

one of those, whose memory treasures up small things with even more care than great ones. He was said to be a very diligent reader, and was certainly a never weary monotonous talker. . . . It was, moreover, his passion or his policy to identify himself with the people, in opposition to those who were termed the well-born. . . . In other respects Mr. Bryan was well enough: let us say a well meaning man, and even one, who, in the main, felt he was acting the patriot; for this part, it is well known, is played in very different styles. . . . Some see only danger, bless their optics! on the side of aristocracy; and therefore, rivet themselves with all their might in an anti-patrician spirit of perverseness to everything candid, or noble or honorable. Nothing is republican with them, but as it is crawling, and mean, and candied over with a fulsome and hypocritical love for the people. I do not say that Mr. Bryan was actuated by such motives, but merely, that his patriotism was of the humble character they are calculated to inspire. . . .

This was understood to have been principally the work of . . . Bryan, in conjunction with . . . a school master; and it was severely repro- bated by those who thought checks and balances necessary to a legiti- mate distribution of the powers of government. . . . Of his colleague . . . it may not be uncharitable to presume, that having the little knowledge of man, and scholastic predilection for the antique in lib- erty, which generally falls to the lot of a pedagogue, he acted accordingly. . . . The constitutionalists, how- ever, claimed him, and whether he thought with them or not, he was too prudent to disoblige them. It is rather robab that the philosopher was of the opinion, that the ferment of the revolution should be left to work itself off. . . .

As he had discovered that oil would smooth the ruffled surface of the sea, so had he found it most effectual in assuaging the troubled minds of his fellow men. Hence his demeanor to both parties was so truly oily and accommodating . . . while president.

These constituted the dum- vivate, which had the credit of laying . . . the corner- stone of that edifice, which, however retarded in its progress by aristocrat- ical interference, towers like an- other Babel to the skies, and will continue to tower, until finally ar- rested and dilapidated by an irrem- edial confusion of tongues; for an- archy ever closes the career of dem- ocracy.

"You're faking," I declared, when he had finished. "History does not repeat itself."

"See for yourself," he replied, handing me the little leather bound volume and I saw he was right. The twentieth century has no monopoly of colonels, Bryans, schoolmasters and constitutionalists. The para- graphs he read were from the pen of one Alexander Graydon, who served his country in the War of the Revolu- tion. They are to be found begin- ning on page 266 of his Memoirs. He is describing the part played by George Bryan and a Mr. Canon in the formation of the first Pennsyl- vania state constitution.—Edwin E. Slosson, in New York Independent.

One of Nature's Blessings

"Is dem you-all's chickens?"
 "Cohse dey my-all's chickens. Whose chickens did you s'pose dey was?"
 "I wasn't s'posin' nuffin' about 'em. But I will say da it's mighty lucky dat a chicken won' come a-runnin' an' a-waggin' its tail when its regular owner whistles, same as a dog." — Kansas City Times.

