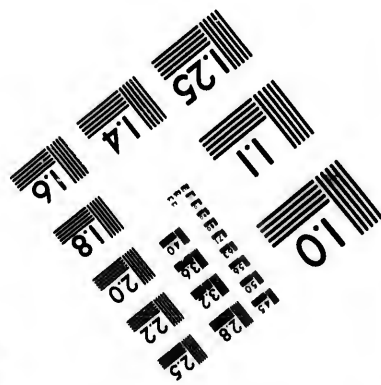
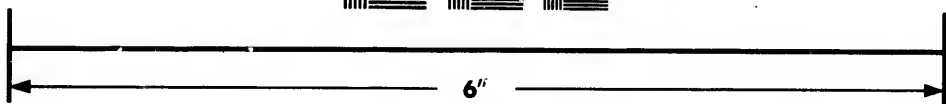
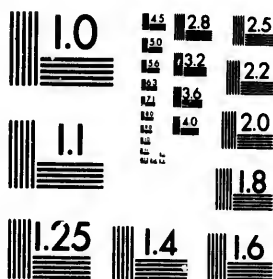


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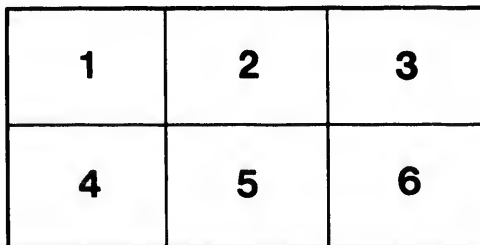
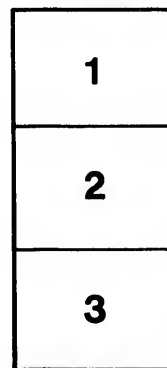
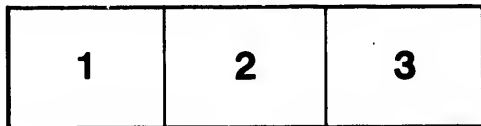
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C H A P. I.

1. **I**N the Days of King *Abasuerus*, stiled *the Second*, K—g of E—d, there arose great Tumults throughout the Land, in-somuch that the People thereof would not be asswaged.

2. Yea, and the Occasions of these Tumults were manifold, and the People of the Nation had great Reason for their Vociferations :

3. For lo! the K— thereof was waxen old, and he was not as he was wont to be.

4. Now he, being upon the Decline, was wont to visit his Country Seat, which was in a Foreign Land, even in the Land called to this Day G—y.

5. And he used to consult his M—s (who were, or should have been, wise Men; but it came to pass, that one of them proved a foolish

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old Woman) saying unto them, Provide for me out of the Abundance of my P—p-e, that I may visit my Seat in a remote Land.

6. And immediately they consulted with one another in their P——y C——l for proper Schemes whereby they should fleece the People, whereby they should oblige their Master, and whereby they should serve themselves.

7. Now the People had been in former Times a brave and vigilant People, jealous of their Properties, and suspicious of their Honour :

8. But, alas! they were now degenerated; albeit they were not as they had been in Days of Yore.

9. And their M——rs, knowing how much they were debased, said unto themselves, Verily we must make a Sacrifice of these P—ple for our own Advantage, or they will sacrifice themselves voluntarily to other Nations, and we shall get nothing by it.

10. Accordingly heavy Taxes were fixed upon them, and the Chains of Oppression enslaved the Limbs of the Industrious; the Face of Poverty, which we are strictly commanded
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not to grind, was daily held to the Grindstone of Avarice and Self-interest.

11. And it came to pass, that, while they were thus urging their hellish Practices on the Rights and Properties of the People, News was brought of their Enemies Preparations to invade them.

12. And lo! the wicked M——y said unto themselves, This Occasion will serve well to drain more Wealth from the People; for how can we go to Battle against the Enemy without Supplies?

13. And they made this known unto the People, and they, with chearful Hearts, agreed to fulfil their M——rs Demands, whereby they might frustrate the Designs of their Enemies against them.

14. Immediately great Armaments were prepared, and every Man pleased himself with the Thoughts of overcoming the Enemy.

15. Now the People were again lifted up, and rejoiced greatly, saying, We shall shortly be the most exalted Nation in the World.

16. But they spake as Men not considering the Uncertainty of human Events.

17. For it came to pass in a little Time, that the Enemy had taken Possession of an Island, which was of great Consequence to the People of *G—t B—n*.

18. Nevertheless the People of *G—t B—n* were in good Heart, till they were further informed of their Loss; but, when they found it was occasioned by the Negligence and Cowardice of the Chief they had employed, they cried out as the Voice of one Man, saying, Let him be punished according to his Deserts.

