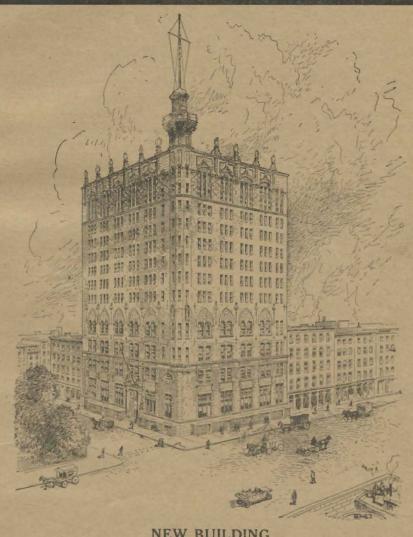
The Lookout



NEW BUILDING

Now being erected

THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE NEW YORK OF ONE STATE STREET

AN APPEAL

WE HAVE begun to build our new home—a twelvestory, fireproof structure that will be a model of its kind for all the world.

We have begun to build, although a portion of the money required has not yet been subscribed. The success of our work demands it. We believe it to be our duty to our subscribers.

To gather up the residue of a large fund like this would be an arduous task were the circumstances less favorable. Subscriptions to this fund have been accompanied almost invariably by a very genuine interest in the success of the undertaking and a pride in its future. A very pleasant and confidential relation seems to exist, and where the supporters of a society have its welfare so genuinely at heart, it is incredible that the work of gathering up the remnant should be unduly difficult.

We appeal, therefore, to the supporters of the Institute to continue their activities and generosities until the entire fund is completed. We appeal to those who have not contributed to join us in making this great work an unprecedented success.

Will you not aid us by bringing this work to the notice of your friends—personal contact is always helpful—in order that we may proceed with the building, assured that the money will be on hand to pay for it when it is finished?

Subscriptions, payable any time during 1912, should be sent to Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman Building Committee, 54 Wall Street, City.

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Eddystone Lighthouse Tower

It seems peculiarly appropriate that the tower of the Institute's new building should be very nearly identical with the tower of the first Eddystone lighthouse in England. This resemblance was observed in the office of the architects, while examining some pictures of the world's most famous old lighthouses, and it is a sufficiently odd coincidence to make a few details about the Eddystone-rather interesting.

The Eddystone rocks form a very dangerous reef, lying in the English Channel about fourteen miles from Plymouth, and here, in 1695, Henry Winstanley built the first lighthouse, which lasted but eight years.

The lantern gallery and the octagonal shape of the tower designed for the new Institute are practically the exact counterparts of the old Eddystone tower, while the dome-like roof is strongly reminiscent. Winstanley's tower was swept away by a tremendous storm, and everyone in it at the time, including the builder, was drowned. Three years later Rudyerd's Tower was built, only to be destroyed by fire in 1755, and then came John Smeaton's.

Modern lighthouses really date from 1759, when this third one was completed. Smeaton's design was faulty, but it served as a model for lighthouse construction in masonry, which has been followed in its general features ever

since. This lighthouse stood for over a century, but it was not high enough to keep the waves from dashing over the lantern, and so was removed and the present one built in 1882, by James Douglass.

At the time of the completion of the new lighthouse two bells weighing two tons each and struck by mechanical power were installed for fog signaling purposes. Since that date an explosive gun-cotton fog signal has been erected, the bells being removed. Probably the most interesting thing about the lighthouse now on the Eddystone is its solid vertical base. Heavy seas striking the massive cylindrical structure are immediately broken up and rush around to the opposite side, spray alone ascending to the height of the lantern gallery. On the other hand, waves striking the old tower at its foundation ran up the surface, which presented a curved face to the waves and, unimpeded by any projection until arriving at the lantern gallery, were partially broken up by the cornice and then spent themselves in heavy spray over the lantern. The shock to which the cornice of the gallery was exposed was so great that stones were sometimes lifted from their beds.

This little connection with the old Eddystone tower forms a very pleasing tradition for the new Institute, which is by way of becoming a sort of lighthouse, too.

