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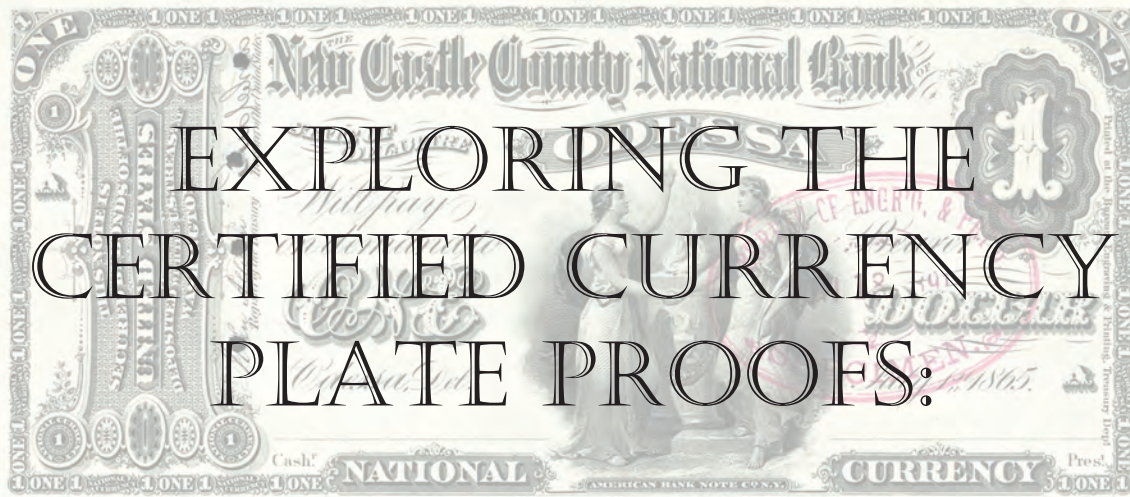
NATIONAL BANK NOTE
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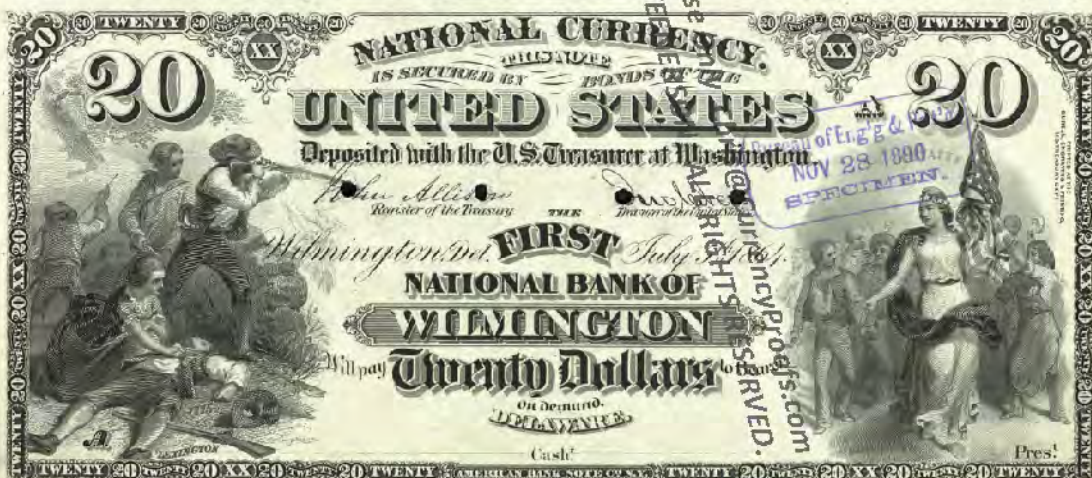
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Delaware - Banks Issuing National Currency – Table 1

The state of Delaware had 42 banks with Charters in 21 cities that issued national currency.