19. But, however the Voice of the People bellowed forth against the Chief, whose Negligence and Cowardice had cast a Stain on the *B—s* Nation, there were secret Murmurs against others, even those of the *M—y*:

20. Forasmuch as they had embezzled to themselves great Part of the Monies which had been raised to expedite this fruitless Expedition.

21. And lo! the Clamours of the People grew more and more vociferous, insomuch that the Men in Power became fearful of their Heads, and were glad to relinquish their Stations for a While.

22. In the mean Time, Remonstrances were made

made to *Abasuerus* the K—g from all Parts of the Land; imploring and soliciting him to enquire into the Cause of their great Loss; and moreover to know, what was become of the vast Sums that had been drained from them.

23. And the Great Men began to tremble, and their Knees smote each other, because they knew well they had not done Right in the Sight of the Lord.

24. And lo! *Abasuerus* the K—g, notwithstanding his long Attachment to these M——rs, gave his royal Word that his People should be satisfied, and that those who had been the Occasion of their Disgrace should be punished.

25. But, ah! this was solely against his Will, for he could not help thinking, but that they had been faithful to his People as well as to him.

26. But it plainly appeared they were not, and that they knew well of their Enemy's Designs, some Months before they were put in Execution.

27. However, they seemed not to mind the Charge, but fixed the whole Misfortune on the Cowardice and Neglect of the Chief, who commanded the Fleet.

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28. But this did not avert the Rage of the People from them.

29. Neither would they be appeas'd with trifling Excuses; for their Grievances were many, and they resolv'd, if possible, to bring them to Justice; but their Rulers were as a Safeguard to them, and they laugh'd with Contempt at the feeble Efforts of the People :

30. Which enrag'd the People more and more, infomuch that they cried out, Let us extirpate these Men from among us, for they are an Eye-sore to this Nation.

31. Yea, for they have been the the Authors of our Disgrace, and have rendered us a Scorn and a Laughing-Stock to the Nations round about.

32. Therefore their Power shall decrease, and their Splendor shall be like the Blaze of a Meteor that vanisheth on a Sudden.

33. Yea, and they shall become a Mock for Derision, and their Names shall be transmitted with Infamy to future Ages.

34. O clap your Hands for Joy, and shout to the Skies, ye People of G——t B——t——n,
for

for ye have discovered those who have attempted your Destruction.

35. Thus sung the Sons of Freedom, when, like the Morning Star, breaking from the Veil of Night, there rose, amidst a corrupt and mercenary Assembly, a Great Man, whose Breast was filled with the Welfare of his Country.

36. O ye corrupt Men, said he, why have ye sowed Thorns on the Pillow of your S—n, and imposed on an honest credulous People?

37. And lo! they were abashed and hung down their Heads, for they could not behold the Face of Honesty, without Confusion and Shame.

38. And the Name of the Great Man, whose patriotic Virtue had so distinguished him, soon became famous among the People; for they knew him to be their Friend.

39. And the corrupt M——y were sent away, and he was exalted, because of his Honesty and Integrity.

40. Now the People shouted again for Joy, and they resolved to support him in all his Undertakings.

41. And

41. And lo! he appointed several other Great Men, whose Honesty was well known to him; but those who were now out of Power, and in Disgrace, said, with a Sneer, That his Virtue was now no more than another's, for that he was beginning to promote his Friends and Relations, whereby he might better secure himself.

42. But their Slander availed nought, for their Evil Intentions were too well known, and therefore the People regarded them not.

C H A P. II.

1. **N**OW it came to pass, that the great Chief, who had neglected his Duty, in the Management of the People's Ships of War against their Enemies, was brought to Trial, and found Guilty of the Charge against him.

2. But, his Judges, who were said to be wise Men, were not willing to pass Sentence on him, because they were afraid that their own Misconduct might hereafter incur the same Punishment.

3. Therefore,

3. Therefore he was recommended by his Judges, as a proper Object of Mercy.

4. But, notwithstanding this, King *Abasuerus* was inflexible, and resolved to satisfy his People in this Point, and likewise to put an End to the Scandal which had been laid at the Doors of his Fathers, that they might hereafter come again into Power.

5. There then arose great Diffensions among the Tribunal, who had condemned the Chief; and one of them desired to be released from an Oath of Secrecy which he had taken.

6. This was spoke in the great Assembly of the Nation, and they apprehended, if the Oath was taken off, something might be divulged.

7. In the mean Time, the Execution of the Chief was prorogued for fourteen Days.

8. But, after all the Trouble of convening the Assembly, nothing was brought to Light, and it was found only to be an Artifice.