A Sequel

Those of you who read "A Letter Home," in the December Lookout, will be interested in the very human document which we publish below from the mother of the young apprentice lad. He had deserted his ship after serving but eighteen months of his four years' apprenticeship, had secured a position in a nearby New Jersey town, and then written casually to his mother in England that he was "quite all right," and to be married to a girl-" a very nice girl and I know you will like her when you see her." His letter contained one other rather amazing assurance, "I guess you will like her all right, Mum, for she is just your sort." This letter was forwarded to the Institute by the mother and we have gotten in touch with the boy, who still persists in his matrimonial intentions. He is twenty-one and not seventeen, as we stated last month. Here is the mother's letter to the superintendent.

"KENT, ENGLAND.

"DEAR SIR—I am writing to thank you very, very much for all your kindness on behalf of our son.

"You have indeed shown much sympathy, and I hope it has not put you to much inconvenience, but he being so far away has caused us much more anxiety than was perhaps necessary.

"You being a Clergyman will understand our feelings when I tell you our boy is so much to me and has always been a mother's boy. I have had a beautiful letter from him full of love and contrition, with the photo of himself and the girl he has chosen. He tells me she is the only girl he has ever loved or ever will love. And he reminds me that when that one came along "I would take her to my heart," and I will. Though I have not seen her.

"He has always been a real good and loving son and has never caused us an hour's trouble, and that is saying much,

and you will agree with me, "a good son makes a good husband."

"And now, in closing, permit me to wish you a very happy Christmas and a bright, prosperous new year in all your work."

One is tempted to envy the mother her splendidly patient philosophy, but it is the desire of the Institute worker to persuade the boy to return home this winter and rejoin his ship, if possible.

Christmas Eve at No. 1 State

Christmas Eve at sea must be very dull and distinctly uninteresting if the apprentice lads' appreciation of Christmas Eve ashore be a fair index to emotions. To use the words of one of the thirty boys who enjoyed the "good spread": "Christmas Eve at the Institute was almost as jolly as being at home, and a whole sight better than being on board." Some of the boys had previously decorated the big room where all the feasts are held, with ground pine and holly, and there were wreaths and ropes of green about the dingy halls and stairways; but the masterpiece was the Christmas tree. just at the head of the central long table. Christmas trees always glitter and glow with color, but this particular tree meant a bit more to the boys because some of them were away from the shining trees at home for the first time. Of course, there was a special supper.

"Pass the milk, please," demanded one of the lads.

"Milk? My dear chap, that's real cream," replied his neighbor.

"I say, you know milk seems a treat," exclaimed the boy to one of the Institute workers, "because we don't have any—that is, we do have condensed milk (one can between three of us every week). Leastways, we generally have one can each to last three weeks, but somehow it

doesn't seem to last. You see we get the can on Friday afternoon at four and it is all gone by six, except what we save for the cat."

Chicken salad and sandwiches soon fulfilled their destiny, but it was the ice cream that brought a look of awe to some faces.

"Ice cream on December 24th! What would the folk at home say?" exclaimed a young Britisher.

The health of those at home was drunk in tea or coffee, and then everyone boarded the *Sentinel* and steamed up to the church on West street to sing Yuletide carols and listen for a little while to the familiar but never tiresome story of the first Christmas.

"There is something in this 'peace on earth, good will toward men' idea," said one of them thoughtfully as they filed out.

"Yes, makes you feel sort of glad, doesn't it?" assented the lad next him.

The Lonely Old Sailor

Some one pities the "lonely time" that the ancient and superannuated mariner has down at the Old Sailors' Snug Harbor. Lonely? Why should he be lonely? The sailor can sit alone in his old age and not feel lonesome. For he always was alone. He was the autocrat of the ship, and few talked to him. He meditated, dreaming, to find out the secret of the winds. He relied on himself; his judgment must be infallible, for there was no one else to judge. Hence this old contented philosopher, now ashore, is perfectly satisfied with his own opinion on every subject.

His faith is right; let none debate with him. His beliefs as to men and things are as fixed as the north star. Whom he loves he loves without reserve. Whom he hates he avoids, and it is useless to argue. His politics are the flag; under it he sailed, and his own country can never do wrong. His country is but another name for home. If he feels "alone," he is used to it, and will have to be left so.—New York Evening Mail.

