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Nine of the number came from south of Mason and Dixon's line and sixteen from the north. All of the southerners held office before the civil war except Johnson. None of our chief executives have come from west of the Mississippi river.

In politics, two were federalists, five were whigs, if John Quincy Adams can be so classed; nine were democrats and nine were republicans.

Only seven held office eight years—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Grant and Cleveland. Five died or were killed in office, two of these, Lincoln and McKinley, being on their second terms.

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but had a partial beard while president, Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Harrison had full beards. The courtly Arthur supported a side whisker, while Cleveland and Roosevelt are content with a mustache. In this connection it is worthy of note that hardly any of the number have been bald.

The names of the presidents furnish a rather interesting study. The numerous Smith, Jones and Brown families have not been represented at all. Nearly all the names have been rather unusual. Ten of them ended in "n." Most of them are rather

courtly and euphonious in sound, all but four, Polk, Pierce, Grant and Hayes, having two syllables or more.

Only seven of the presidents had a middle initial, the second Adams, the first Harrison, Polk, Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur. All the rest were burdened with but one Christian name. Of the entire number James leads with five, John follows with three, Andrew and William have two each, and George, Thomas, Martin, Zachary, Millard, Franklin, Abraham, Ulysses, Rutherford, Chester, Grover, Benjamin, Theodore has each its one. All of which reminds you that if you want your son to be president, don't load him down with initials.—Denver News.

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