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S. Brooke

ABBOTSFORD and HUNTINGDON, B. C.

Passed Quietly Away

On Sunday last Henry Cantin, the adopted son of Mr. Harry Free, passed away after a lengthy illness. The young man who had reached the age of seventeen had been ill for over a year of consumption. All that the best medical aid and change of climate could do proved of no avail. He spent some time last summer at Kamloops, and later in the south, but returned to Abbotsford all hope of recovery abandoned. For the past few months he has lain in a semi-conscious state, finally passing away peacefully.

His funeral took place on Tuesday morning last to the O. M. I. at Mission City, followed by friends and relatives of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman in this their time of sorrow, have the sympathy of their legion of friends in the Fraser Valley.

A NEW ROAD.

A delegation from Sumas met Mr. S. A. Cawley M. P. P. and Mr. A. A. Cruickshank, superintendent of roads, on Tuesday last at Murphy's Landing, to discuss the question of building a new road on Sumas Mountain leading up from Murphy's Landing over the mountain to join with the road leading to this town.

After going thoroughly into the matter, our member promised that a government engineer would be put on the work next week and his report were favorable the work would be started immediately.

ABBOTSFORD VS. CLAYBURN

The Abbotsford team journeyed to Clayburn on Saturday and met the team there in the return match. The Abbotsford boys although handicapped by the absence of several of their regular players put up a stiff game and it was only in the closing minutes of the game that Clayburn obtained the equalizing goal. Clayburn have got together a good team and should put up a good fight for the cup next season.

Abbotsford started in good shape Brown on the left making numerous raids on the opposing goal. It was left to Cyril Harrop to open the scoring dashing clean through the defence and making a beautiful. In the second half Clayburn scored from a corner, the referee claiming the ball to be over the line although it was a near thing.

Both goals ran narrow escapes after this but the defences on both sides were too strong for the attack and the game ended one to one. The game was pleasantly contested and fairly refereed.

After the game the visitors were entertained to supper by the Clayburn team and an enjoyable evening was spent. "Scotty" captain of the Clayburn team, being in fine fettle.

Another match will probably be arranged at Abbotsford shortly. —Contributed by Abbotsford Player

FOR SALE, CHEAP—One heavy Farm Wagon; One Cleveland Sewing machine, new. Enquire at the Abbotsford Hotel.

Abbotsford! Where have I heard that name before? Oh, Yez! Oh, Yez! I remember the Coronation sports held there on June 22, 1911, when King George was crowned King of the British Empire. It was a proud day for the little town, which on that occasion was the lodestar of the Fraser Valley, it being the only town outside of the large cities that provided sports throughout the day, winding up in the evening with an entertainment and dance. Weather was about the only thing that had not been pre-arranged for the carrying out of a successful day's sports. In the early morning it appeared to be the only item that was to mar a day of pleasure for the people of our little town and their many friends from all parts of the Valley. The weather clerk had the previous day promised beautiful sunshine, but in the early morning, many people experienced a pang of disappointment when they gazed from the window at the leaden skies. But it was only a little rain to lay the dust so that the grand parade should appear more to advantage. Early in the forenoon the clouds began to rise and by noon the weather clerk had redeemed himself and become a favorite with all people. The sun bursting forth in all his glory brought people from all directions to help celebrate in Abbotsford and when the beautiful grounds around the school became the centre of attraction in the afternoon there were fully five hundred people there to enjoy the sports, and they kept coming until late in the day. In the evening the hall was crowded to its fullest capacity to hear the excellent programme carried out to the pleasure of all.

In the forenoon the centre of all interest was in the parade that was to take place at 10.30, the first parade for the town on a gala day. It was sure a credit to all those who took part and showed the interest developed to make this the initial event a grand success and one to be long remembered by the crowds who had assembled to do honor to those who had devoted time towards making an important item of the day's events a grand success, and one to be remembered and appreciated by all who take pride in the enterprise of Abbotsford.

