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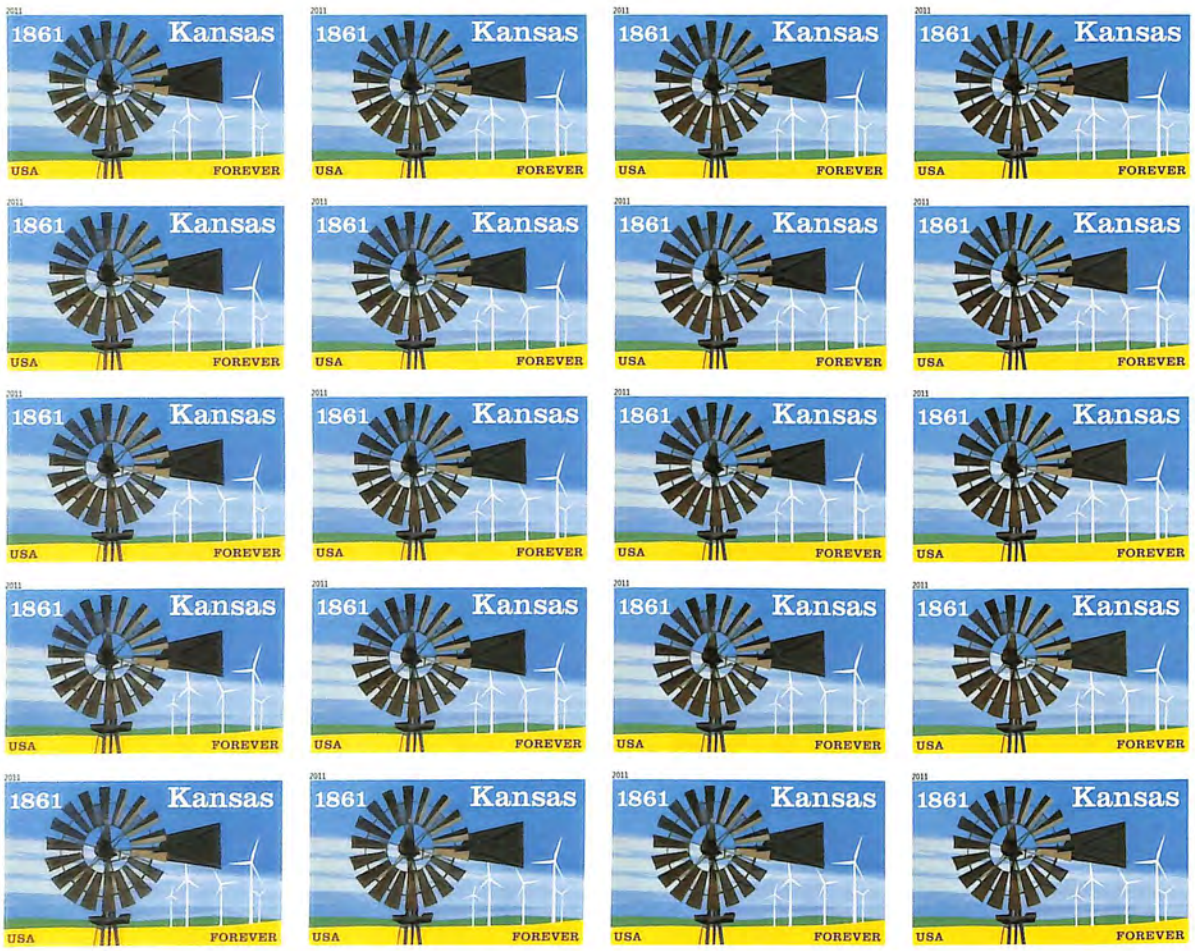

