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TWENTY-SECOND PRESIDENT.

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The Cleveland Family—A Spreading Tree—The Eighth Generation—The Young Minister's Romance—A Country Parsonage—Birth of Grover Cleveland.

ABOUT a quarter of a century before the Washington family settled in Virginia, there arrived in the colony of Massachusetts Bay a man named Moses Cleveland.

In the year 1635 only a few scattered settlements along the Atlantic coast were held by the English pioneers. Only a very few clearings had been made above tide water on the bank of any river. The Canadas were held by the French, and they claimed also the vast interior, the lake country, and the valley of the Mississippi and its tributaries. The Spaniards had as yet no thought of ever losing any part of their possessions on the continent or among the islands. Great Britain herself was in the early