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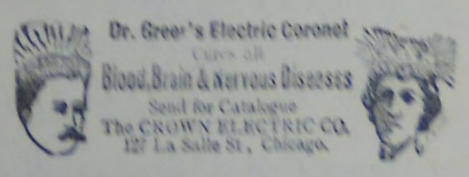
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A colored man living near Chokee, Ga., is the owner of a hound which he says, attends all the religious meetings of the colored people, stands up and tries to follow them in the singing, and regularly goes up to the altar to be prayed for with the rest of the mourners.

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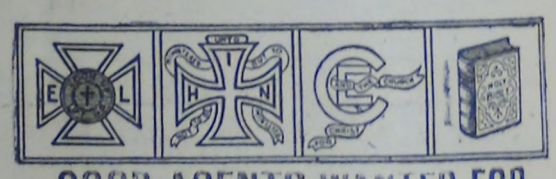
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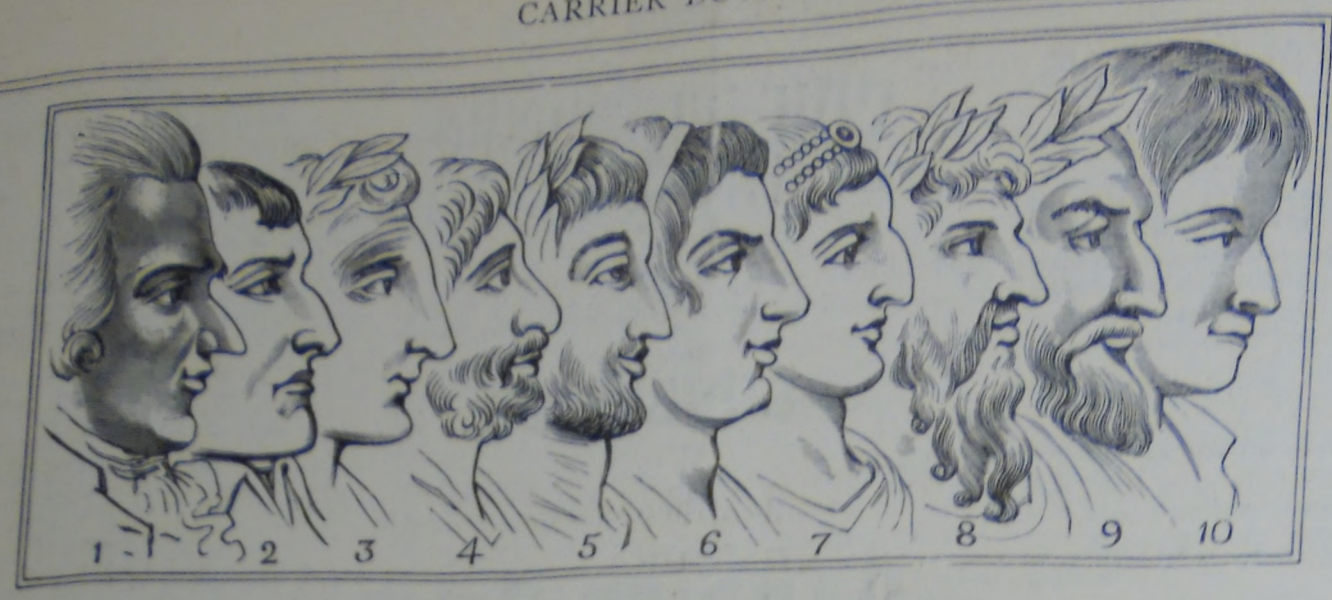