The parade formed at the corner of the school grounds and passing along to Essendene avenue proceeded up the hill towards Boyd's again appearing to advantage coming down the hill from the Great Northern station, again to Essendene Avenue and back to the school grounds. When the procession neared the corner of Gladys Avenue it stopped to permit the local artist, Mr. Murray to take views. There were about twenty-five rigs, single and double, in the procession, the majority of which presented a holiday appearance and would have done credit to a much larger town than Abbotsford. The first to lead was Rucker's heavy wagon decorated with evergreens and laden with the precious

gems of village maiden beauty gaily singing national airs and waving flags.

These were followed by Anderson's touring automobile, tastily arrayed with the red, white and blue, and containing some of the prominent citizens and the future mayor of the town.

The members of the Orange Lodge, and visiting brethren then followed up, to the number of about fifty perhaps more.

McKenzie's Livery driven by Mr. McKenzie was covered with red white and blue decorations and banners streaming behind next followed. In the rig were Mrs. McKenzie and family, also Mr. C. A. Sumner one of the energetic members of the sports committee.

Commodore Harrop's battleship Rainbow with its merry sailorboys created considerable comment and worthy showing energy and taste displayed in getting up such a creditable float.

Next came a double rig containing the Mt. Lehman junior football club who appeared to enjoy being in the gaze of the limelight of public observation.

The single rig driven by Rev. Mr. Alder accompanied by his family was the next and came very near capturing a prize.

The Pioneer Store was not behind in turning out with a prize winner. The store delivery had been recently and tastefully painted by our local carriage painter and laden with some of the best breakfast foods on the market, gaily decorated with coronation colors presented an appearance pleasing to the eye, the proprietor, Mr. M. L. McPhee was sitting proudly in the front seat, apparently of the same opinion as Alexander Selkirk, when he said, "I am monarch of all I survey" with the addition, "of the local enterprising merchants."

Hayes and Oleson's four-in-hand, set off with flags representing several parts of the Empire was well worthy of comment, the boys as happy as school boys are on such occasions. The float was a most creditable one.

Archibald's rig was next and was an attractive turnout, but the committee failed to give them any monetary consideration as they were already prize winners.

"Mike O'Tools Blacksmith Shop" representing McMenemy as the village blacksmith was the centre of attraction and came in for a lot of creditable comment on the enterprising and energy displayed in getting up such a tradesman's turnout. Mr. McMenemy was busy engaged making horse shoes red hot from the forge.

Mrs. Roberts representing a prosperous farmer's turnout, arrived in time to join the procession having driven five miles from the country to participate, was such as to catch the eye of all, including the committee who decided to make a special purse as a prize and it was worthy of such consideration.

DeLair's single rig was the next and the fact that it was a prize

winner without doubt covers all praise.

Mr. S. Brooke, our enterprising merchant, had his delivery wagon in the procession, driven by young Bertrand had spent a lot of labor to present a favorable appearance showing that considerable pains had been taken to decorate the wheels of prosperity.

Among the numbers of single rigs that followed was Mr. J. J. Sparrow's thoroughbred, driven by Mrs. Sparrow, and deserves favorable comment, being one of the fancy driving horses in the vicinity. Mrs. Campbell's single driver also deserves favorable comment although not a prize winner added greatly to the beauty of the procession.

The excellent number of single drivers making up the balance of the parade were an important addition to the procession and while space forbids our making individual mention they were nevertheless necessary as without them there would have been less of that dignity and grace which the presence of ladies add to an occasion of this kind.

The committee, composed of Messrs A. Archibald, J. J. Sparrow and George Clark, may not be as happy to-day as they were when they rendered their decision as to whom were the prize winners, but in a difficult task like that imposed on a holiday it is sure that those who did not secure prizes will let them down gently. The following were the prize winners: Heavy Team—Mr. Rucker. Single Driver—Mr. DeLair. Tradesman—Mr. McMenemy. Double Drivers—McKenzie's Livery. Best Decorated Turnout—Mr. McPhee.

Farmer's Special—Mrs. Robert's.

