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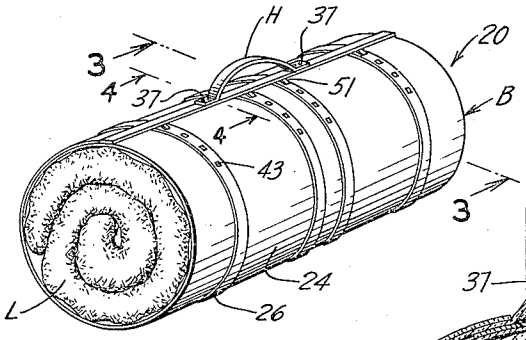



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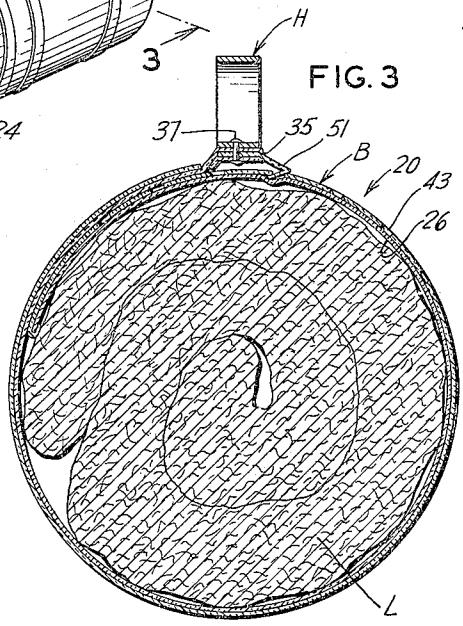
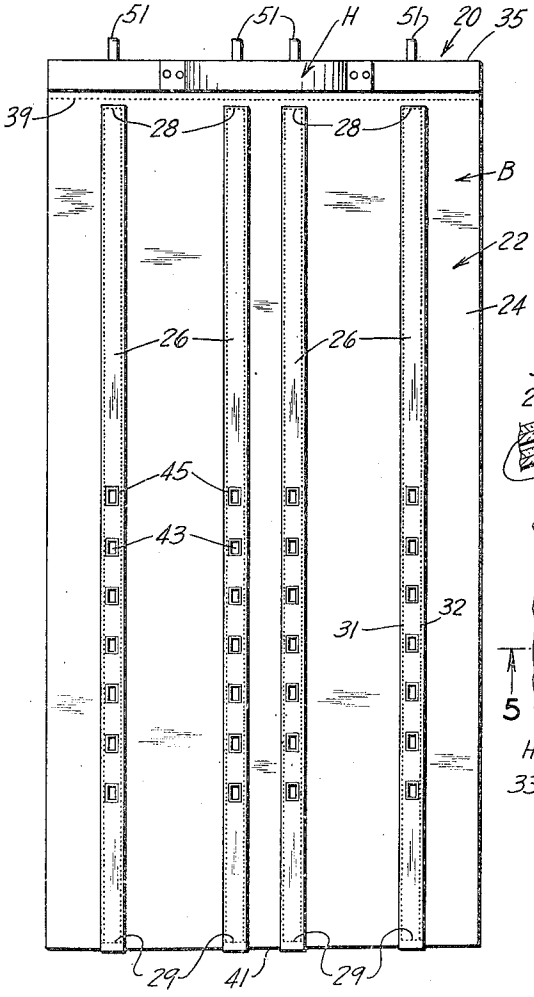



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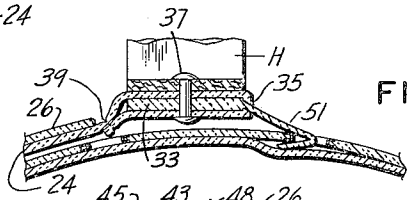




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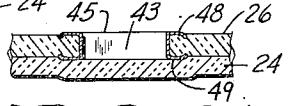