Charter	Name of Bank	City
473	First National Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington
795	First National Bank of Seaford, Delaware	Seaford
997	Newport National Bank, Newport, Delaware	Newport
1181	Citizens National Bank of Middletown, Delaware	Middletown
1190	National Bank of Wilmington and Brandywine, Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington
1281	New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, Delaware	Odessa
1332	Delaware City National Bank, Delaware City, Delaware	Delaware City
1390	Union National Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington
1420	National Bank of Delaware at Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington
1536	National Bank of Newark, Delaware	Newark
1567	First National Bank of Dover, Delaware	Dover
2336	Fruit Growers National Bank of Smyrna, Delaware	Smyrna
2336	Fruit Growers National Bank and Trust Company of Smyrna, Delaware	Smyrna
2340	First National Bank of Milford, Delaware	Milford
2340	First National Bank and Trust Company of Milford, Delaware	Milford
2381	National Bank of Smyrna, Delaware	Smyrna
3019	Peoples National Bank of Middletown, Delaware	Middletown
3395	Central National Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington
3693	Sussex National Bank of Seaford, Delaware	Seaford
3883	First National Bank of Harrington, Delaware	Harrington
5148	Lewes National Bank, Lewes, Delaware	Lewes
5421	First National Bank of Frederica, Delaware	Frederica
5930	First National Bank of Georgetown, Delaware	Georgetown
6718	Selbyville National Bank, Selbyville, Delaware	Selbyville
6726	Peoples National Bank of Laurel, Delaware	Laurel
7211	First National Bank of Delmar, Delaware	Delmar
8918	First National Bank of Frankford, Delaware	Frankford
8972	First National Bank of Dagsboro, Delaware	Dagsboro
9132	First National Bank of Felton, Delaware	Felton