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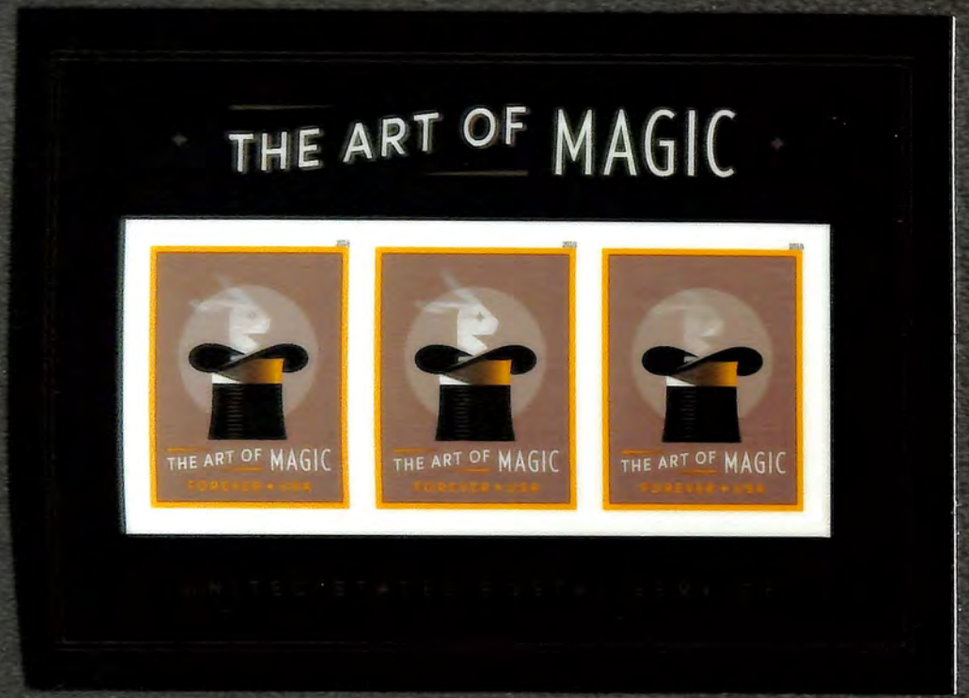
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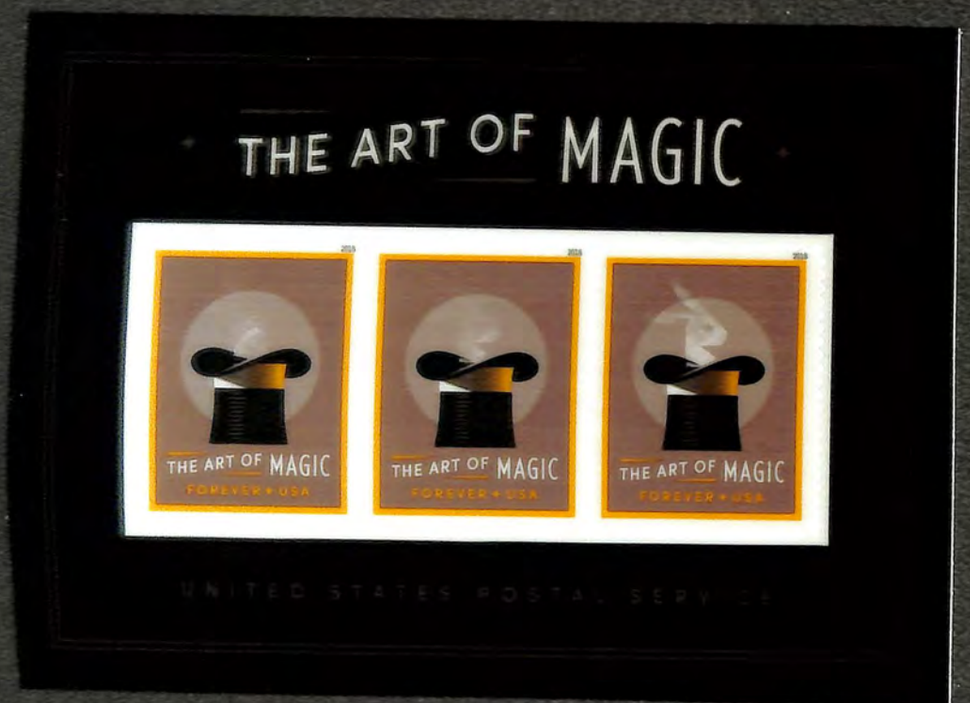
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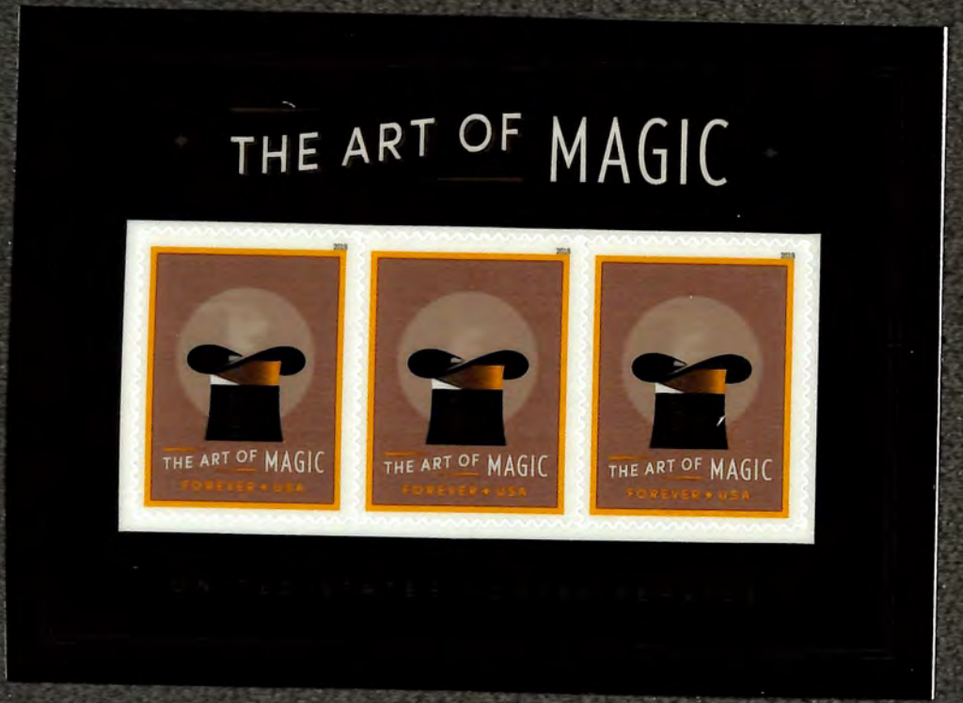
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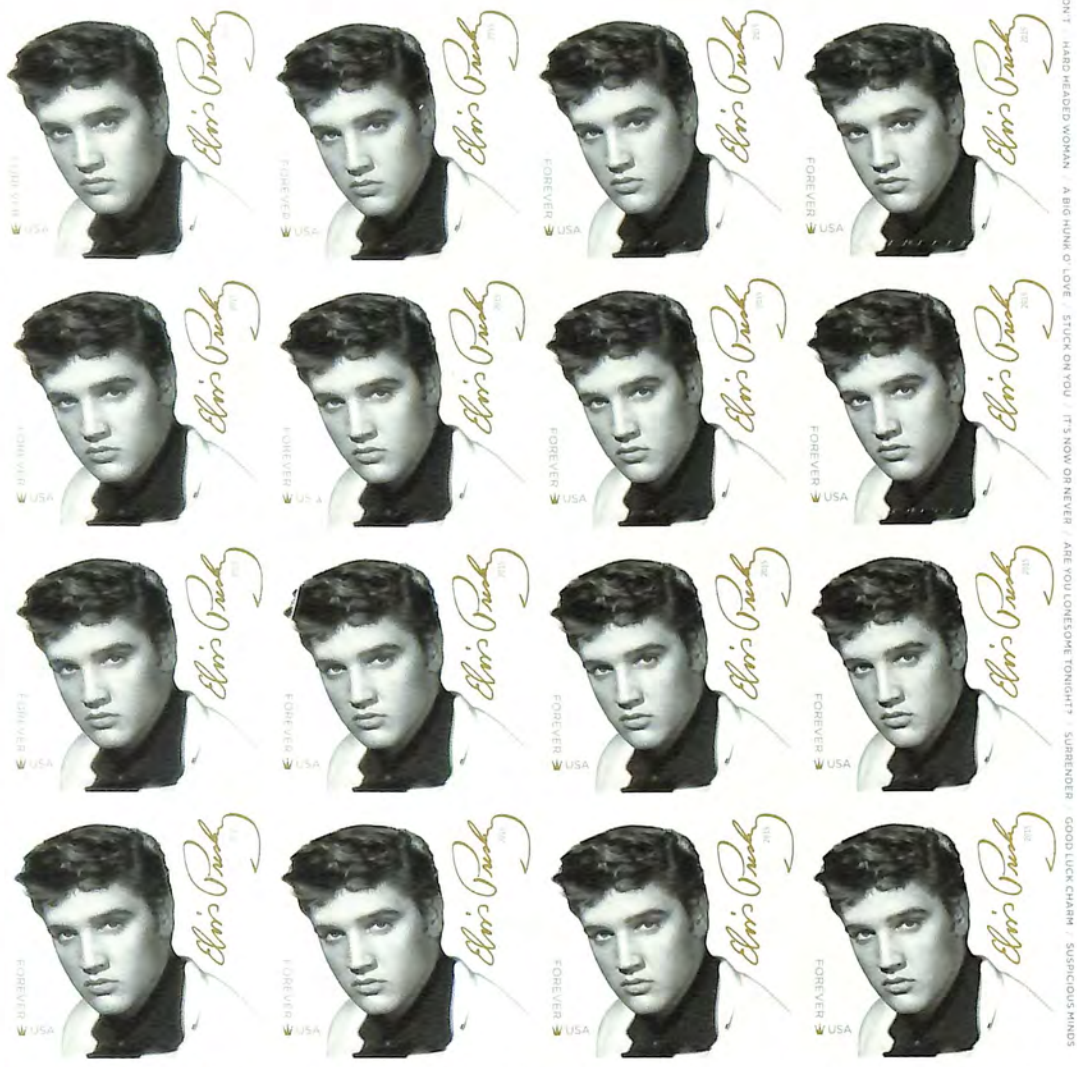