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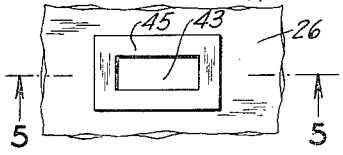



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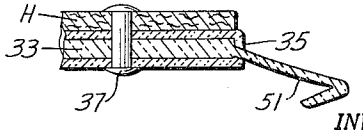



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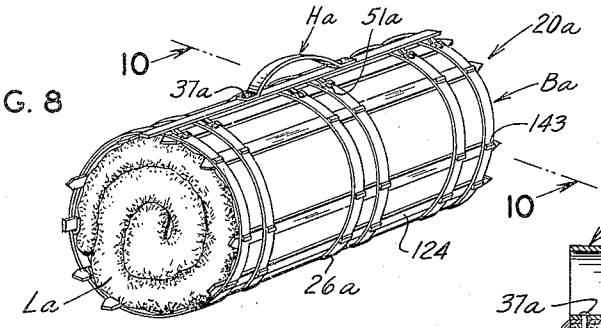



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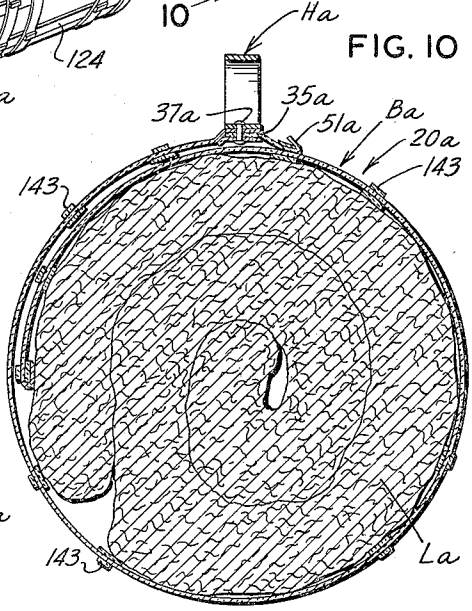
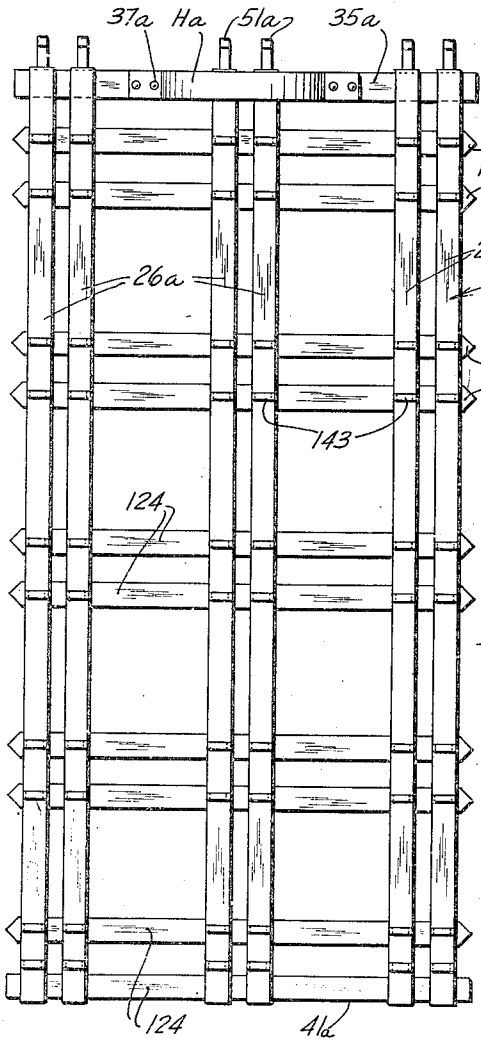



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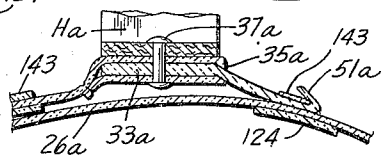