9428	First National Bank of Wyoming, Delaware	Wyoming





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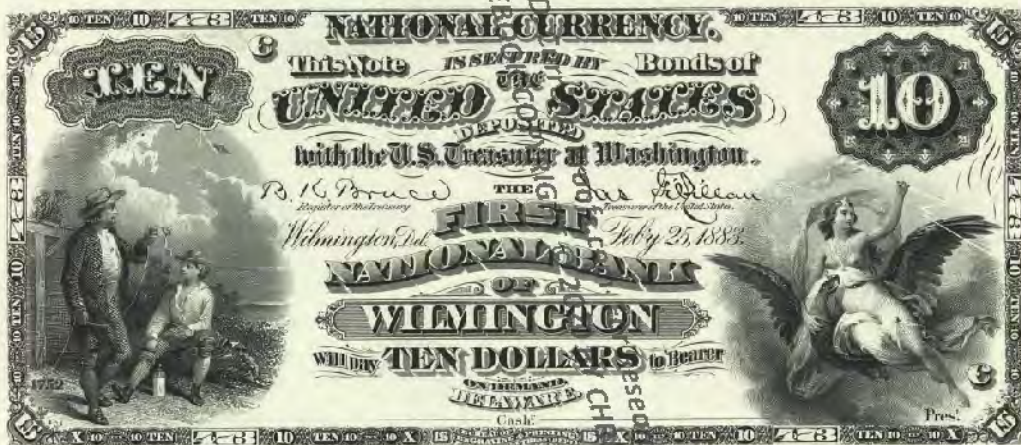
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Chief of Bureau*

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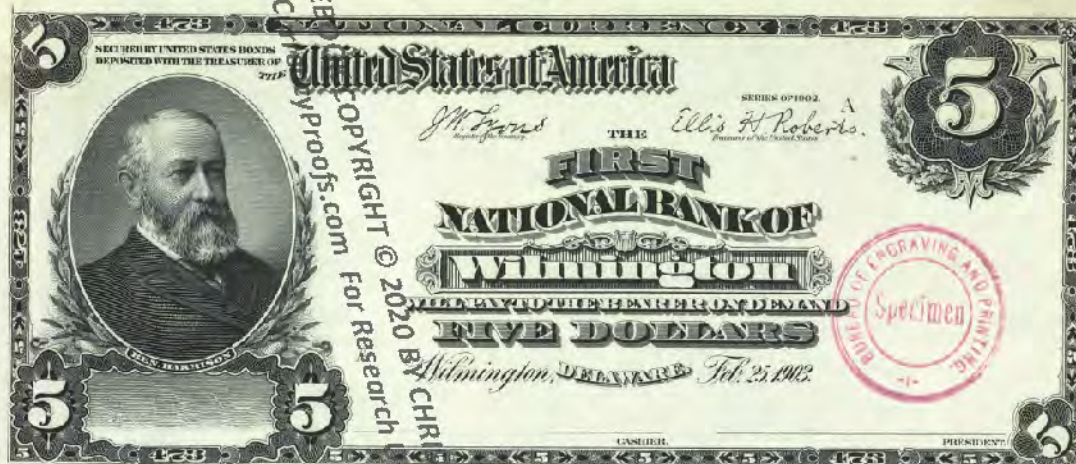


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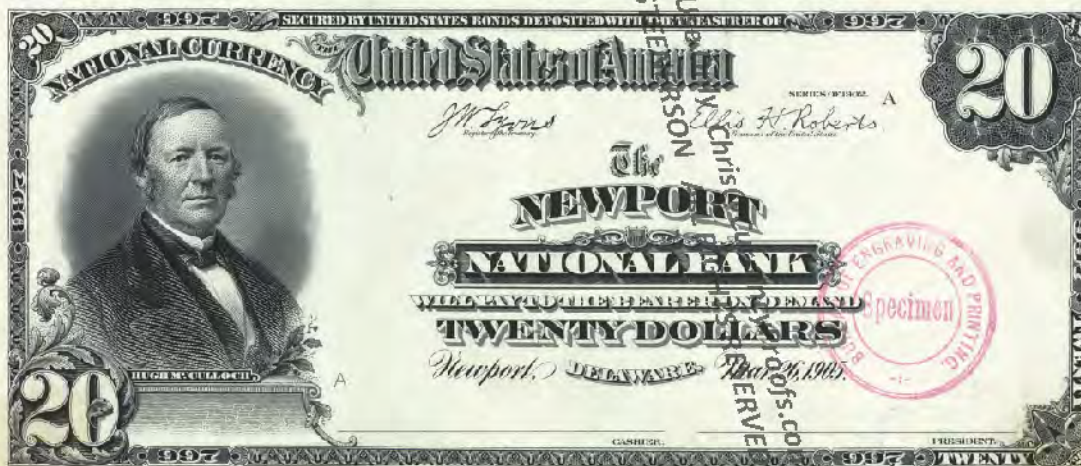
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 R. K. Ponce, Treasurer, Middleborough, May 16, 1885.
NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN
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 Cash.