The school grounds, with the buildings decorated with the Royal colors and the green sward transformed into an arena for the benefit of the contesting gladiators to display their prowess and win the applause of the youth and beauty of the surrounding country who in all loyalty to the day, turned out in full force, presented an animated and picturesque appearance when the energetic committee started their first event on a programme that brought joy to the heart of the most ardent fan or fanetta—get the word, it's a good one—

To some extent the magnitude of the celebration is accounted for by the fact that Abbotsford—the pride of the Fraser Valley, south of the Fraser—was more than herself that day. As the centre of the rich Fraser Valley she was chosen as the point from which the effusions and confusions of the entire valley emanated their breath of messages of love and fealty across the world to the newly crowned occupants of the Empire's throne.

As "All roads lead to Abbotsford" many friends and strangers from our sister city across the border arrived early in the day

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It is a satisfaction to know that it was a happy idea to have a day of sports for Abbotsford on the 22nd as the events of the day and the beautiful weather brought many to town, and the sports were a success, there is but little doubt the town has lost none of its former prestige but has grown in importance as one of the coming and promising centres of the Fraser Valley. May it only be the beginning of future gala days for Abbotsford.

We cannot agree with a statement of one of our Fraser Valley contemporaries when it states that the provincial police of this province has outlived its usefulness. Owing to the number of transcontinental railways passing through the Fraser Valley, the close proximity to the larger coast cities, we believe that police protection is absolutely necessary, but the force is not as strong as it should be. The police of the various municipalities have no jurisdiction outside their own municipality, and in case of running down a criminal it may be just as well that local authority is confined to the limits of a municipality. It costs money and in many cases were there no provincial police with provincial authority and the province bearing the expense the costs would be more than the municipality could bear. Had the municipality of Matsqui had to bear the expenses in connection with the Reid murder at Clayburn last year, it is doubtful if the municipality could build many miles of road this year. The municipalities, close to large cities particularly, are unable to bear the cost of police protection, but we believe they should co-operate with the provincial government and have a much stronger force in service. With one provincial police north of the Fraser River with territory extending from Port Moody to North Bend, and one stationed at Abbotsford, it would seem that considerably more territory is to be covered than is absolutely necessary. On the main line of the C. P. R.—the highway for the fugitive from justice—it is hard for one man to be on duty the full twenty-four hours. There are passenger trains from early morn to late at night, and freight trains through the night. Probably the train that is missed is the one that the man who is wanted is on. But why should a servant of the government, when acting as police be on duty longer than eight or ten hours. As it is now, to attend to his duties properly he should be like the owl, never sleep.

It is an easy task to criticise, but we believe that criticism is misplaced when the provincial police of the Fraser Valley is attacked. It is the system probably that is not sufficient, but it is certain that the men on duty are faithful, and ever anxious to secure the safety of the resident and assist in running down "the mar that is wanted."

HOW MANY THRONES HAS KING GEORGE?

Most people talk about the throne of England as if it were a special armchair in which the King sat daily, but, as a matter of fact, there is no officially recognized throne, and it has

become a metaphorical symbol of monarchy, just as "the Crown" has become practically captured by the law courts.

One would naturally, perhaps, look for the throne proper at Windsor. It surely should be the King's "Windsor chair," and, as a matter of fact, there is both a throne and a throne-room in the ancient fortress and palace, but it is probably the very last chair our sailor King would be likely to be found seated upon if one could pay an afternoon call. And so far from this throne being unique, there is actually one at each of the Royal palaces, and it is probable that the one at Buckingham Palace is the more generally used, inasmuch as most ceremonial occasions take place there.

The King may be said to have a suite of thrones—or shall we say a set of "occasional thrones"?—on each of which he probably sits, at least once upon one of them—that is the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey—the worm-eaten, battered lion-footed old oak settle which contains the Stone of Destiny, and upon which all the King's predecessors since Edward I. have been crowned. That chair might, perhaps claim to be the throne of the Empire, as it is infinitely as much as the King must sit upon it to be crowned.

It is not at all likely that the King would sit upon it often, even if it were in his "ain ingle-nook," because it is an extremely uncomfortable chair. It stands, year in and year out, in the chapel of Edward the Confessor, where it was first placed by Edward I., and it is only removed for the Coronation, when, covered with gold brocade, it is set under the lantern, between the choir and the altar.