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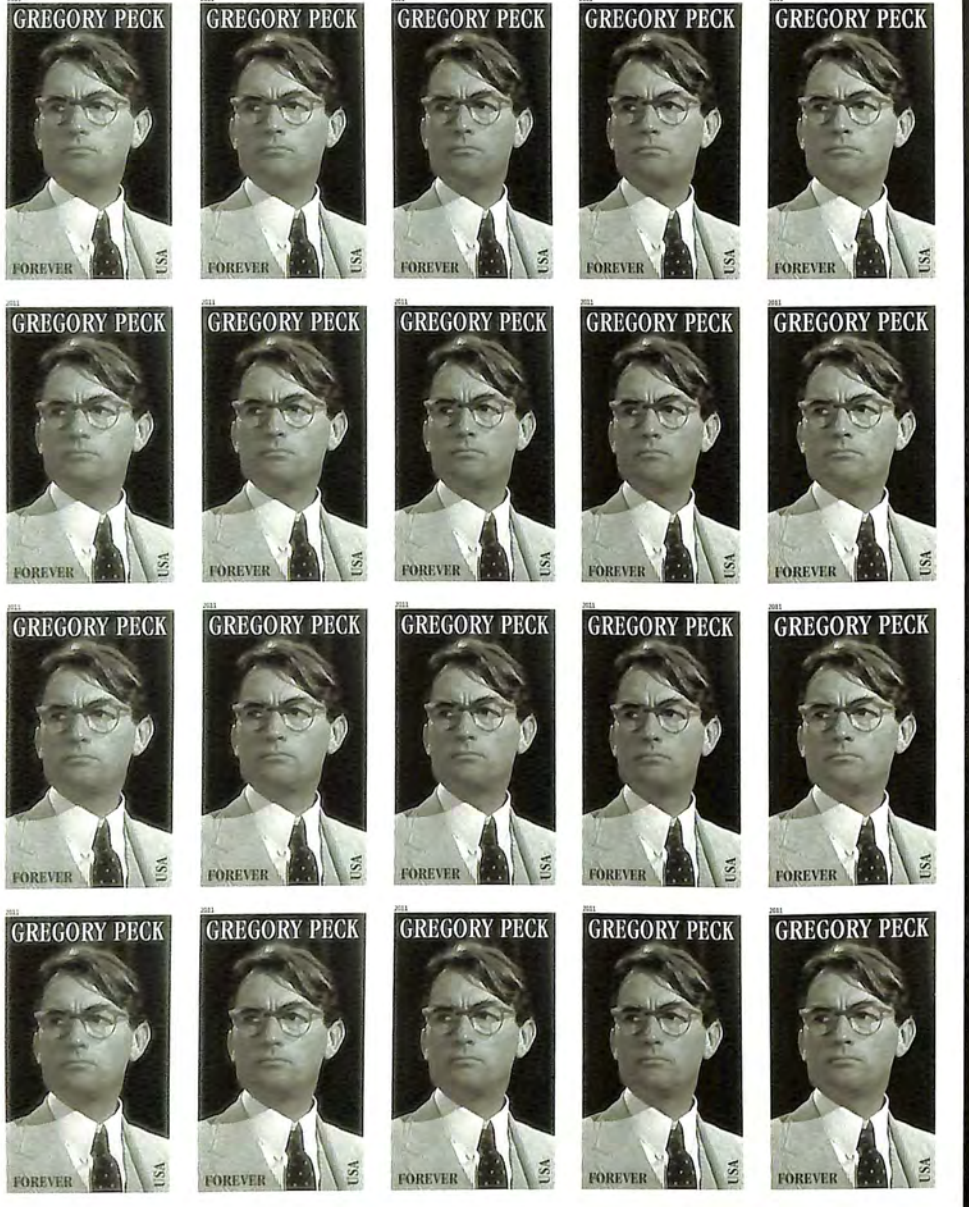

