

**TRUTH ETERNAL.**

Truth never dies. The ages come and go,  
The mountains wear away. The seas retire.

Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;

And empires, states and dynasties expire;

But caught and handed onward by the wise,

Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the years;

Though made the butt of ridicule and jest;

Though held aloft for mockery and jeers

Despised by those of transient power possessed,

Insulted by the insolence of lies,  
Truth never dies.

It answers not. It does not take offense,  
But with a mighty silence bides its time.

As some great cliff that braves the elements

And lifts through all the storms its head sublime,

So Truth, unmoved, its puny foes defies  
And never dies.

The lips of ridicule dissolve in dust.

The sophist's arguments, the jibes are still,

God working through the all-compelling Must,

Has broken those who dared combat His will.

New systems, born in wild unrest, arise—  
Truth never dies.

**A NATIONAL TREE.**

Mr. A. H. Gaston, a veteran American, living in Harvey, Ill., writes to the Herald, of that city, strongly urging the adoption of the Caroline poplar as a state and national tree. He says:

"I believe that there is a call for not only a state, but for a national tree, the same as we and all other nations have a national flower. We have many varieties of forest trees such as the oak, hickory, catalpa, mulberry, black locust, white pine, beech, maple, etc., but the Caroline poplar seems to eclipse them all for real use. They are unlike any other tree; they never have any seed, they don't sprout at the root, they grow from cuttings cut from the limbs and they grow as readily as the willow. They have large healthful leaves and draw more moisture out of the earth into the atmosphere than any other tree and bring on more rain than the celebrated eucalytus tree.

"It will be just the tree to plant for Arbor Day. Every American citizen, male or female, five years old and upward, on Arbor Day can cut some limbs or cuttings off of some of the trees and plant them. It is said that every tree planted is a living monument to the planter. Let us all put up some living monuments in our day and generation.

"I am now convinced that every Carolina poplar planted and growing will add at least another dollar to our na-

tion's wealth and make our wealth so great that it cannot be estimated by figures.

"It is a very white timber that will make great charcoal, gunpowder, etc., and the best of shingles and building timber. Peel and season it well and it will make posts of all kinds, railroad ties or cooerage and valuable fuel.

"Last fall I planted some poles or limbs with no roots on them. They have made a better growth than any trees I sold with roots on. This may be looked at as a fish story, but any that are skeptical may come to my house and see them and do likewise.

"The Carolina poplar can be planted on all of the overflow bottom lands of our nation. It is as valuable a variety as the white pine or ash and can in time become our nation's forest tree."

**The City's Cats and Dogs.**

We are the little brothers, homeless in cold and heat,  
Four-footed little beggars roaming the city street.

Snatching a bone from the gutter, creeping thro' alleys drear,  
Stoned and sworn at and beaten, our hearts consumed with fear.

You pride yourselves on the beauty of your city fair and free,  
Yet we are dying by thousands in coverts you never see.

You boast of your mental progress, of your libraries, schools and halls;  
But we who are dumb denounce you, as we crouch beneath their walls.

You sit in your tinsel playhouse and weep o'er a mimic wrong,  
Our woes are the woes of the voiceless; our griefs are unheeded in song.

You say that the same God made us. When before His throne you come  
Shall you clear yourselves in His presence on the plea that He made us dumb?

Are your hearts too hard to listen to a starving kitten's cries?  
Or too gay for the patient pleading in a dog's beseeching eyes?

Behold us, your little brothers—starving, beaten, oppressed—  
Stretch out a hand to help us that we may have food and rest.

Too long have we roamed neglected, too long have we sickened with fear.  
The mercy you hope and pray for, you can grant us now and here.

—Chicago Journal.

**For Artificial Digestion.**

Crocodiles, like ostriches, swallow pebbles and small stones for the purpose of grinding their food.

**Test for Steel's Hardness.**

A method of testing the hardness of steel balls used in ball bearings is to drop them from a fixed height on to a glass plate set at an angle. If properly tempered, they rebound into one receptacle, and if they are too soft, they drop into another.