Probably the throne most familiar to the public is the great creation which stands upon a dais in the House of Lords. It is often mentioned in the newspapers, quite apart from the opening of parliament—the only occasion upon which it is actually used as a seat. Often a phrase like this occurs: "Mr. John Burns, who is greatly interested in this bill, listened to the debate from the steps of the throne." A beautiful rail separates this "Royal seat of Kings" from the faithful peers.

But it is not everybody that realizes that the Palace of Westminster—the correct name for the Parliamentary Houses—contains a second throne. This is placed in the King's Robing-room and is used by the King when he is putting on his regal garb before entering the House of Peers to read the "Speech from the Throne."

As a matter of fact the official throne of these realms is the one at St. James' Palace, the very ordinary looking brick building at the foot of St. James' Street. All ambassadors are accredited to this court, and, in the eyes of foreign governments, it stands for the majesty of Britain. Its throne is a very handsome one, and stands under a magnificent and most ornate canopy.

Though the throne at Windsor is but little used, it is unique in one respect. It is really an Eastern throne, after the style of the one we read of in the records of King Solomon, for it is composed entirely of ivory, and was the gift of one of the Princes of India.

It would seem to have been the custom in ancient times to crown kings on a stone, for not only is there the ancient Stone of Scone in the Coronation chair, but visitors to Kingston-on-Thames can see in the market place the ancient Coronation Stone of England. Why the Scottish Stone should be preferred to the stone upon which Alfred the Great was crowned is hard to say, and why the one should be housed in the Abbey and the other exposed to the wind and weather near Kingston's busy market place is still more of a puzzle. Surely that old stone is the true throne of England!

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THRIFT

"There is nothing more admirable than thrift, and there is nothing more pitiable than when the accumulations of thrift are pocketed by the rapacious harpies who prey upon the small investor," says the London (Eng.) Economist. Thrift is both a private and a public virtue, and as a private virtue it gives that feeling of independence and courage which springs from the sense of security, and which are not only virtues in themselves, but are an almost indispensable basis of character. As wages, salaries, and profits grow in all ranks of society, there is a natural tendency for the standard of living to rise, luxuries become comforts, and comforts become necessities, and although different view may be held as to the lavish habits of wealthy individuals, there is a general agreement as to the need of thrift among persons of small incomes. It is not only desirable and absolutely necessary that the individual should take care to put aside a reasonable proportion of his income for investment, but that he should shun the maelstrom of improvidence that inevitably leads to the poorhouse, and no better plan of investment could be offered him than that which is provided by the Canadian Government Annuities Act. It is not only absolutely safe, but the benefits to be derived from an investment in the purchase of an annuity are far more bountiful than those which may be derived from any other safe investment, the annuity representing a return to the investor of a portion of his capital as well as the interest thereon in periodical payments calculated upon the number of years he may live, and he gets full benefit of every dollar he invests, not one cent being charged him for any expense. If he lives the number of years from and after 60 which he may be expected to live, he will receive back all that he pays in with compound interest at 4 per cent. If he should survive his expectation, the income will not cease, but will be continued in regular payments every quarter should he live to be 100 or longer, and this fact will probably concern him more than the possibility that he might die before he had received back all that he had paid in. Starting at 60 to receive an annuity, he would in 14 or 15 years get back all that he had paid in, with the interest thereon. We do not know of any institution which could possibly afford to offer terms so advantageous, and if the people of Canada were able to realize the favorable conditions on which annuities could be secured from the Government, there would be very few among the thrifty and thoughtful who would not take advantage thereof. If you will write to the Superintendent of Annuities, Ottawa, he will furnish you with all the information desired as to cost, etc. Give him your age last birthday, and state the age at which you desire the annuity to begin, but do not forget that it cannot begin until you are 55, though you may have it begin at any later age you desire. It will demonstrate to you the tremendous earning power of moneys at compound interest.

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Do not fire along the line.
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Lurk behind some leafy screen,
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Coronation Day Sports

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and assisted materially in participating in the numerous events.

A football match between the junior clubs of Abbotsford and Mt. Lehman, opened the festivities and during the time allotted proved a source of enjoyment to the spectators. Both teams played an excellent game, the score standing being one to one when the time was called.