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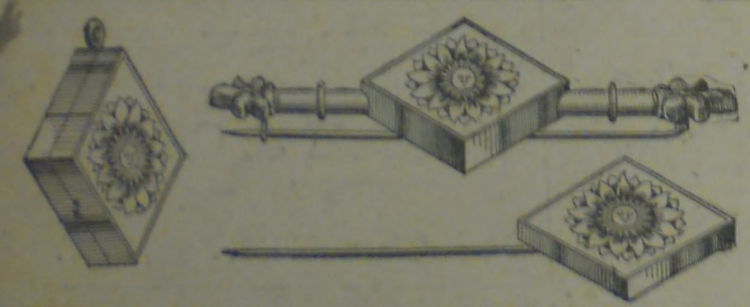
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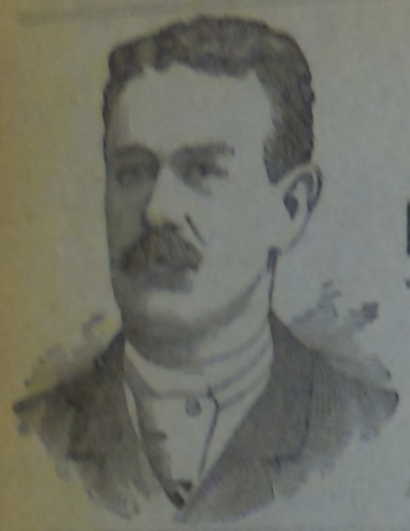
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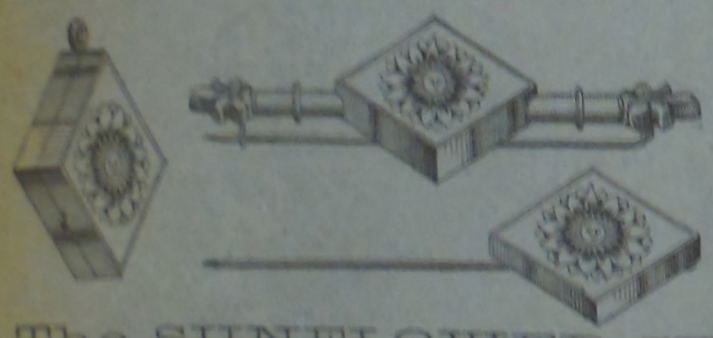