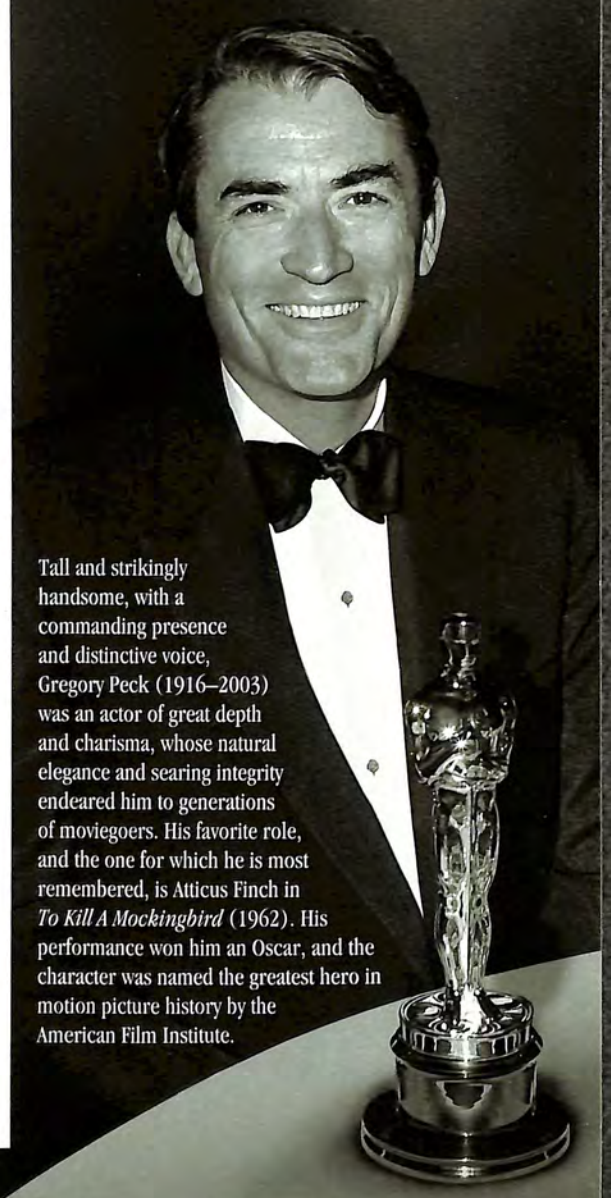

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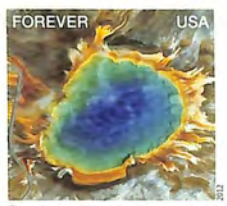

Geothermal spring



Butte in early morning fog



Inland marsh

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Salt evaporation ponds



Log rafts on way to sawmill



Center-pivot irrigation



Cherry orchard



Cranberry harvest

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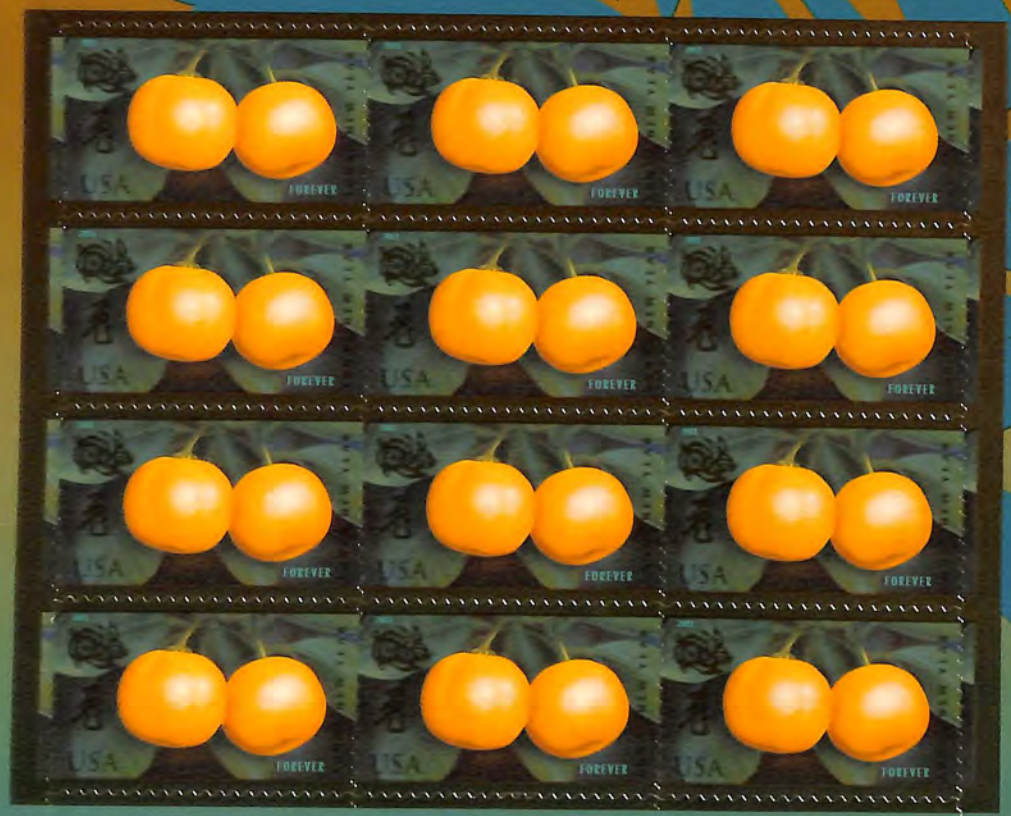