The footracing, jumping etc followed and was a source of considerable excitement and much enjoyment (Owing to a mistake on the part of the secretary the results of these are not obtainable for this issue but no doubt will appear in due course).

After the athletic events were concluded the audience sought convenient places to watch the base ball game between Abbotsford and Matsqui. Matsqui won but as a home paper and a shortage of space the score is not obtainable for publication.

One of the main events was the horse racing and the committee in charge of this event certainly excelled themselves in providing this feature in a day's sports that will long be remembered in the annals of Abbotsford's history.

The cricket match was a very interesting game and of course Abbotsford won very easily.

The O. M. I. band of Mission was on the grounds and enlivened the day with their sweet strains of music, and always had a circle of admirers throughout the afternoon.

The box social and dance in the hall in the evening, was certainly an enjoyable feature of the day's events and was a fitting manner in which to bring a happy day to a grand finale.

ITEMS FROM CLAYBURN

Clayburn has now a good football team.

Matthew Haines, captain of our football team, has gone to play with Ladysmith for the championship for B. C.

Mr. J. W. Hutton is secretary of our football team. There are twenty-two real live members, and our boys are likely to hear from them when it comes to competing for the cup next season.

The name of the new club is Clayburn United.

Mr. S. Brooke did a rattling fine business in selling flags previous to Coronation Day. He had secured several hundred more than he thought of selling but was "out" of stock in that line about noon.

Miss Moore of S. Brooke Store, has been spending a holiday in Victoria.

Mr. W. Merryfield, reeve of Matsqui, was among the visitors to this town for the sports on Thursday.

"Mike" Grant, the sporting editor of the Fraser Valley Record, was in town on Thursday taking in the sights.

GOLD MINING EXCITEMENT

Report reaches us that there is to be a gold mining excitement right at our very doors—on Sumas mountain. A ledge is reported to have been struck there a few days ago. Assays have been made, the highest reaching \$40 per ton. Numerous claims have already been staked about three miles up from Murphy's Landing.

The many friends of Mr. J. Vanetta will be pleased to learn he is rapidly recovering and was out to enjoy the sports on Thursday.

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QUEEN MARY'S FASHION IDEAS.

Queen Mary, in the twelve months that have elapsed since her husband's accession to the throne, and throughout the previous seventeen years of her marriage, has won for herself so great a reputation for sagacity that some surprise has been excited by the edict which she has caused to be issued by the Lord Chamberlain, forbidding the wearing at court of those extremely tight and clinging skirts, which for some time past have been dictated by Dame Fashion.

For the latter has always shown herself a rebel to the duty constituted authority, no matter whether monarchical or republican. History teaches us that there are no decrees that excite a greater amount of popular resistance than those of a sumptuary character.

Under the circumstances it remains to be seen whether or not she will prove more successful in her determination to dominate La Mode than all those other royal and imperial ladies who have attempted the task, and who have all been compelled to acknowledge defeat, with the exception of Empress Josephine and of Empress Eugenie, neither of them of royal birth.

It may be questioned whether Queen Mary had in view any war upon Dame Fashion when she caused the Lord Chamberlain to intimate to the leading dressmakers and to their customers that she as well as the King would view with displeasure the wearing of the hobble skirt at their court, or at any entertainment which they might honor with their presence. Indeed, she probably never contemplated the possibility of any such conflict as that in which she now finds herself involved.

It is understood that in giving expression to her ideas to the Lord Chamberlain about the matter, she was influenced in the first place by her sense of propriety, which was offended by the fact that the fashionable skirt of today is so excessively scanty as to accentuate the lines and the curves of the wearer to almost the same degree as if she were garbed in more tights. It must be borne in mind that the Englishwoman, in the matter of dress, is usually disposed to exaggerate the Parisian modes, thereby impairing their elegance. And so it has been with the jupe collante, which is far more collante when worn by an Englishwoman than any Parisienne would venture to affect.

Then, too, the tight skirt is absolutely fatal to any graceful courtesy. Formerly very deep and sweeping in its movements, this form of homage to the reigning house degenerated during the closing years of the reign of Queen Victoria into a mere dip, sometimes known as the "Charity bob," which betokened indifference, carelessness and undue familiarity.