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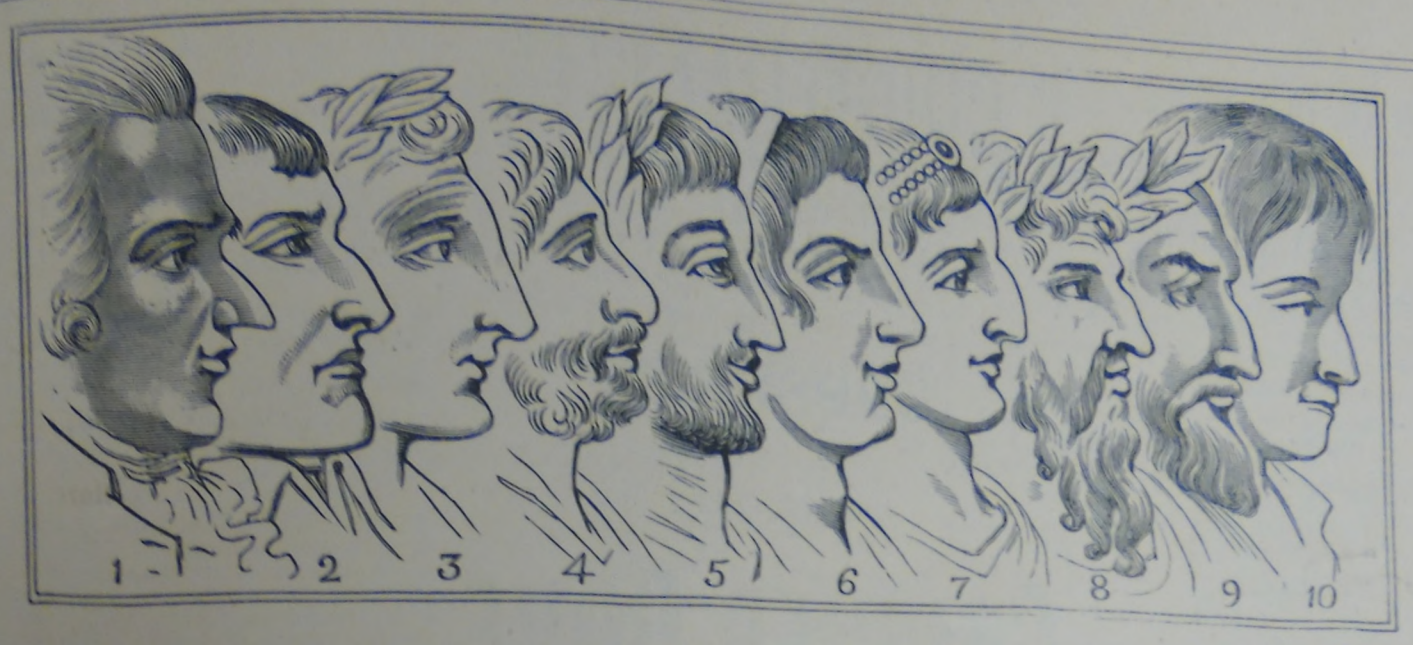
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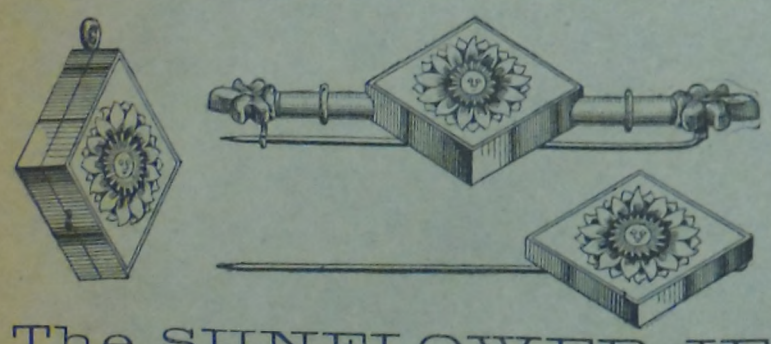
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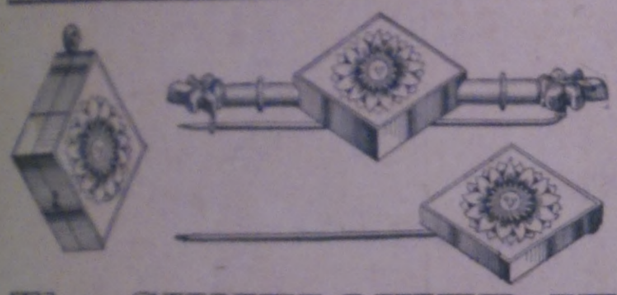
