NAME
>   ethers − Ethernet address to IP number database

DESCRIPTION
>   **/etc/ethers** contains 48 bit Ethernet addresses and their corresponding IP numbers, one line for each IP number:
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>   *Ethernet−address IP−number*
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>   The two items are separated by any number of SPACE and/or TAB characters. A **#** at the beginning of a line starts a comment which extends to the end of the line. The *Ethernet−address* is written as $x{:}x{:}x{:}x{:}x{:}x$, where x is a hexadecimal number between **0** and **ff** which represents one byte of the address, which is in network byte order (big-endian). The *IP−number* may be a hostname which can be resolved by DNS or a dot separated number.

EXAMPLES
>   08:00:20:00:61:CA pal

FILES
>   /etc/ethers

SEE ALSO
>   rarp(8)