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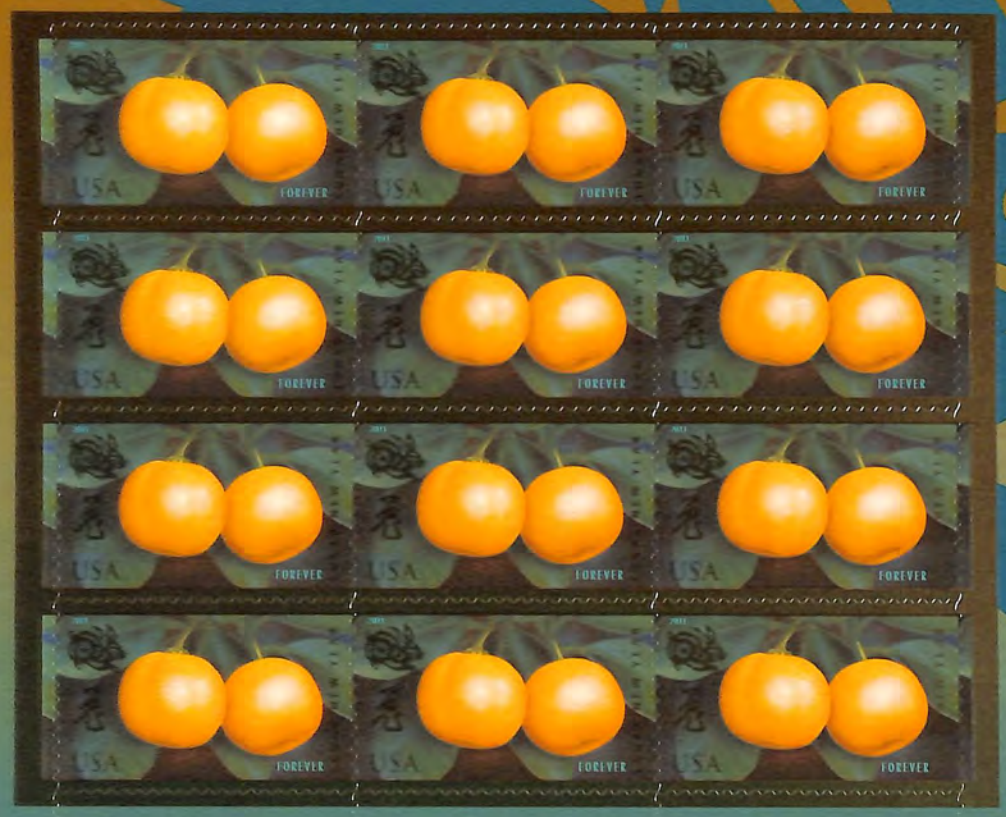

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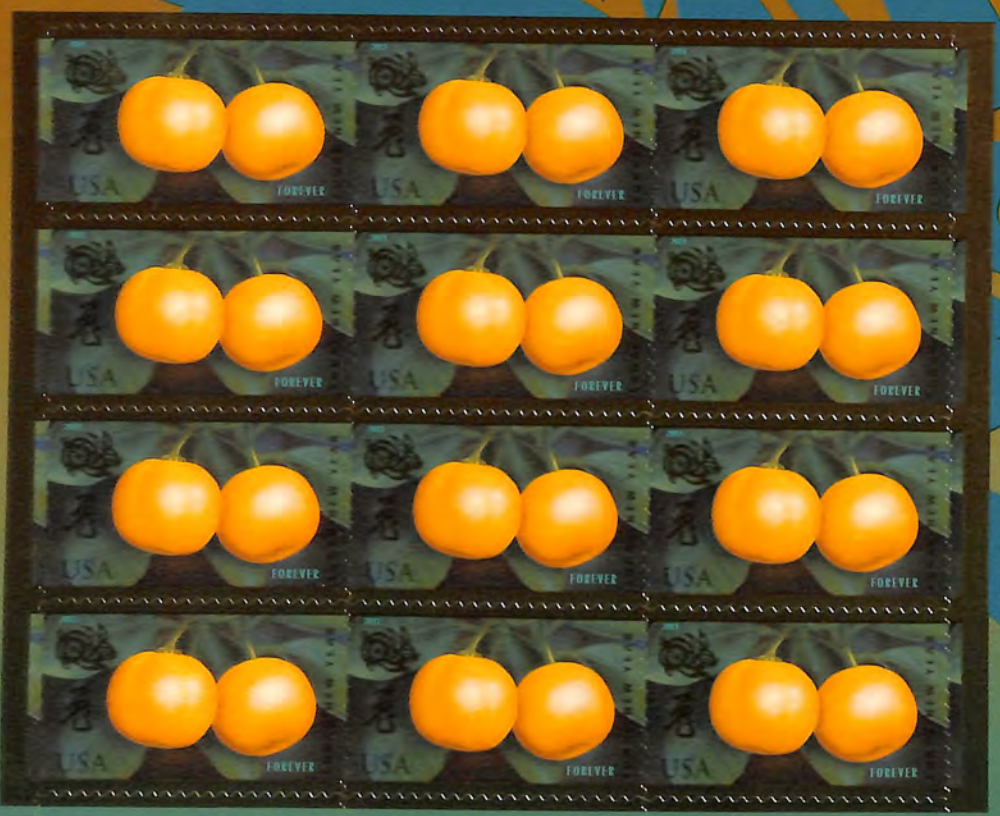