The progress of the war in which Queen Mary now finds herself engaged against Dame Fashion will be watched with interest, not alone by women, but even by men, who are wholly indifferent, as a rule, to chiffons. If she is victorious she will add to the reputation which she already enjoys of being a very remarkable woman; whereas, if she fails, she will, after all, be merely sharing the fate of every other feminine occupant of a throne, excepting the two nonroyal empresses of the French.

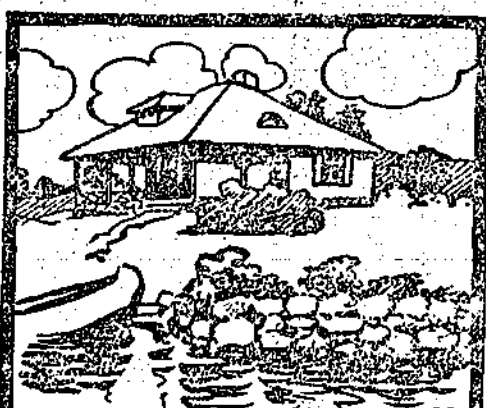
For the style of dress devised by the creole, Empress Josephine, survive to this day, in the form of so-called Empire gowns. As for Eugenie, throughout the 17 years' reign of her husband, Napoleon III., this great grand daughter of a Belfast gracy trader, who was unpaid United States

Consul at Malaga, may be said to have dictated the feminine fashions not only of France, but also of the civilized world. For Eugenie visited the Seraglio of the Sultan at Constantinople and the harem of the Khedive of Egypt on the occasion of her trip to the orient, in connection with the opening of the Suez canal, she found to her amazement that the inmates, instead of being arrayed either in the fantastic costume of the Turkish women of the Parisian Opera Comique were attired in the latest creations of the great courtiers of Paris, their toilettes conforming in every respect to the decrees which she, Eugenie herself had issued.

Queen Alexandra, so immeasurably popular in every respect, could never succeed, no matter how much she tried, in putting a stop to the wearing of the plumage of wild birds, and especially of aigrettes. She frequently expressed her views about the matter, but never ventured to go to the length of prohibiting this form of adornment in her presence as Queen Mary has done in the case of the hobble skirt.

Perhaps it was her failure to bring Dame Fashion over to her views in the matter that put her so thoroughly out of sympathy with the jade. For, having been unsuccessful in her endeavor to lead the latter, she declined to have anything more to do with her, and having ascertained the style of coiffure and toilette that suited her best and which was the most conducive to her good looks, she has adhered thereto, without according any attention to the changes of the mode, and she still wears today her hair crimped and dressed in the same way as a quarter of a century ago, while the so-called "Princess gowns," which were named after her some three decades back, still constitute her favorite garb. Moreover, she has for the past 25 years or so invariably affected small hats or toques and no one can ever recall having seen her in a picture hat, or in any other of the passing extravagances of fashion.

Queen Victoria at one moment of her reign made an unsuccessful attempt to render Irish poplin fashionable by decreeing it for court wear, her idea being to foster this branch of Irish industry. But, failing in this, she made no further attempt to dictate the mode, and would have been the very last person in the world to wish that any of her fair subjects should have modelled their attire on hers.



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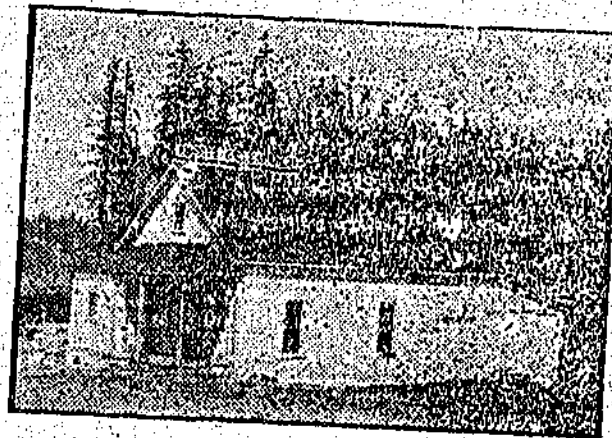
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