Cosmopolitan Depositors

Down in the office of the savings department the little, keen-eyed Japanese sailor jostles the man from Barbadoes, and the brawny Scotch seaman awaits his turn at the desk behind the narrowshouldered Singalese. Over in the corner lounges a blond-haired Swede, and at his side is the lithe, dark-skinned South American from Chile.

Men from sixty-one different countries of Europe, Asia, Australasia, West Indies, Africa, and Central and South America have their names on the savings department books. On a Monday morning when the captains have their crews in the Vice-Consul's office to pay them off, representatives from the remote corners of the globe stand in line with the seamen of the British Isles, France and Spain. Curiously enough, the Institute workers experience little difficulty in understanding and making themselves understood by the multitude of nationalities of "whatever race, color or creed."

Fog

An instrument called a "Fogometer" has been invented for facilitating the process of accurately determining a ships' position in foggy weather, by the use of wireless telegraphy and sound waves. The instrument is laid flat upon the chart, and by its use a ship's bearing and distance from a shore station equipped with wireless, for example, a lighthouse, may be accurately determined.—The Marine Journal.

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THE LOOKOUT wishes for all its read_{\tau} ers a very Happy 1912. The phrase is hackneyed but the wish is most sincere.

There are a great many reasons why the coming year should be a happy one for the Institute. Just at its beginning it can announce that the foundation is finished and the steel work begun on the new building over at Coenties Slip and South Street. Those of you who are sufficiently interested should come down and see the first days of the skeleton framework that is to materialize into the new Institute pictured on THE LOOKOUT cover these many months. It will make you realize that we are actually achieving the thing for which we have been "bending heart and mind" to attain. And it is your assistance that has made this achievement possible.

A list of the recent contributions to the Building Fund is appended and a complete list of special rooms and memorial bedrooms is also published in this issue. These are repeated each month for the benefit of new subscribers who may not be entirely familiar with the work and the opportunities the new building will afford.

By the beginning of 1913, the balance of \$350,000 should be raised. Everyone who believes in the Institute may help by personal interest and suggestion, thereby demonstrating his faith in this superb plan to benefit the seamen of every land.

After all the vague theories about the abstract seaman have been exhausted he becomes a concrete fact—his needs become vitally important and one is urged on by the sense of what *must* be done for him.

General Fund

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

II C D	**** *** ***
Henry C. Frick	\$25,000.00
George F. Baker	5,000.00
Miss Cornelia Prime (additional)	4,000.00
Francis L. Hine	1,000.00
Hon. George Peabody Wetmore	1,000.00
Crossman & Sielcken	1,000.00
Franklin Remington	250.00
Joseph S. Auerbach	250.00
Joseph Wittman	100.00
Fritsche Bros	100.00
Hugh D. Auchincloss	100.00
William R. Peters	100.00
John T. Underwood	100.00
E. W. Bennett	40.00
Mrs. M. E. Zimmerman	25.00
Mrs. Warren Delano	25.00
"A Friend"	25.00
C. C. Roumage	25.00
Comtesse Jean de Kergolay	20.00
William Harris	20.00
Richard S. Barnes	10.00
Alfred D. Flinn	5.00
Miss Mary F. Waldron	5.00
Mrs. Max G. Hopf	2.00
Mrs. William A. Robertson	2.00
William Trantham (Sailors' Snug	
	1.00
Harbor)	
Mrs. Virginia H. Meyer	1.00

\$38,206.00

Memorial Bed-Rooms

RECENTLY TAKEN

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Room	ms.
Edward T. Holmes	1
Mrs. Cornelius S. Mitchell ("In Mem-	-
oriam Cornelius S. Mitchill, by his	
orandahildran")	1
grandchildren")	1
Bertram H. Borden	1
Mrs. R. B. G. Goddard ("Mrs. R. B. G. G.,	
in memory of her mother, Mrs. Eliza-	
beth Burnet Groesbeck")	1
Mrs. Byam K. Stevens	1
Mrs. J. Hull Browning	1
J. Lawrence McKeever	1
Miss Augusta M. de Peyster ("In Mem-	-
oriam Augusta Morris de Peyster")	1
Aymar Johnson ("In Memory Elizabeth	1
	2
Aymar and Henry D. Babcock, Jr.")	2
Mrs. C. L. Westcott and sister	3
Mrs. Clarence M. Hyde	1
Miss A. E. Denny	1
The Misses Underhill ("In Memory of	
Capt. John Williams")	1
7	