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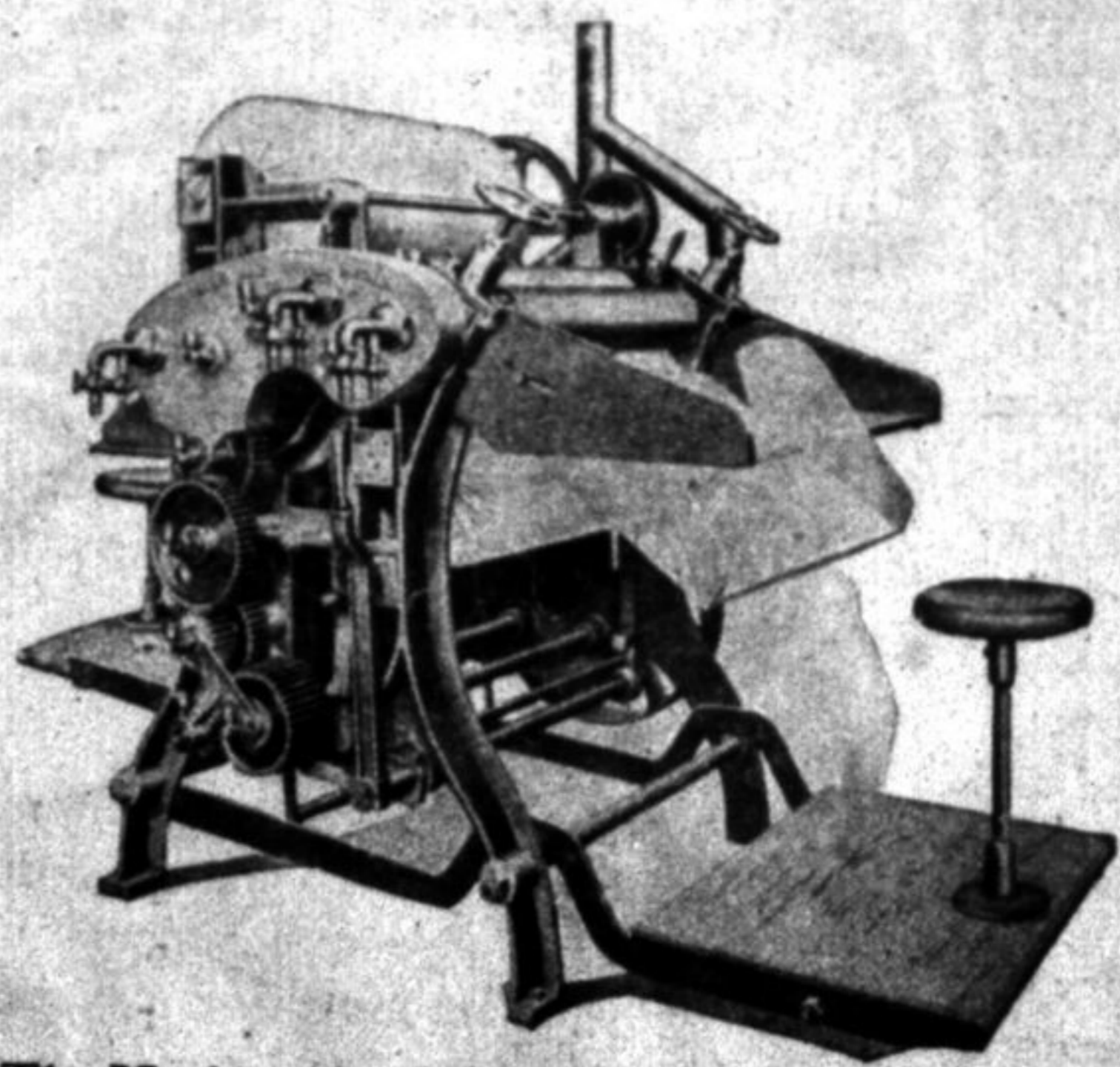