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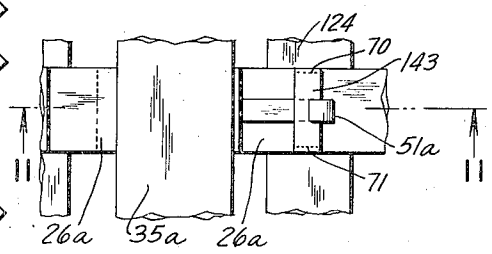



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This invention relates to luggage carriers and more particularly to luggage rolls of the type which are especially well adapted to be used as a shopping bag or as a valise for use at picnics, or on the swimming beach, and the like, to carry blankets, towels, wearing apparel and like articles of luggage.

Luggage rolls, in and of themselves, are not broadly new. However, luggage rolls heretofore known have had certain disadvantages such as, for example, being of relatively great weight; presenting a cumbersome unsightly appearance; being bulky and cumbersome to handle; being relatively difficult to operate; or embodying a construction whereby, when they were rolled up, loose, dangling strap ends, cords, or the like remained hanging on the outside in an undesirable manner.

A principal object of my invention is to enable a luggage roll to be constructed in a manner which obviates the aforementioned, and other, disadvantages of luggage rolls heretofore known.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel luggage roll which may be quickly and easily adjusted in size, in a novel and expeditious manner, to conform to the quantity of luggage to be carried.

A further object of my invention is to provide a luggage carrier of the aforementioned type which, when adjusted to either large or small size, forms a compact roll devoid of loose external flaps and the like.

Another object of my invention is to provide a luggage carrier of the aforementioned type embodying novel means for fastening the carrier in roll form.

A further object of my invention is to provide a novel luggage roll wherein the body thereof may be constructed in a novel and expeditious manner.

Yet another object of my invention is to afford a novel luggage carrier of the aforementioned type which is practical and efficient in operation, presents a pleasing appearance, and may be readily and economically manufactured commercially.

Other and further objects of the present invention will be apparent from the following description and claims and are illustrated in the accompanying drawings which, by way of illustration, show preferred embodiments and the principles thereof and what I now consider to be the best mode in which I have contemplated applying those principles. Other embodiments of the invention embodying the same or equivalent principles may be used and structural changes may be made as desired by those skilled in the art without departing from the present invention and the purview of the appended claims.

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In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a luggage carrier embodying the principle of my invention, and showing the luggage carrier as it appears when packed with articles of luggage;

Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the outside of the luggage carrier shown in Fig. 1 as it appears when laid out flat;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 3—3 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken substantially along the line 4—4 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view taken substantially along the line 5—5 in Fig. 6;

Fig. 6 is a detail plan view of a part of the fastening means shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is an enlarged detail view showing the hook member shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 1 but showing a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 9 is a plan view, similar to Fig. 2, of the luggage roll shown in Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a sectional view taken substantially along the line 10—10 in Fig. 8;

Fig. 11 is an enlarged detail sectional view of parts shown in Fig. 10;

Fig. 12 is a detail plan view of the fastening means shown in Fig. 11.

A luggage carrier 20 is shown in Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, of the accompanying drawings to illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, and comprises, in general, a body member B and a handle H. The body member B is adapted to be arranged in roll form to afford means for encasing articles of luggage L, Fig. 1, to be transported in the carrier 20, and the handle H is attached thereto and affords convenient means for handling the carrier 20, all of which will be discussed in greater detail presently. The handle H may be made of any one of several suitable materials such as leather, steel and the like, but I prefer to make it of a suitable plastic material such as a phenol formaldehyde resin.

The body member B comprises a cover member 22 which consists of a substantially rectangular-shaped sheet member 24 having a plurality of reinforcing straps 26 directly attached thereto by any suitable means such as by sewing the end edge portions, and longitudinal edge portions, of

the straps 26 to the sheet member 24 along lines 28, 29, 31 and 32, respectively, Fig. 2.