Esther Brockett White (3d)	
Charles Baldwin White	- 1
Mrs. George G. Williams ("In Memory	
of George G. Williams")	1
Mrs. Catherine E. Bond ("In Memory of	
David B. Walker")	1
J. Augustus Johnson	1
Miss M. R. Martin and sisters ("In Mem-	
ory of their father, Matthias Johnston	
Martin")	1
Mrs. Harold Farquhar Hadden ("In	
Memory of her son, William Aspinwall	
Hadden")	1
	2

Large Rooms Not Reserved

Seven rooms besides the dormitories have not been taken as yet. It is a splendid opportunity for those wishing to contribute large sums to the new building to have their gifts permanently memorialized. Others may wish to memorialize friends or relatives by taking these rooms in their names. The remaining rooms are as follows:

Shipping Bureau—\$2,000 (About 35 feet square)

Employment was secured for 3,126 seamen, free of charge to them, through this department last year.

DINING ROOM—\$3,000 (About 30 x 46 feet in size)

Where good meals will be served at reasonable prices to the seamen lodging in the Institute.

THREE DORMITORIES AT \$1,000 EACH (On fifth floor)

Where men may secure a night's lodging, under sanitary conditions, for ten or fifteen cents.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT—\$1,500

The seamen deposit their savings with us to the extent of \$135,000 annually.

GAME ROOM—\$5,000 (About 54 x 60 feet)

Away from home, the men of the sea are dependent upon such recreation as they can find; if not here, in some less elevating place.

Officers' Game Room—\$2,000 (About 106 x 21 feet) The seaman has scant opportunity for amusement except when on land.

AUDITORIUM—\$5,000 (About 50 x 70 feet)

Where entertainments will be held. When not needed for other purposes, it will be used as a gymnasium.

MAIN STAIRCASE—\$3,500

(Running from basement to 4th floor)

It introduces the seaman to the Institute and to the hospitality of the port.

Large Bedrooms at \$250

As the plans for the interior of the new building take final shape it is found that there will be 51 large outside rooms for the use of the officers who come to the Institute; the better class of seamen, the stewards, expert engineers and boatswains; and the members of the Institute staff.

The furniture design will not have quite the same Spartan simplicity as that in the seamen's rooms, and there will probably be the addition of a chiffonier or a chest of drawers. The cost of building and furnishing one of these rooms is estimated at \$250. Any person wishing to contribute this amount may take an officer's or other room as a memorial to a friend or relative. A brass plate bearing the name of the donor, or an inscription containing the name of the person memorialized, will be placed over the door, if desired.

Two Sitting Rooms at \$500 Each

On the top floor there will also be the study for the Assistant Superintendent. The cost of building and furnishing this is estimated at \$500. This room will be a most important feature of the entire scheme, for it will be here that the men will come to talk about their personal problems, to seek assistance which is not physical; and it is be-

lieved that much of the vitally important work will be planned in this small study.

The sitting room for the staff is to be on the top floor also. This room will probably serve as a Committee Room and Reception room; it will be useful for private interviews and for all the unforeseen contingencies which constantly arise in a work of this character. \$500 will build and furnish this room.

Dormitories at \$1,000 Each

The open dormitories, with beds at fifteen or twenty cents a night, on the fifth floor, were referred to in the December LOOKOUT. It is found that there will be room for twenty-five men in each dormitory. They will be furnished somewhat better than the average lodginghouse and will be kept scrupulously clean. So many forlorn derelicts have applied to the Institute for a bed on a night of penetrating cold and we have been forced simply to send them down to the Municipal Lodging House. As was stated last month, stairways have been arranged in the rear so that the men may go to the dormitories without entering the part of the fifth floor devoted to the regular guests.

Would any of the LOOKOUT readers like to take one of the Dormitories? \$1,000 will build and furnish one of these.

