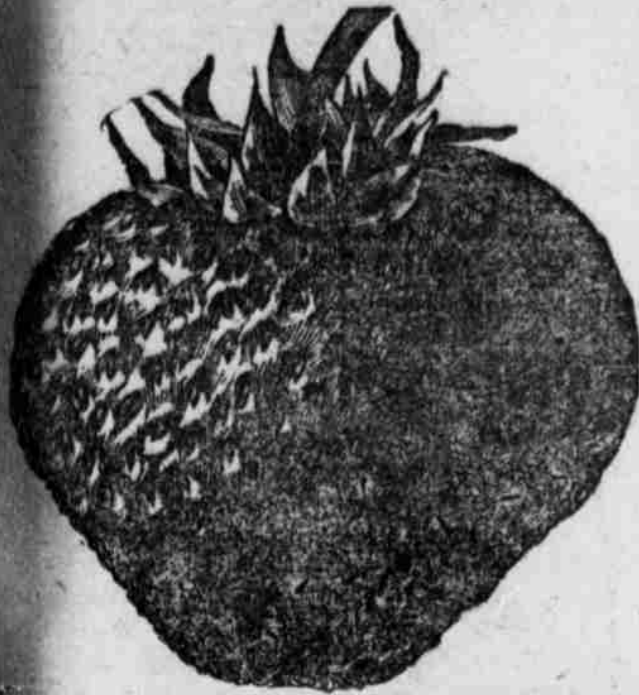


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his pulpit during the services, and preached a strong sermon on the good deed of the little girl, and after the sermon the church congregation bought the hen from its last owners, paying more than \$60, which was raised by a collection.

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