The sheet member 24 and the strap members 26 may be made of any suitable flexible material such as, for example, a suitable plastic material, canvas-duck, soft leather or the like, the primary requirements of the material being that it be sufficiently flexible and have sufficient strength and resistance to wear. In practice, I prefer to construct the sheet member 24 and the strap members 26 of a plastic material such as, for example, elastomeric vinyl sheeting, this material affording a pleasing appearance and having the requisite flexibility, strength, durability and other characteristics desired in a material used for this purpose. However, it will be understood that the previously mentioned materials are set forth merely by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, and that other suitable materials, having the proper characteristics, may be used to construct the sheet member 24 and the strap members 26 without departing from the purview of my invention. Moreover, if desired, the straps 26 may be formed as integral parts of the sheet 24 or as mere outlined areas upon the sheet 24.

An elongated reinforcing member 33, formed or any suitable material such as a phenol formaldehyde resin, is mounted on one end portion 35 of the sheet member 24 and affords a rigid stiffening member to which the handle H may be connected by suitable means such as rivets 37. The end portion 35 of the sheet member 24 is preferably folded over the stiffening member 33 and sewed along a line 39 to afford a suitable sleeve for covering the reinforcing member 33.

The other end 41 of the cover member 22 comprises a free end portion which is rolled under, or inside of, the end 35 when my luggage carrier is being used as will be discussed in greater detail presently.

A plurality of openings 43, Figs. 2 and 5, are formed in each of the straps 26, and a collar member or eyelet 45, Fig. 5, is preferably mounted in each of the openings 43 to reinforce the peripheral edge portions of the latter. The collar members 45 may be any one of several types which are well known in the art, the type which I prefer to use and which is shown in the drawings, Fig. 5, comprising an annular member 47 from which two flanges 48 and 49 project, the flanges 48 and 49 affording means by which the collars are connected to the portions of the straps 26 defining the peripheral edges of the openings 43.

A plurality of hook members 51, project from and form an integral part of the reinforcing member 33. Each of the hook members 51 projects from the end portion 35 of the cover member 22 in alignment with a respective one of the reinforcing straps 26 and is operable to engage the collar members 45 in the openings 43 formed in that strap to thereby afford means for securing the luggage carrier in rolled form, Figs. 1 and 4.

The openings 43 are preferably formed in the straps 26 at regular intervals from the free end portion 41 of the cover member 22 to that point on the straps at which the hook members 51 will be positioned when the luggage carrier 20 is rolled tightly upon itself with no luggage positioned therein. With the openings 43 spaced in this manner it will be seen that my novel luggage carrier may be adjusted to any one of several sizes between tightly rolled position and fully open position.



If desired, the openings 43 may be extended through the straps 26 and the underlying portions of the sheet member 24, and the collar members may be disposed in the openings in such a manner that the flanges 48 and 49 clamp the straps 26 and the sheet member 24 together. However, I prefer to construct my novel luggage carrier with the openings extending through the reinforcing straps 26 only, so that the sheet member 24 affords a lining which separates the hook members 51 from the luggage positioned in the body member B. In the preferred use of my device, the carrier 20 is initially laid out flat. The luggage is then placed thereon and the free end 41 of the cover member 22 is pulled over the luggage. The luggage and free end 41 are then rolled toward the handle H, making a relatively tight roll. The hook members 51 are then engaged with the adjacent collar members 45 and a snugly packed and compact luggage carrier such as that shown in Fig. 1 is thus made ready for transportation, the handle H remaining in outwardly disposed position to afford a readily available hand-grip by which the luggage roll may be carried.

The several hook members 51, in my novel luggage carrier, are all quickly and easily engageable with, or disengageable from, the edge portions of the respective openings 43 in one quick operation by a simple movement of the handle H, to thereby move the reinforcing member 33 and the hook members 51 in a proper direction relative to the openings 43. Thus it will be seen that the fastening members of my novel luggage carrier affords means which may be quickly and easily engaged with, or disengaged from, each other, so that my novel luggage carrier may be closed, opened, or adjusted in size, in a novel and expeditious manner not heretofore known.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a novel luggage carrier which is constructed in a novel and improved manner, and which obviates many of the disadvantages, both in construction and operation, present in luggage carriers heretofore known.

