary Society will take place Friday evening the 28th at 8 o'clock at the A. M. E. Church, 8th Street and Towne Avenue. Everybody invited.

Attorney W. R. Taylor, who has only been in our city a week, has been quick to get down to business. He was admitted to the bar on Monday morning and has opened up a neat office in the Wilson Block, room 203, corner Spring and First streets, where he will be glad to see his many friends.

### If You Are Looking for a Park for Picnics or Private Parties Do Not Overlook Seal Gardens.

It is now under the management of Golden West Lodge No. 86, I. B. P. O. E. of W. The grounds are provided with a pavillion 60 by 90' Picnic, Dining Room 50 by 90, Barbecue Pits, Lunch Stands, Merry-go-rounds, Swings, Foot-ball ground, Lawn Tennis Court, Croquette, etc.

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