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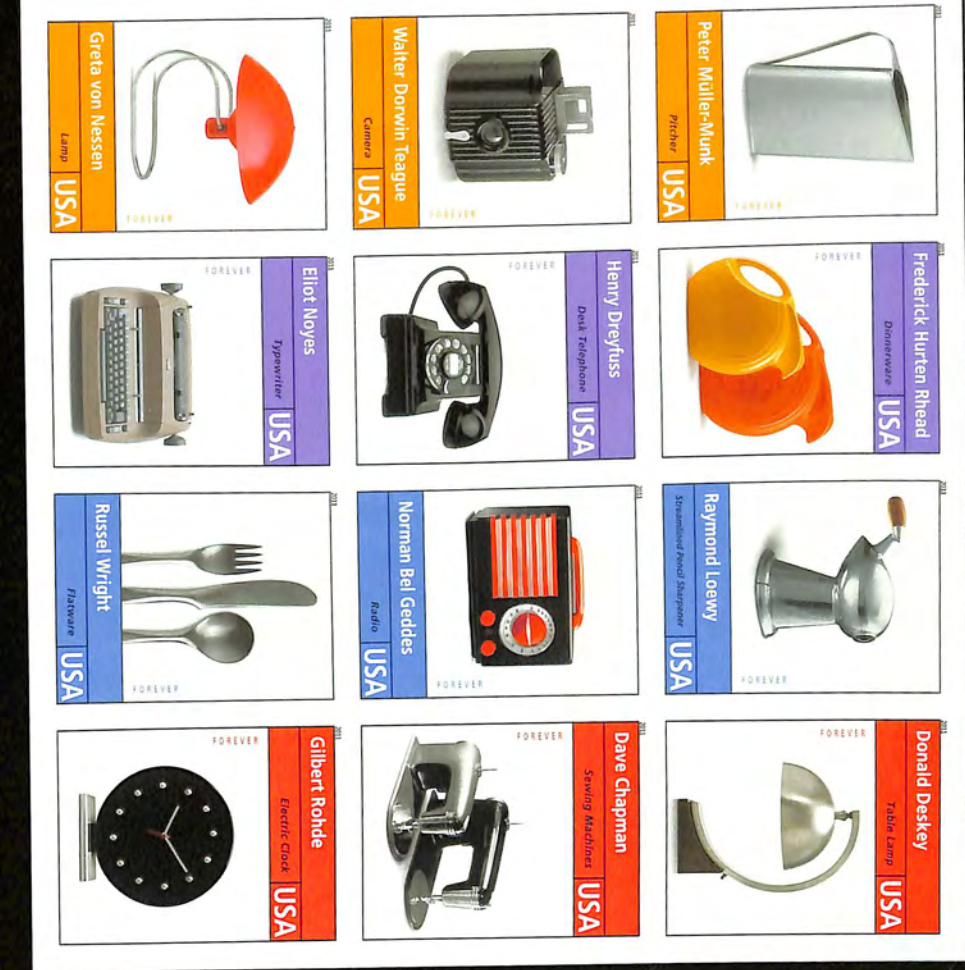



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THE CIVIL WAR

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A Nation Touched with Fire

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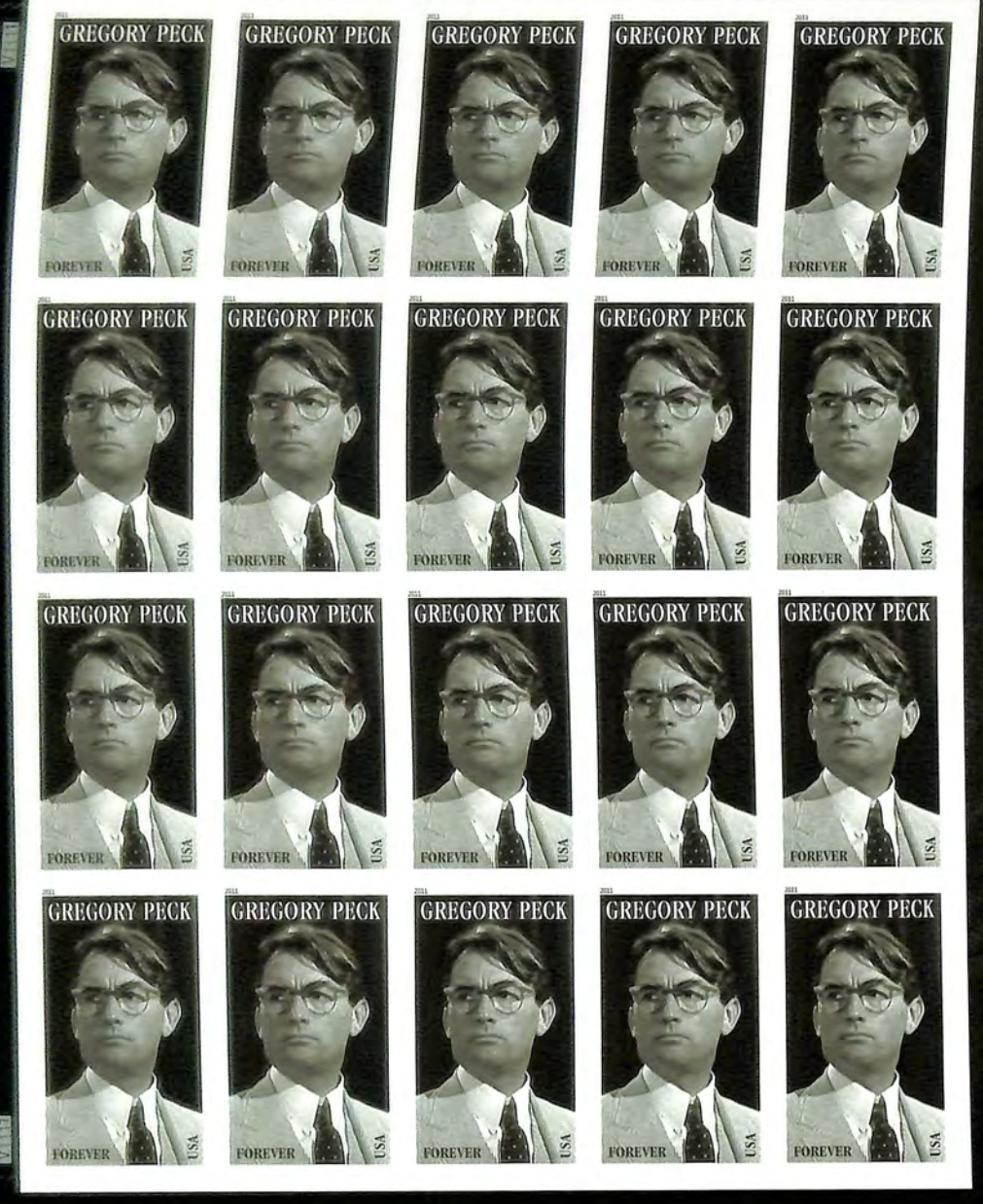