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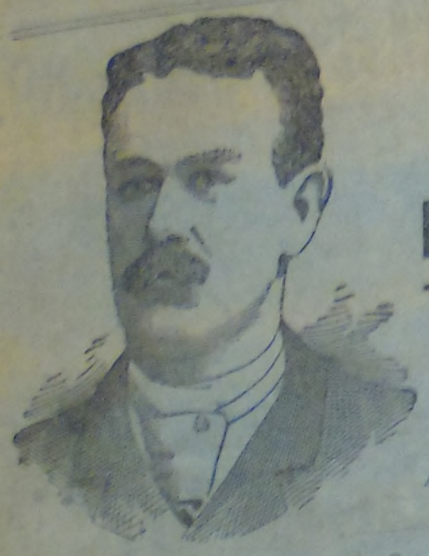
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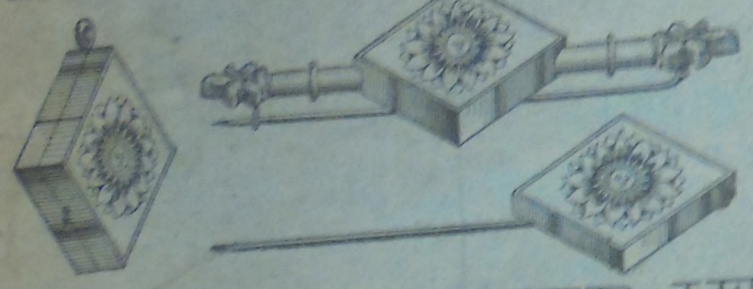
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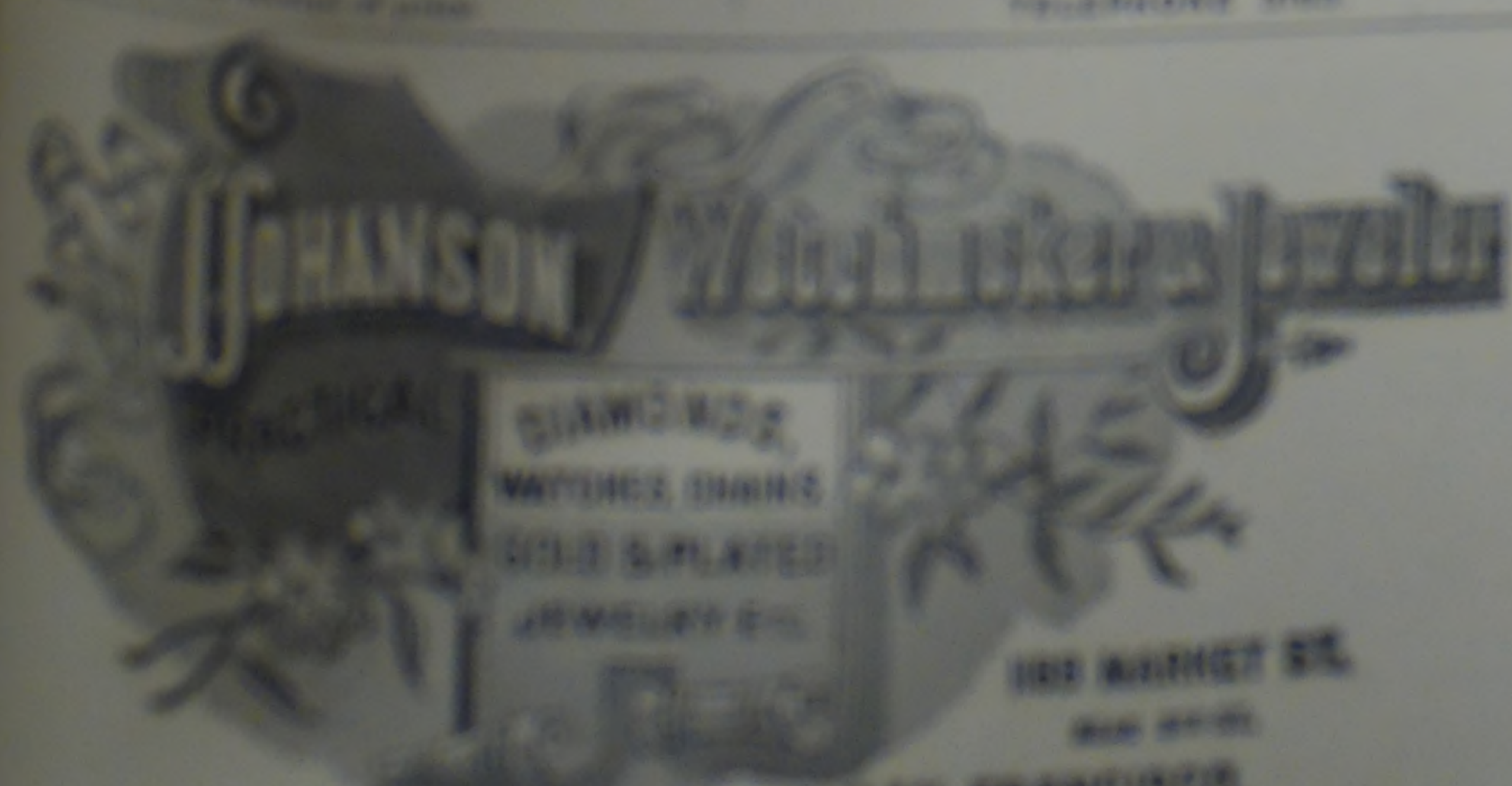