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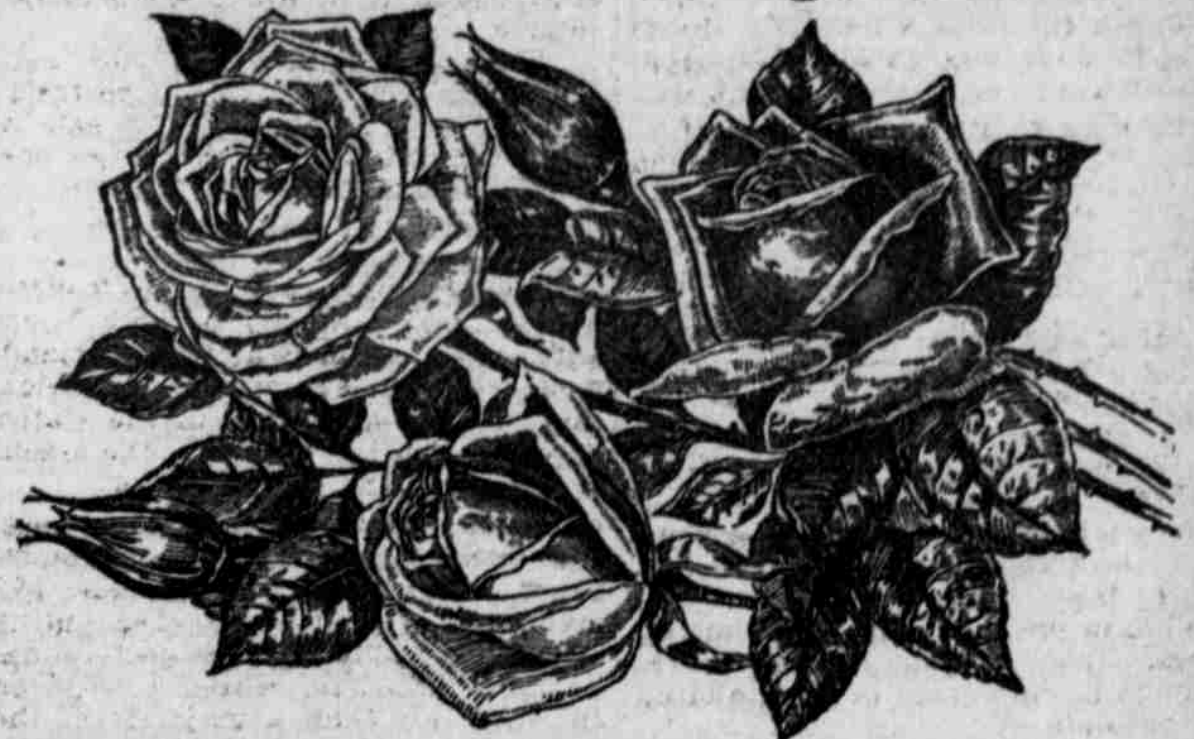
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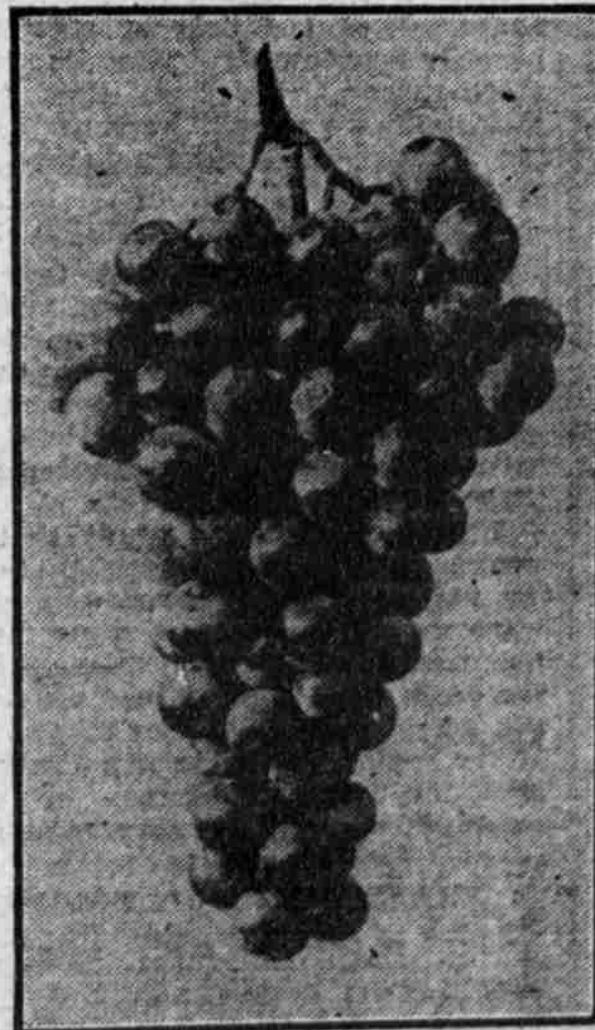
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