*Modified form of luggage carrier shown in Figs. 8 to 12, inclusive*

A modified form of my invention, embodying the principle of my invention, is shown in Figs. 8 to 12, inclusive, and parts shown therein which are similar to parts shown in Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, are indicated by the same reference numerals with the suffix *"a"* added thereto.

The luggage carrier 20*a*, as best seen in Fig. 8, comprises a body member B*a* and a handle member H*a*.

The body member B*a*, like the body member B shown in Figs. 1 to 7, comprises an elongated cover member 22*a* having a stiffening member 33*a* mounted in one end 35*a* thereof. The cover member 22*a* comprises a plurality of strip members 124 connected together with strap members 26*a*. The strip members 124 and the strap members 26*a*, like the sheet member 24 and the straps 26 previously discussed, may be made of any suitable material such as, for example, a suitable plastic, cotton-duck, leather, or the like, although, as previously discussed I prefer to make these members out of a suitable plastic material such as, for example, elastomeric vinyl sheeting.

The reinforcing member 33*a* is enclosed in the strip 124 on the end 35*a* of the cover member 22*a* and affords a suitable stiffening member to which the handle H*a* is attached by rivets 37*a*.

A plurality of hook members 51*a*, similar to the hook members 51 shown in Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, form an integral part of the reinforcing member 33*a*, and project therefrom in alignment with respective straps 26*a*. Loop members 143, preferably made of the same material as the strips 124 and the straps 26*a*, are attached to the straps 26*a* by any suitable means such as by sewing along the lines 70 and 71, Fig. 12, and afford fastening elements which are engageable by the hook members 51*a* in a manner which is similar to that in which the hook members 51 are engageable with the peripheral edge portion of the openings 43.

The operation of the modified form of my invention shown in Figs. 8 to 12, inclusive, is substantially the same as that of the preferred form of my invention shown in Figs. 1 to 7, the cover member 22*a* affording an effective member for enclosing luggage to be carried, and the fastening elements 51*a* and 143 affording means which may be quickly and easily engaged with, or disengaged from, each other by one simple movement of the handle H*a* and the reinforcing member 33*a*, and thereby affording means for quickly and easily opening and closing, or varying the adjustment of, the luggage carrier 20*a*.

It will be understood that although I have shown the cover member 22*a* as comprising strips 124, I do not intend to limit myself thereto, other forms of construction, such as, for example, sheet members of the type disclosed in Figs. 1 to 7 being equally suitable, the important feature being that with my novel construction the cover member 22*a* may be made of fabric material, flexible plastic materials or the like to afford a novel and practical luggage carrier.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a novel luggage carrier wherein the cover member thereof may be constructed of a sheet of suitable material in a novel and expeditious manner.

Also it will be seen that my novel luggage carrier embodies practical and novel fastening means which may be quickly engaged and disengaged to thereby afford means for quickly and easily closing and opening the carrier.

Furthermore, it will be seen that I have provided a novel luggage carrier which is compact in form and wherein any excess material is enclosed in the carrier itself so that no undesirable loose or dangling cords, straps, flaps, or the like, are present on the outside of the carrier.

In addition, it will be seen that I have provided a novel luggage carrier which may be economically manufactured commercially and affords a novel and practical piece of luggage which presents a pleasing appearance.

Thus, while I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that these are capable of variation and modification and I therefore do not wish to be limited to the precise details set forth, but desire to avail myself of such changes and alterations as fall within the purview of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A luggage carrier comprising an elongated cover member adapted to be rolled into a substantially cylindrical form, a handle comprising a hand-grip member and a reinforcing member connected to one end of said cover member, a plurality of fastening members positioned on said cover member in spaced relation to each other, and a plurality of other fastening members connected to said reinforcing member, each of said other fastening members being positioned on said reinforcing member in alignment with a respective one of said first mentioned fastening members and operable to be releasably engaged therewith when said cover member is rolled a predetermined amount to thereby releasably hold said cover member in said rolled position.