\$100 Will Furnish a Bedroom

Over two hundred of the bed rooms intended for the sailors have not yet been taken. It has been estimated that \$100 will build and furnish one of these rooms. And past experience has proved that during a year one hundred men may each occupy one of these rooms. For one hundred dollars one hundred men may come under the Institute's influence

and receive in some measure, surely, that cheerful sense of welcome and comfort which the word "home" implies.

If you wish to give \$100 to memorialize someone whose interests were with the men of the sea, the opportunity is given you to do this and to be of genuine help to a human being who needs your assistance. Each room may be inscribed with the name of the donor or of the persons he wishes to memorialize.

Large Rooms Taken

Five of the large rooms in the new building, in addition to the Chapel, have been reserved. They are:

SITTING ROOM—\$10,000 (About 35 x 86 feet, with mezzanine floor)

Taken by Mr. Lispenard Stewart.
READING ROOM—\$5,000
(About 54 x 60 feet)

Taken by Messrs. Wheaton B. Kunhardt, Henry R. Kunhardt and Mrs. E. Walpole Warren. In Memoriam, Henry Rudolph Kunhardt.

Officers' Reading Room—\$2,000 (About 25 x 50 feet)

Taken by members of the Produce and Maritime Exchanges as a memorial to the late Philip Ruprecht.

APPRENTICE ROOM—\$2,000 (About 26 x 46 feet)

Taken by the Seamen's Benefit Society. Officers' DINING ROOM—\$1,000.

(18 feet long; 32 feet wide) Taken by Hon. George Peabody Wet-

more. Снаред—\$15,000

(About 47 x 55 feet; 18-foot ceiling)
Reserved for the churches.

The following churches have contributed the amounts set opposite their names:

St. George's												\$500.00
Trinity Church												500.00
St. Thomas'	1					é						500.00

Zion and St. Timothy's	500.00
Incarnation	500.00
Ascension	500.00
Heavenly Rest	500.00
Grace Church	500.00
St. Bartholomew's	500.00
Church of the Epiphany	500.00
St. James'	500.00
Trinity Chapel	500.00
St. Agnes' Chapel	400.00
Grace (Brooklyn)	310.00
Holy Trinity (Brooklyn)	300.00
Holy Trinity (Harlem)	300.00
All Angels	300.00
St. Mary the Virgin	250.00
St. Matthew's	200.00
St. Andrew's (Harlem)	150.00
Holy Apostles	100.00
Beloved Disciple	100.00
St. John's (Jersey City)	100.00
St. Peter's	100.00
St. Michael's	100.00
Cathedral of the Incarnation	100.00
	100.00
St. Ignatius'	100.00
St. Andrew's (Richmond, S. I.)	50.00
St. Andrew's (Kichholid, S. I.)	50.00
St. Augustine's Chapel (Trinity Parish)	15.00
All Souls' Church	15.00
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Total\$9	,125.00

Exchanges

NATURE'S SUN-DIAL.

A reliable clock can be found on the Aegean Sea when the sun shines, according to the Mariner's Advocate. Projecting into the water is a large promontory 3,000 feet above the waves. As the sun swings round the pointed shadow of the mountain touches exactly at each hour a number of small islands at equal distances apart. This natural time-marker is the largest sun-dial in the world.

AMERICA'S MERCHANT MARINE

During the present session of Congress, says the New York Maritime Register, the shipping question will again be brought forward. The problem of the upbuilding of our merchant marine has been forced into greater prominence than ever before by the near approach of the opening of the Panama Canal to traffic. This is an impelling force that Congress will not long be able to ignore. The

great waterway cannot attain its greatest usefulness to this country until we have a mercantile marine employed in transporting our products to foreign markets, and this would transpire at no distant time if a wise policy were followed for developing our overseas carrying trade. To accomplish this would not only require appropriate legislation by Congress, but it would as well necessitate a thorough revision of our navigation laws having in view the fostering of our shipping.