9. And lo! it was ordered, that the Chief should die; yea, verily, and die he did.

10. Now, the People were in some Measure appeas'd, but they roared out against their old Oppressors, who now began to suspect that the Chief had suffered as much from their Subtlety, as for his own Neglect; and that they had artfully kept up the popular Clamour against him:

11. And they now looked upon the Chief as a Victim to their Cunning and Design.

12. However, as the Affairs of the Nation were now likely to be well managed, under the Conduct of the Great Man, whom the People's own Voice had approved, their Rage began to subside, and they considered with themselves, saying,

13. What Reason have we now to fear the old Ones, who probably can never come in again among us?

14. We are assur'd of the Integrity of him who now presides at the Helm, and of his Ardency for our Welfare.

15. Hath he not new-model'd our Affairs already? Hath he not shew'd himself a good M——r?

16. Yea,

16. Yea, verily, he hath, and his Virtue shall be rewarded with our Praise, even from the Rising of the Sun to the Setting thereof.

17. He shall be a Glory to *G—t B—n*; yea, his Statue shall be raised in Gold, that Posterity may say, This was the Man that propped a sinking Nation.

C H A P. III.

1. **N**OW came on the Spring-Time of of the Year, and great Preparations were made by the Enemies of *G—t B—n* to extirpate them from the Face of their native Land.

2. And lo! they began to be in great Fear, from the Success their Enemies daily met with against them.

3. Then the great Assembly of the Nation were called together, and it was proposed, that a general Militia would be most proper to secure them at all Times from the Invasion of their Enemies.

4. Thus far every Thing bore a good Aspect throughout the Nation of *G—t B—n*.

5. Now it came to pass, that a slight Report was rumoured, that the Enemies of *G—t B——n* intended to attack *H——r*, which was the Country Seat of *K—g Abasuerus*.

6. Then *Abasuerus* spoke unto his new *M——r*, and said unto him, Verily, our Enemies are coming to attack the Place of my Nativity, even the Place which so delighteth me.

7. Inform thou the People of *G—t B——n* of the Danger which my beloved Country is exposed to, and endeavour of them to raise Forces and Money to protect it.

8. And the new *M——r* answered and said,

9. Gracious Sir, what I can do shall be done, to fulfil your Royal Pleasure.

10. Then the *K—g* was well pleased, and said unto him, My Son shall command the Army for its Defence, to him can I trust, for he is valiant and wise.

11. But, soon after, the new *M——r* considered with himself how far his own Reputation might suffer, in a Demand of that Sort, and feared, lest they might suspect his Honour, which was dearer to him than Life.

12. And

12. And he weighed the Circumstances of the Affair, as in a Ballance, and found it would not suit with the Humour and Genius of the People, who in Fact were no great Lovers of *H—r.*

13. Therefore he feared much the Odium of the People, who entertained the highest Opinion of his Impartiality.

14. Then he went unto the *K—g Abasuerus*, Dread Sovereign, said he, I do not care to urge your Request unto the People; for too well I know, they will not grant it without much Murmuring.

15. And lo! the *K—g* was displeas'd, and commanded him to resign.

16. Then he answered the *K—g*, and said, With all my Heart; nor do I desire to keep a Place in the *M—y* any longer than while I can assure myself of the People's good Wishes.

17. Now it happened that there were great Innovations by those who were the *Fa—s* of *Abasuerus*, and they pulled down a *Temple* which had not been rais'd above four Moons.

18. The Helm of Affairs was in great Confusion, and there was no Regulation thereof.

19. Howbeit the People were greatly alarmed, when they heard that their darling Friend and Patriot was commanded to resign.

20. Yea, and they murmured much, saying one to another, What a Pity it is that Honesty and Virtue should be so little regarded ?

21. But among the People of the Nation there were those of a great City, who were much disturbed that the honest Minister should be displaced.

22. And they feared much that the *P——ites* and the *F——ites*, the *H——ites* and the *A——ites*, were again coming amongst them.

23. And therefore they resolved to distinguish the honest Patriot from those others whom they did not approve of, forasmuch as they were resolved to abash the Front of Villany, and encourage the drooping Heart of real Virtue.

C H A P. IV.

1. **N**OW the Men of the great City, even of the Greatest throughout the Land of *B——n*, became more and more unanimous to resent the Affront their late Friend and *M——r* had received.

2. And they mourned within their Hearts, saying, Now are the Hopes of *B——n* frustrated, now shall we soon become a Spoil to our Enemies ;

3 Now is our good Angel, our Guardian and our Guide, removed from his Situation : Yea, he is disregarded by his Master, whose Safety was his only Care.