 Pres.

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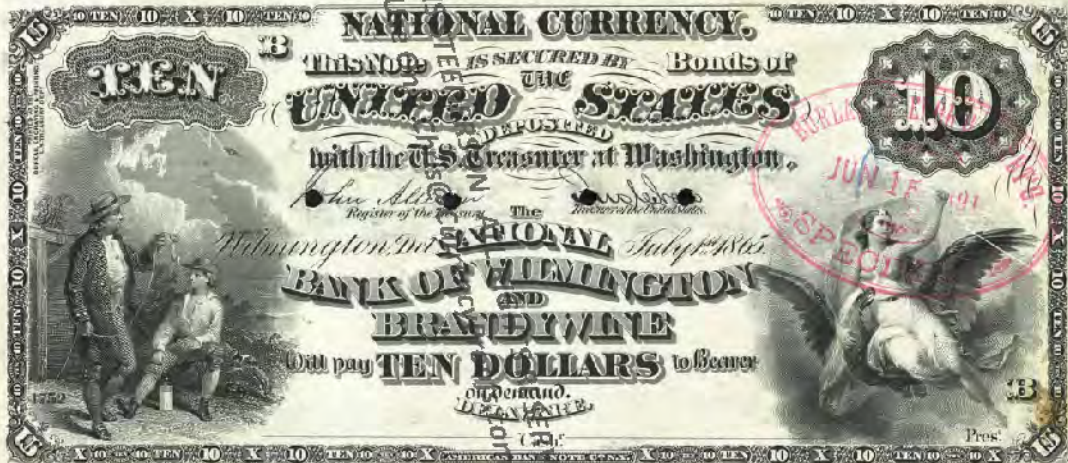
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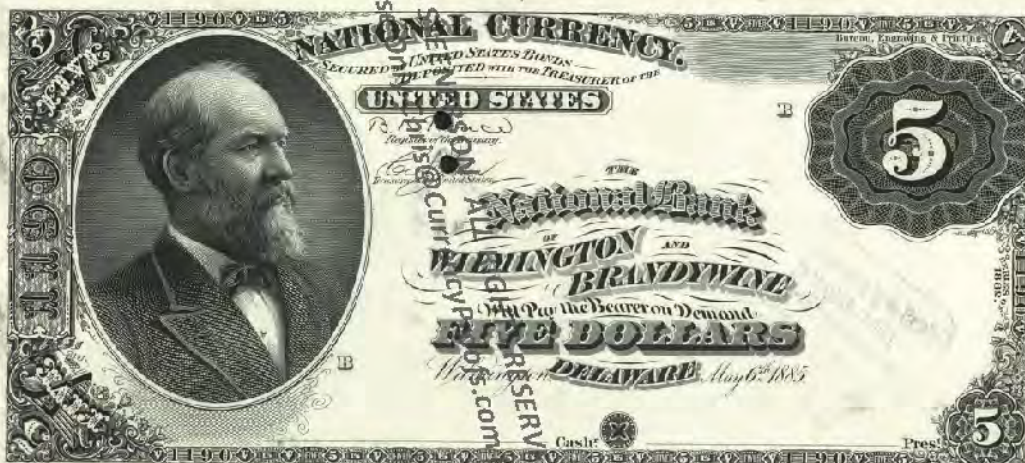


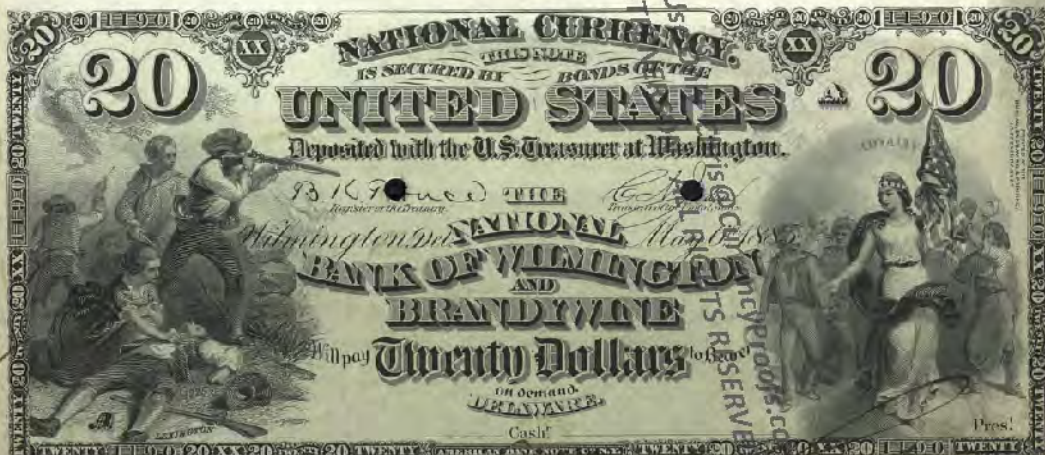
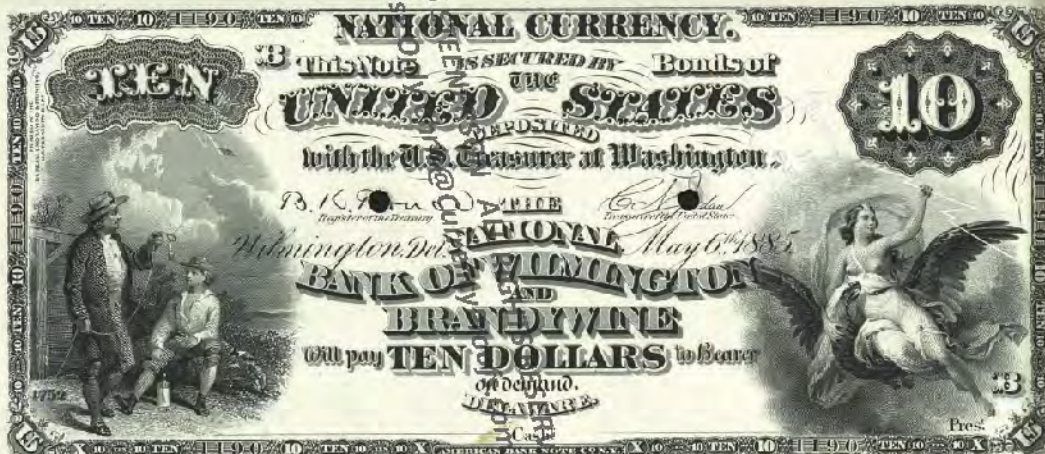


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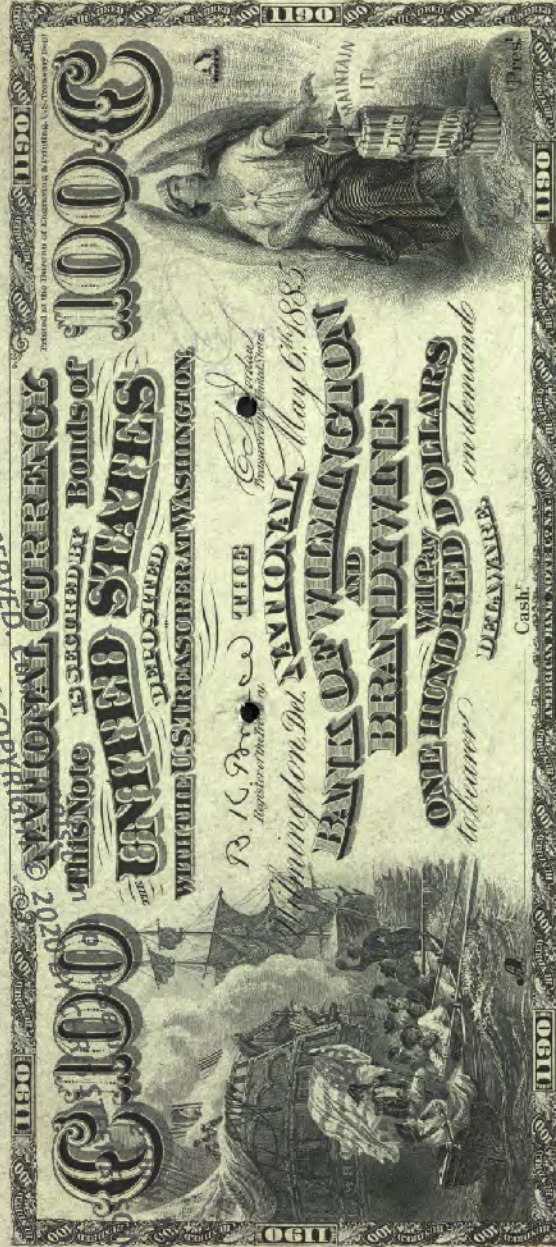


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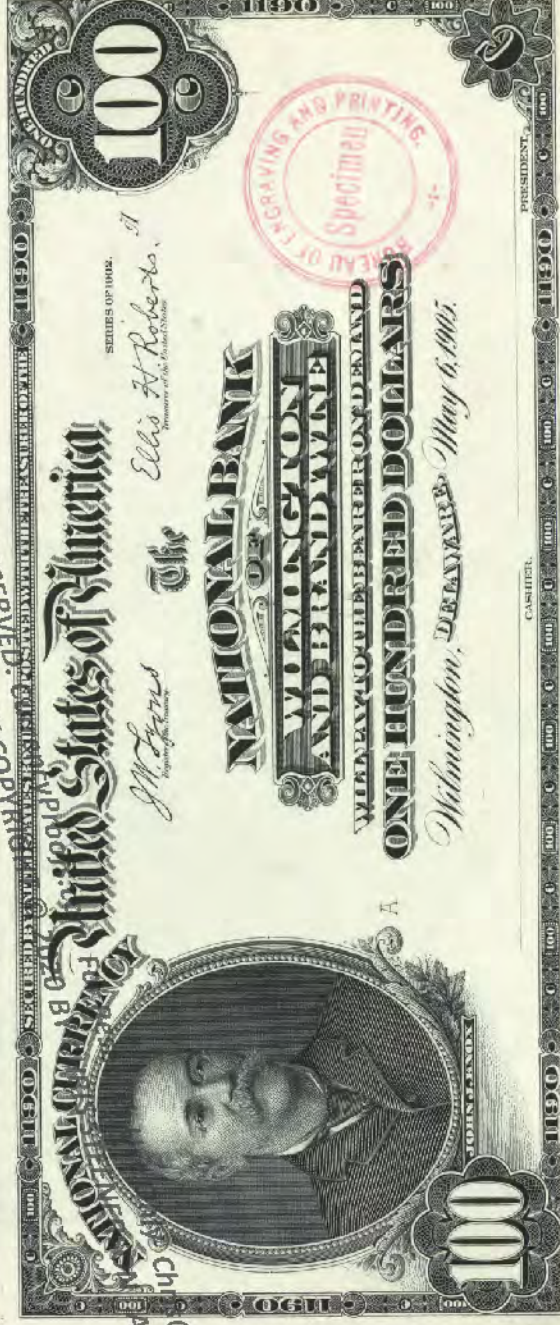
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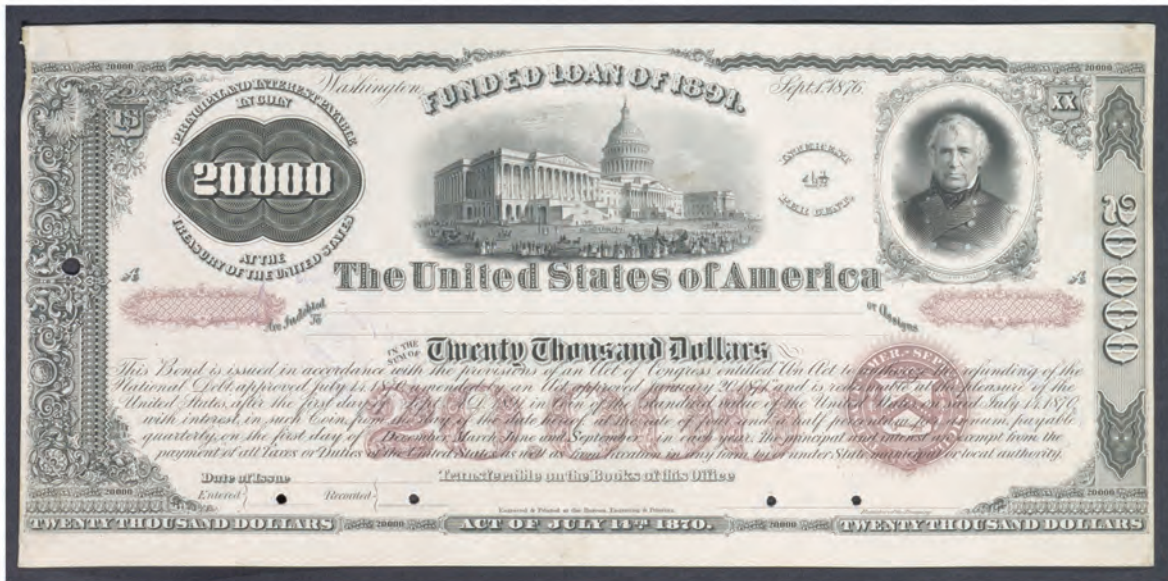


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