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Roberta Mazza, Narratives of Discovery: Petrie, Grenfell and Hunt, and the First Finding of the  
Oxyrhynchus Papyri.

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Analyses contemporary sources concerning the first discovery of papyri at el-Bahnasa in 1896-1897 and  
argues that later accounts about the first season at the site depend too heavily on the official narratives  
written by Grenfell and disseminated in archaeological reports and newspaper and magazine articles that  
aimed to sensationalize the achievement in order to foster subscriptions to the Egypt Exploration Fund,  
which sponsored the excavation. - Introduction. - Before Oxyrhynchus: Petrie and the Search for Papyri.  
- Learning from Petrie: Grenfell before Oxyrhynchus. - The First Season at Oxyrhynchus (1896-1897). -  
"The Great Haul of Papyri": Grenfell and Hunt at Oxyrhynchus. - Conclusion.

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