

Latin American History



Pintura del beneficio de la grana cochinilla en Mexico. c.1775. Ayer MS 2178.

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