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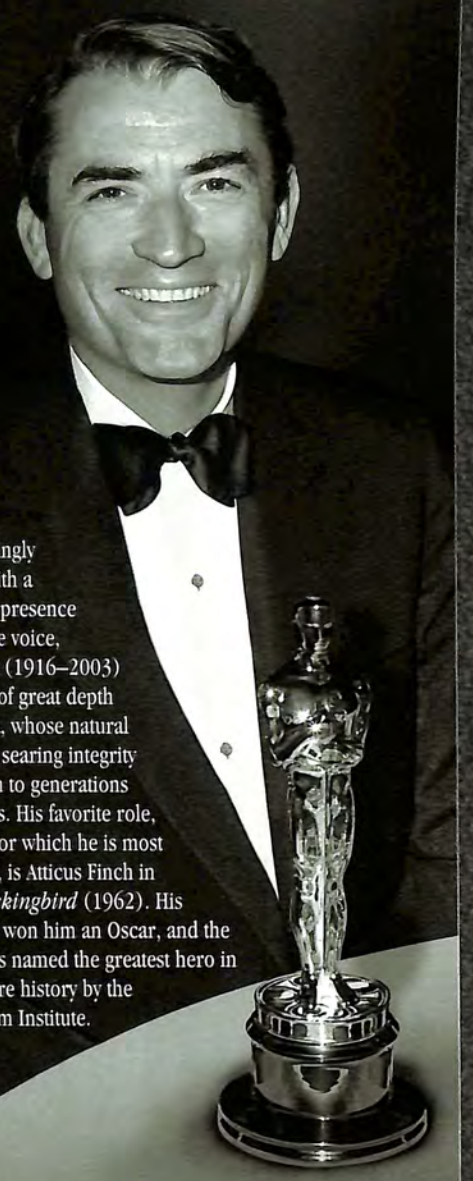

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The Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813, produced an American naval hero, Oliver Hazard Perry, and helped the United States take back territory lost to British forces in the opening months of the war.



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Meditate on each sweet flower,
Thinking of each happy hour,
Oh, Johnny is gone for a soldier.
Traditional lament

I foresee that the country will have to pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation, perhaps, of our national sins.
Robert E. Lee

The American people and the Government at Washington may refuse to recognize it for a time; but the "inexorable logic of events" will force it upon them in the end; that the war now being waged in this land is a war for and against slavery.
Frederick Douglass





The last ray of hope for preserving the Union peaceably expired at the assault upon Fort Sumter.
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People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event.
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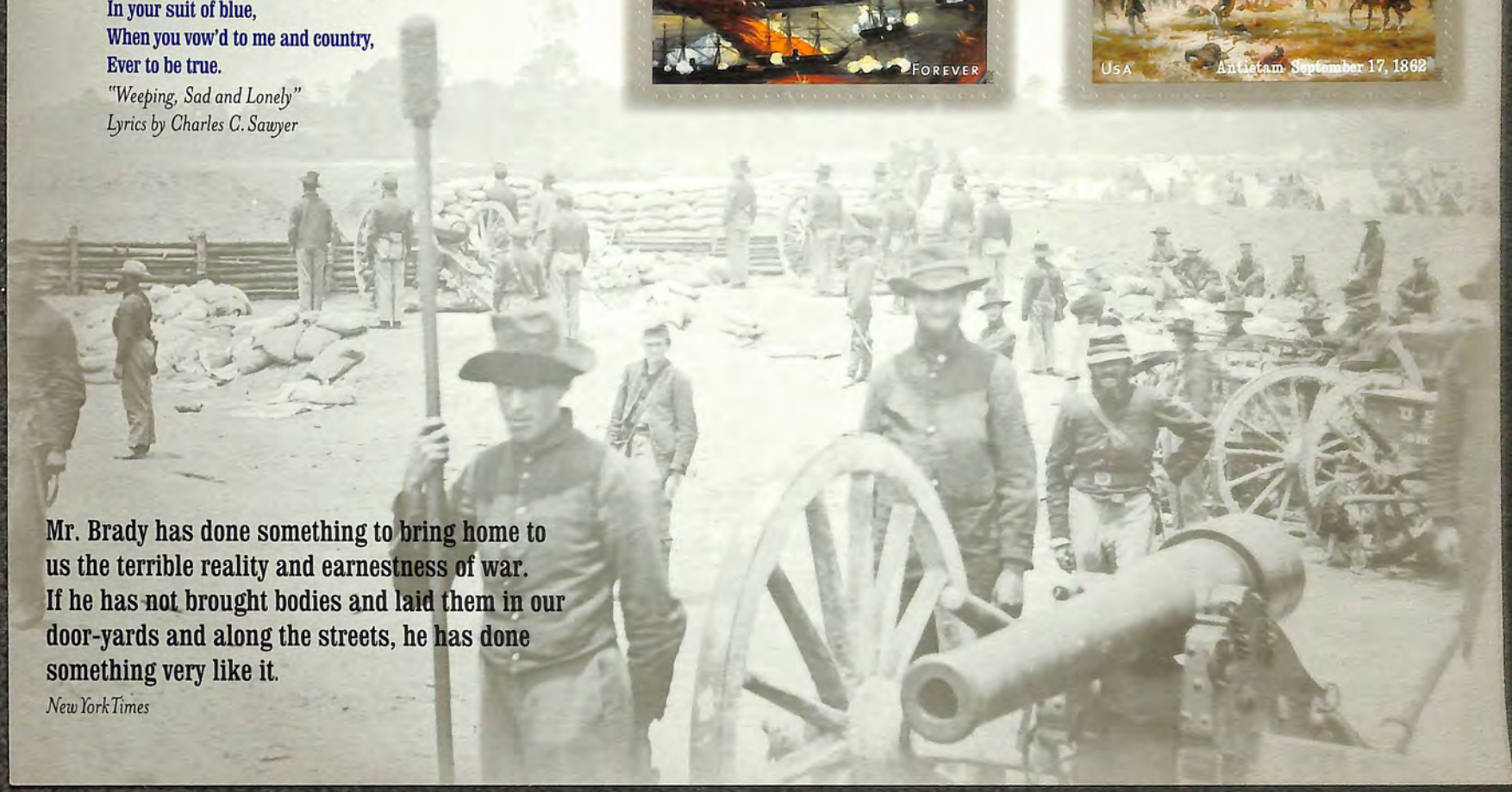