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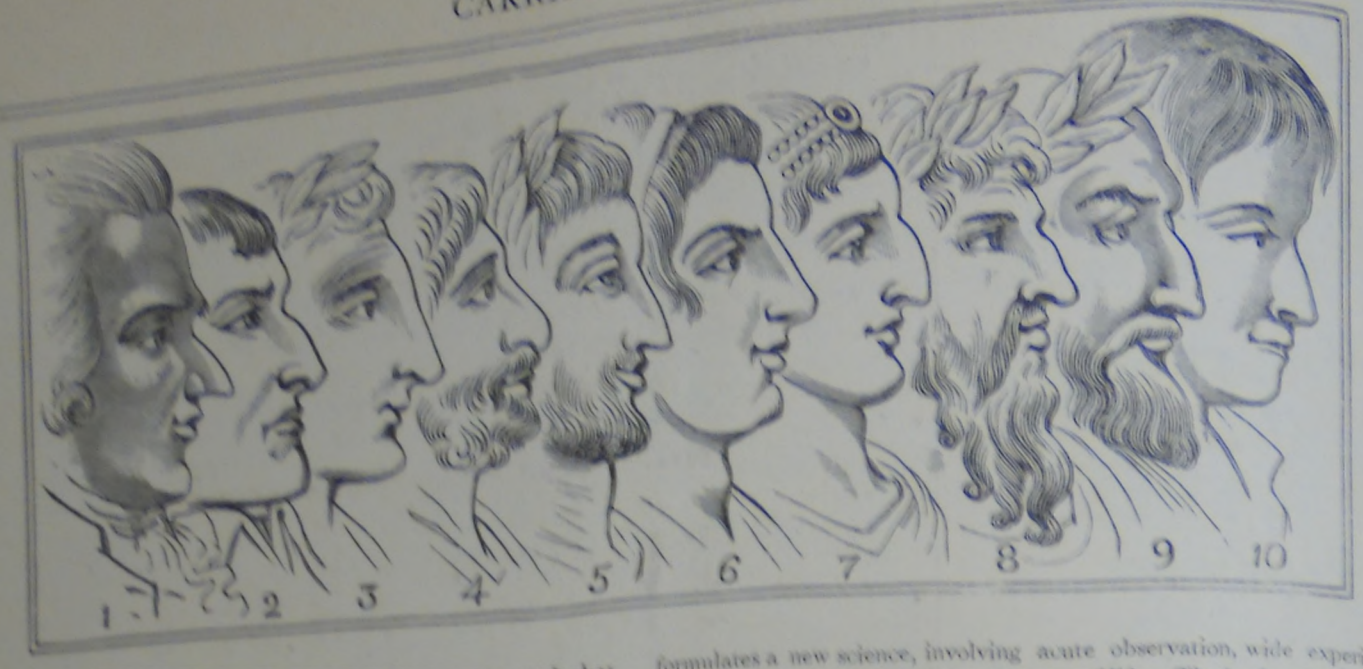
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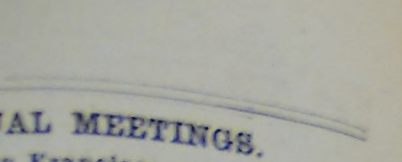
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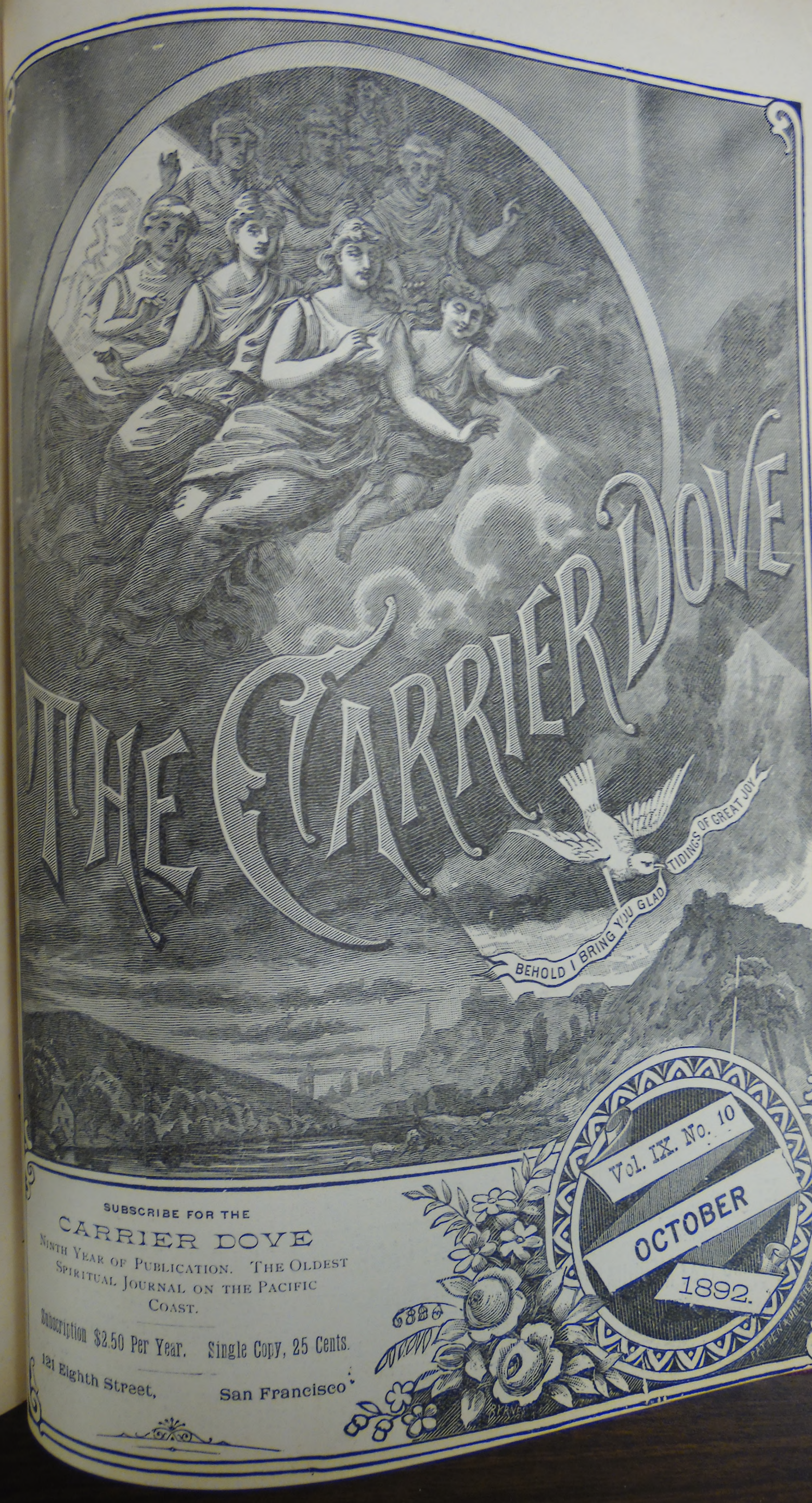