2. A luggage carrier comprising an elongated cover member operable to be rolled into a substantially cylindrical form, a plurality of fastening members positioned on said cover member in a plurality of substantially parallel rows, and a plurality of other fastening members mounted on and projecting from one end portion of said cover member, each of said other fastening members being positioned in alignment with a corresponding row of said first mentioned fastening members, said other fastening members being complementary to said first mentioned fastening members in said corresponding row and engageable with predetermined ones thereof when said cover member is rolled into a predetermined position, said one end portion of said cover member being operable upon predetermined movement thereof to move said other fastening members into and out of engagement with said predetermined first mentioned fastening members.

3. A luggage carrier comprising an elongated cover member operable to be rolled upon itself and having a plurality of openings formed in said cover member in spaced relation to each other and in a plurality of parallel rows, a plurality of fastening members mounted on one end portion of said cover member, each of said fastening members being aligned with a respective one of said rows and having a hook-shaped portion releasably engageable with the portions of said cover member defining said openings in said respective rows when said cover member is in predetermined rolled positions to thereby releasably hold said cover member in said predetermined positions.

4. In a luggage carrier an elongated cover member comprising a pliable elongated sheet member and a plurality of reinforcing straps attached to said sheet member and extending longitudinally thereof in parallel spaced relation to each other, each of said straps having a plurality of openings formed therein in spaced relation to each other, a reinforcing member attached to one end of said cover member, said cover member being adapted to be rolled upon itself from the other end thereof toward said one end, and a plurality of hook members projecting from said reinforcing member, each of said hook members being positioned in alignment with the openings in a corresponding one of said strap members and being operatively engageable therein with said cover member to hold said cover member in predetermined rolled positions, said reinforcing member being manually movable through a predetermined range relative to said openings in said straps when said cover member is in rolled position, said reinforcing member being operable during such movement through said predetermined range to pull said plurality of hook members simultaneously into said operative engagement with said cover member and to push said plurality of hook members simultaneously out of said operative engagement with said cover member.

5. A luggage carrier comprising an elongated cover member adapted to be rolled in a longitudinal direction into a tubular form, a plurality of

fastening members mounted on said cover member and spaced from each other laterally of said cover member, and a plurality of hook members mounted on one end portion of said cover member and projecting therefrom, each of said hook members being aligned with a corresponding one of said fastening members and adapted to be operatively engaged therewith when said cover member is in a predetermined tubular form to thereby releasably hold said cover member in said form, said end portion of said cover member being operable upon a predetermined movement thereof, when said cover member is in said predetermined tubular form, to pull said hook members into, and push said hook members out of, said operative engagement with said fastening members.

6. A luggage carrier comprising an elongated pliable cover member adapted to be rolled onto itself to form a substantially tubular-shaped carrying body, and fastening means for releasably holding said body in such a rolled form, said fastening means comprising a plurality of loop members mounted in spaced relation on said cover member in a plurality of parallel rows, and a plurality of hook members mounted on and projecting from one end portion of said cover member, each of said hook members being positioned in alignment with a respective one of said rows of loop members and being operatively engageable with the loops in said cover member being movable through a predetermined range of movement and being operable during such movement to move said plurality of hook members into and out of said operative engagement with selected loop members.



7. In a luggage carrier an elongated cover member comprising a plurality of pliable transverse slats interconnected by a plurality of pliable longitudinally extending straps, a plurality of loop members mounted on said straps, a reinforcing bar mounted in one end of said cover member, said one end of said cover member being movable through a predetermined range of movement relative to said loops, and a plurality of hook members attached to said reinforcing member and projecting from said one end of said cover member, each of said hook members being positioned in alignment with a respective strap member, said one end of said cover member being operable upon said movement through said predetermined range to move said plurality of hook members into and out of hooked engagement with preselected loop members.

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