"First Aid"

When Henry Watson (that isn't his real name, of course) presented himself at the office of the British Vice-consul one day last week, there were two months' salary due him. He stuffed the money into his pocket carelessly and went over to a saloon several blocks away. No one seems to know exactly what it was that he drank, but in a few minutes he was stretched in a helpless heap upon the floor and there two of his shipmates found him about an hour afterward. They, too, had been drinking but they were still sober, and they recognized the necessity of taking their comrade to a place of safety before he was robbed of all his wages. So they brought him over to the Institute, and one of the men in charge here went through his pockets and took from him \$11.00 in cash, all that was left of the two months' wages. When Henry revived he was told that he might have \$1.00 and receipt for the balance. To this he thankfully acquiesced. He knew that there was at least ten dollars to his credit at the Institute, which he could draw out in small amounts, and thus be saved from an absolutely penniless stav ashore.

North River Station Notes

This has been a festival time at the North River Station. There were two concerts, an organ recital, the Christmas celebrations, the New Year's Eve service and refreshments. Then there were the distribution of comfort or ditty bags, each containing in addition to the usual necessary things, a safety razor and blades, and the distribution of mufflers and New Year calendars. And all this was made possible by the generosity of interested friends.

ABOUT CONCERTS AND CHRISTMAS.

The talent for the concerts is furnished from the various crews and always augmented by the services of Mr. Barlow, lay assistant at the North River Station. At the Christmas concert the apprentice lads who accompanied Mr. Wood from 1 State street, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by song and recitation.

On Christmas Eve the church was filled. A violin accompanied the organ and the men sang the Christmas carols with enthusiasm. Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Wall Street, delivered the address. As the seamen passed out of the church each was presented with a pipe and package of tobacco, also with a box of candy and a Christmas card to take home to the family. Refreshments were served in the billiard room below and Christmas Eve ushered in a Merry Christmas.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Louis Butler McCagg, Messrs. Henry L. Hobart and James May Duane, and Mrs. George Hall for making our Christmas celebrations possible.

There was a good attendance at the Christmas morning services at 8 and 10.30, and we were glad to see so many seamen at Communion.

ANOTHER ORGAN RECITAL.

The arrival of the S. S. Laurentic always insures an organ recital by Mr. Hibbard, the bandmaster. We are under deep obligation to Mr. Hibbard, for he has made known to a very large number of men the attractiveness and the fact itself of this beautiful house of worship on West street. One old Cunard fireman remarked, "I have been coming to New York for 22 years, and have never had an evening like it—in fact, I never knew there was such a place on West street."

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A large congregation came to the evening service, December 31, and at the conclusion of this the men went to the auditorium and were given the usual simple refreshments—hot coffee, sandwiches and crullers. Calendars were sent by Mrs. Paulsen, of Summit, N. J., for distribution New Year's Day.

Shipping Department

Month Ending December 31, 1911 1 State Street

NAME OF VESSEL	MEN SHIPPED	DESTINATION
S. S. Cavour		
S. S. Vollaire		
S. S. Calderon	1	. Manchester
S. S. Tennyson	11	Brazil
S. S. Tintorretto	4	River Plate
S. S. Christopher	22	Brazil
S. S. Pancras		
S. S. Javary		
S. S. Basel		
S. S. Texas		
Barge Caddo		
Barge Dallas		
S. S. Chinese Prin		
S. S. Eastern Prin	ice. 17	Brazil
S. S. Burmese Pr		
S. S. Foxton Hall		
S. S. Gordon Cast		
S. S. Corfe Castle	3	South Africa
Light Vessels		
S. S. Oceana	7	Bermuda
Temporary work.		

Total.....256

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER	Reading Room
The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of November gives a fair idea of the workings of the Institute:	Total attendance
NOVEMBER, 1911	
Savings Department	Assisted
November 1, cash on hand\$15,267.97 Deposits	Visits to ships in port181
\$24,873.93 Payments, (\$4,754.02 transmitted) 10,594.36	Religious and Social Departments
December 1, balance\$14,279.57 Shipping Department	Number of services 14 Attendance total 588 Communion services 3
Number of vessels shipped entire by Sea- men's Church Institute	Institute Boat "Sentinel"
Number of men provided with employment in port	Trips made 35 Visits to vessels 58 Men transported 142
Total (number of men)381	Pieces baggage transported284

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