4. But his Virtue is not wiped away, his Integrity dwelleth in our Hearts ; neither shall his Name be disgraced by those who succeed him in Power.

5. And we will render him more conspicuous than his Master ; yea, he shall be *K—g* of the City.

6 Now,

6. Now, in a few Days, the great Men and Elders of the City called a Council together, to consult how they should reward the Patriot, who was so much their Friend.

7. And lo! one of the C——I got up, and spoke as follows:

8. “ Friends, Countrymen, and Brother
“ Citizens,

9. “ History the Key of Knowledge, and
“ Experience, the Touchstone of Truth, convince us, that this Country owes its Safety
“ and Preservation to the Jealousies and Apprehensions of the People.

10. “ Whenever the Face of public Affairs
“ has borne a disagreeable or dangerous Aspect; yea, whenever the People have been
“ injured by those who have undertaken to direct the Management of their Affairs, they
“ have always, by a vigorous Opposition, put
“ a Stop to the impending Danger.

11. “ And, when those in Power have done
“ any Thing material for the Good of the Nation, where was a People so ready to
“ assist?

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12. " As Applications to punish, when necessary, are intended to deter; so Thanks and Rewards do conduce to excite and create Emulation.

13. " Both are absolutely necessary to support the principle Ends and Designs of Government, the Happiness of Society; and in Cases of this Nature, this great City has always set the Example.

14. " Not long since this Country was on the Brink of Ruin, brought so by the Mistakes or Designs of those who had undertaken the Direction of National Affairs.

15. " On this melancholy Occasion this Court did present an Address of Condolence to the K—g, who received them with the Affection of a Parent.

16 " A Change of Men soon followed, and with them, such a Change of Measures, as revived the drooping Spirits of the People, and raised a sinking Land.

17. " *Br—t—a*, almost expiring, raised her dying Head; when lo! Virtue and Integrity (who had long deserted her) offered their Assistance in the well known Persons of Mr. *P—* and Mr. *L—*.

18. “ She chearfully accepted their friendly
 “ Aid, at once forgot all past Misfortunes,
 “ and suffered them, tho’ great indeed, to be
 “ buried in future Hopes.

19. “ And now public Spirit and Oecono-
 “ my ventured once more to appear in our
 “ Assemblies.

20. “ Commerce put on a new Garment;
 “ foreign Mercenaries returned from our Coun-
 “ try, and the Sons of Freedom began to fur-
 “ their own Arms;

21. “ Placemen and Pensioners, Jobbers
 “ and Agents, the corrupt Sons of a bad Admi-
 “ nistration, hung down their Heads, snarled
 “ and retired into Corners :

22. “ Yea, every Aspect foretold better
 “ Times.

23. “ But see the uncertainty of human
 “ Events : We had no sooner pleased ourselves
 “ with this Ray of Prosperity, but *B——n’s*
 “ People were taken away.

24. “ Now every one feareth a Relapse, by
 “ having lost those who so well understood her
 “ Constitution.

25. “ The

25. “ The appointing and removal of
 “ M——rs being the Act of sacred Power and
 “ royal Authority ; Duty, as well as Discretion,
 “ requires I should be silent on that Head.

26. “ But as a Subject of B——n, I dare
 “ Lament the Loss of such Patriots and Pro-
 “ tectors.

27. “ As a B——n, I have a Right to ac-
 “ knowledge and thank. We have all that
 “ Right, and Wisdom as well as Policy di-
 “ rects, the Exercise of it on the present Oc-
 “ casion.

“ 28. Therefore, I beg leave to propose a
 “ Question to this honourable Council ;

29. “ That the Freedom of this City be
 “ presented to the Hon. *W. P—*, and *H. L—*,
 “ Men who so gloriously led the Van, in
 “ our late excellent, but short Administration.

“ 30. It has been Customary for this City,
 “ to give its Freedom to those who have
 “ eminently served, and we shall surely do it
 “ to those who have saved their Country.

31. “ And if we cannot appoint Men, or
 “ promote their Continuance, we can and
 “ ought to sanctify their Measures, when so evi-
 “ dently tending to the public Good.

32. And

32. And lo! the Question was carried in the Affirmative, without any Debate.

33. And it was ordered by the said Coun—l, that the said Freedom should be presented forthwith in Boxes of pure Gold, to a great Value.

34. And the Citizens thought they had done Right, and gloried in their Liberty.

35. But, there was great Murmurs among the other Party, whose Malice were too much to be kept within Bounds.

36. And they swell'd, even like a Toad, till their Venom burst from them, and sprinkled upon the R—l Garments, which were before unfullied.

37. And therefore there were great Fermentations among them; and *Abafuerus* was not well pleased at the Men of the City.

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