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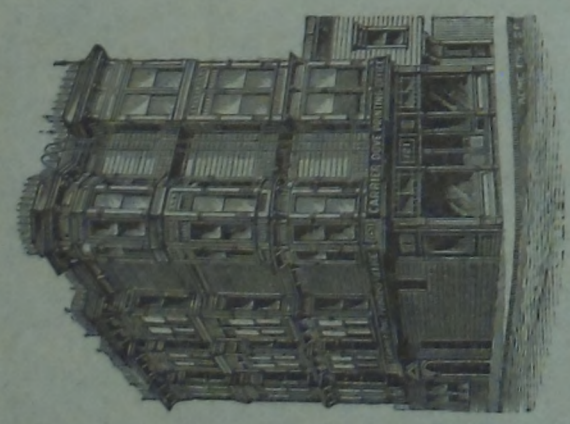
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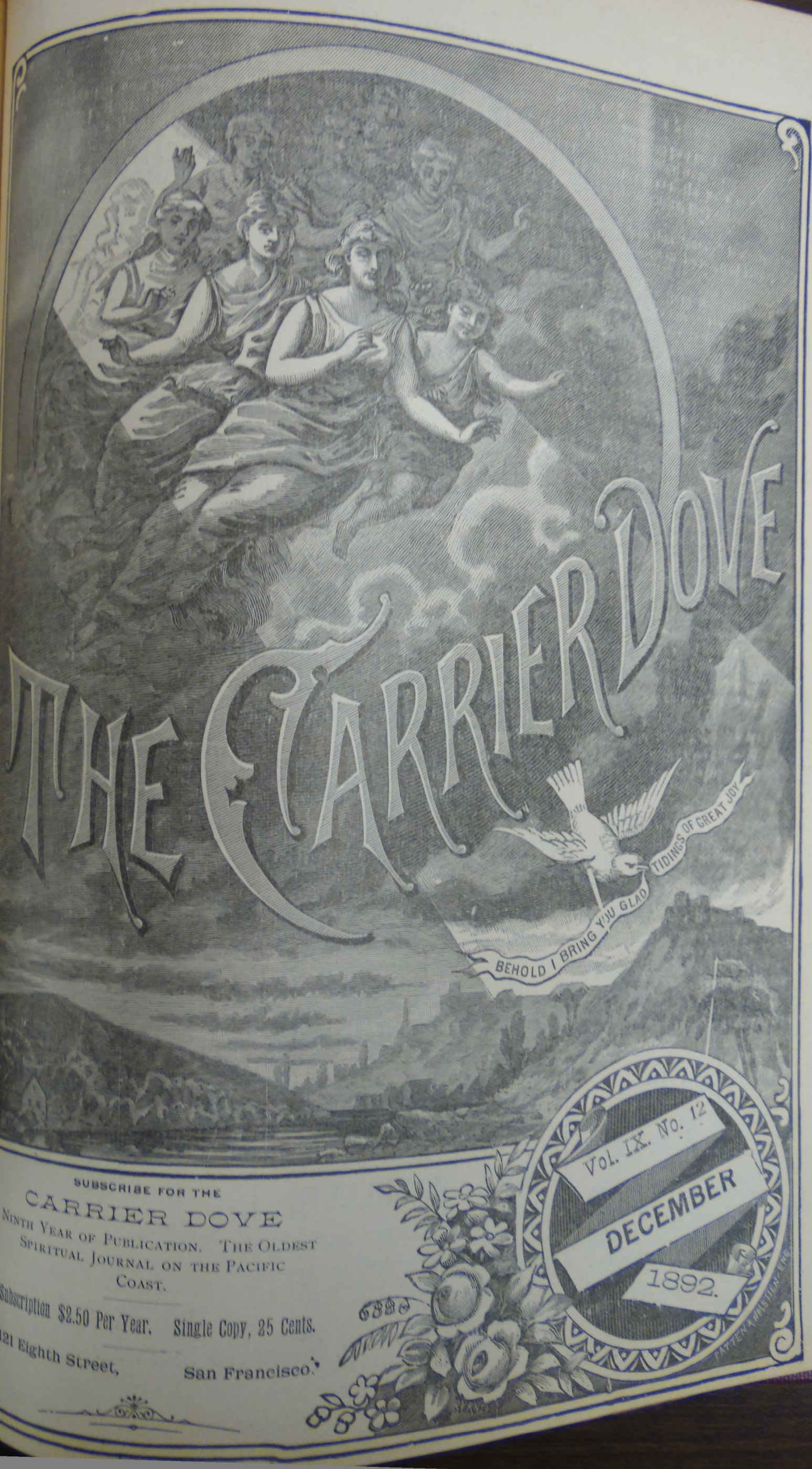
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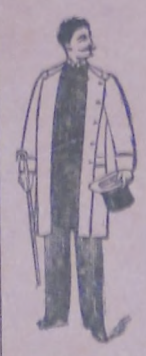
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