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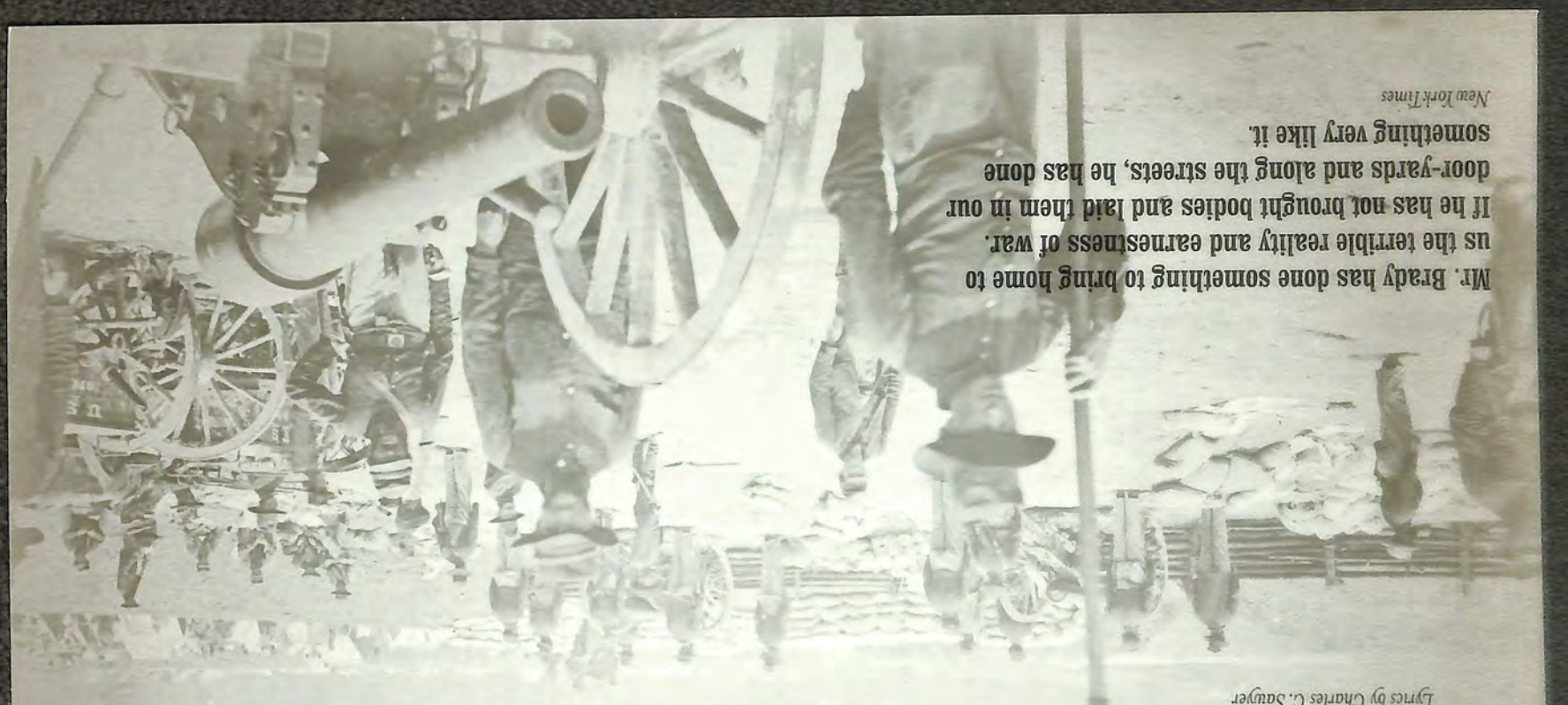

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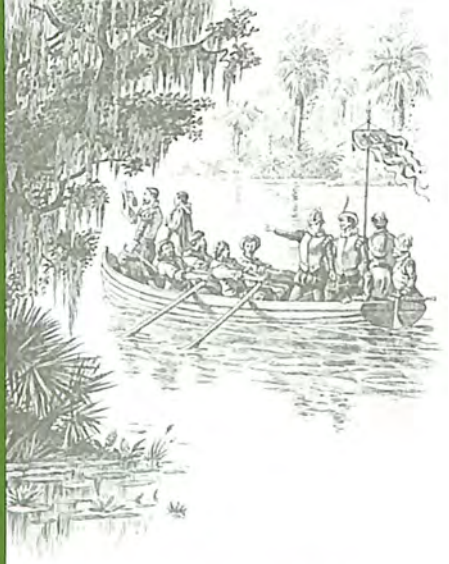

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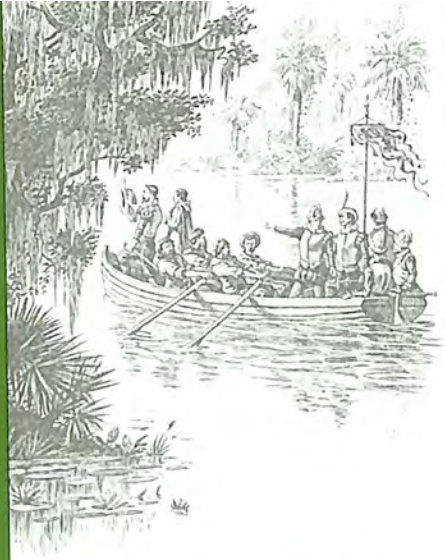

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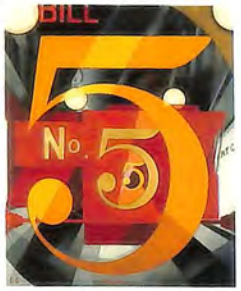

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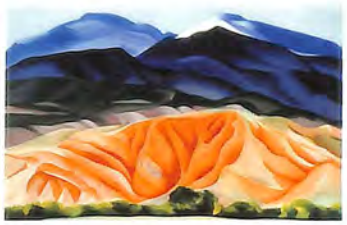

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