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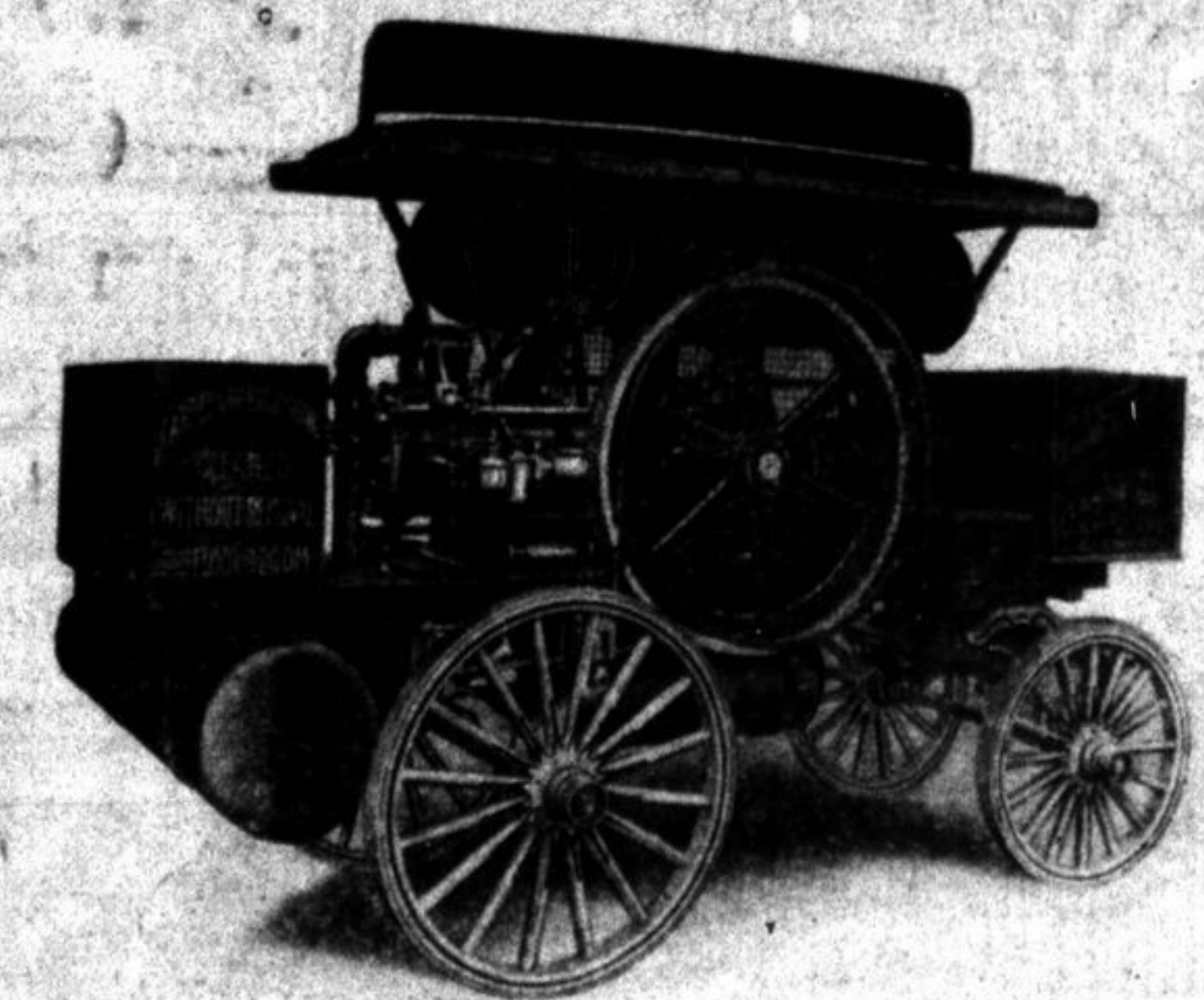
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