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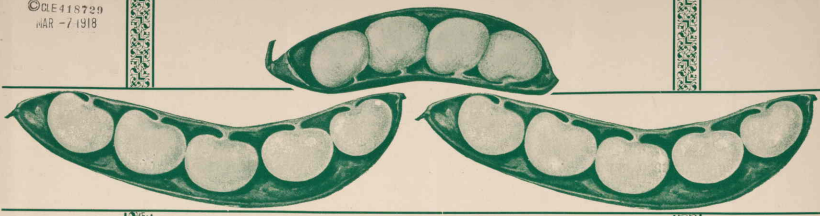

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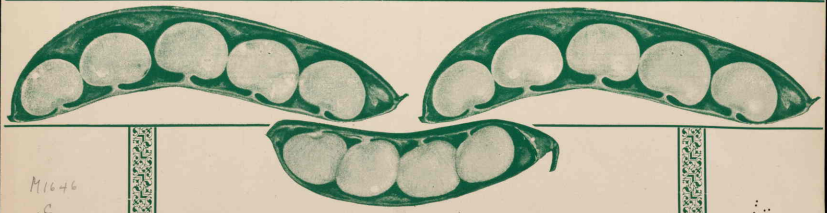

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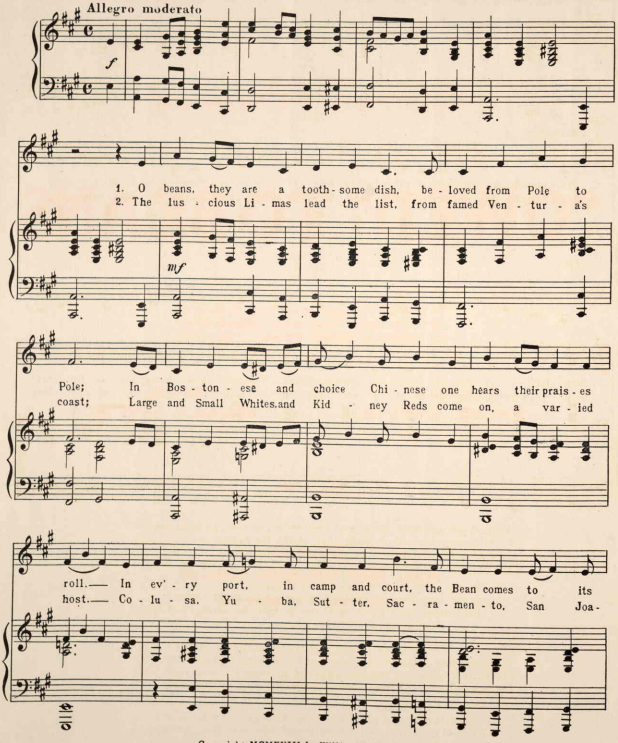

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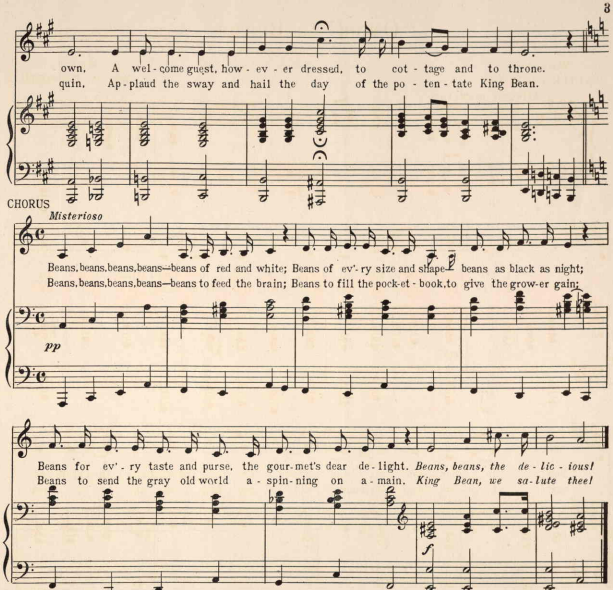

3. While bread and meat are good to eat, there's naught can equal beans
As sustenance for sailors while they search for submarines.
Garvanzos, Bayos, Teparies, are all consumed with zest
By our boys while hunting husky Huns with Pershing in the West.

Cho.—Beans, beans, beans, beans—full of nitrogen;
Beans that make our lusty boys grow into mighty men;
Beans that cause the weakest one to have the strength of ten.
Have at 'em, O brave boys!

4 Of beans in song and jest erelong you will have had your fill.
Then take your stand to save our land by *growing* legumes still;
Nor in your mind bear thought unkind if in some fair demesnes
The back-yard eke the front-yard is o'ergrown with thrifty beans.

Cho.—Beans beans beans beans.—(Food within our means!)
When this throng shall pass along to brighter, vaster scenes,
Void of guile we'll smile a smile and own ourselves "has-beens"!
Hoply then we shall "know beans!"

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