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*Clique Minors and Odd Clique Minors.*

Since  $\chi(G) \cdot \alpha(G) \geq |V(G)|$ , Hadwiger's Conjecture implies that any graph  $G$  has the complete graph  $K_{\lceil \frac{n}{\alpha} \rceil}$  as a minor, where  $n$  is the number of vertices of  $G$  and  $\alpha$  is the maximum number of independent vertices in  $G$ . Motivated by this fact, it is shown that any graph on  $n$  vertices with independence number  $\alpha \geq 3$  has the complete graph  $K_{\lceil \frac{n}{2\alpha-2} \rceil}$  as a minor. This improves the well-known theorem of Duchet and Meyniel and the recent improvement due to Kawarabayashi, Plummer, Toft. A result related to the odd version of Hadwiger's Conjecture will also be mentioned.

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