CASE STUDY: DO MORE WITH QUICKBOOKS

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Small business owners aren't always aware of how to get the most out of QuickBooks or how to most effectively run a business—they might not know what they don't know.
- QuickBooks has resources that are scattered across the marketing web site. Consolidating resources and moving them in app could be most useful to customers since they might not always think to leave the app to look for help.
- Providing resources when people are signed in also allows us to customize offerings. Making information relevant is critical because users are already paying for the app—if we suggest too many inapp purchases, the links might be annoying rather than helpful.

PROCESS

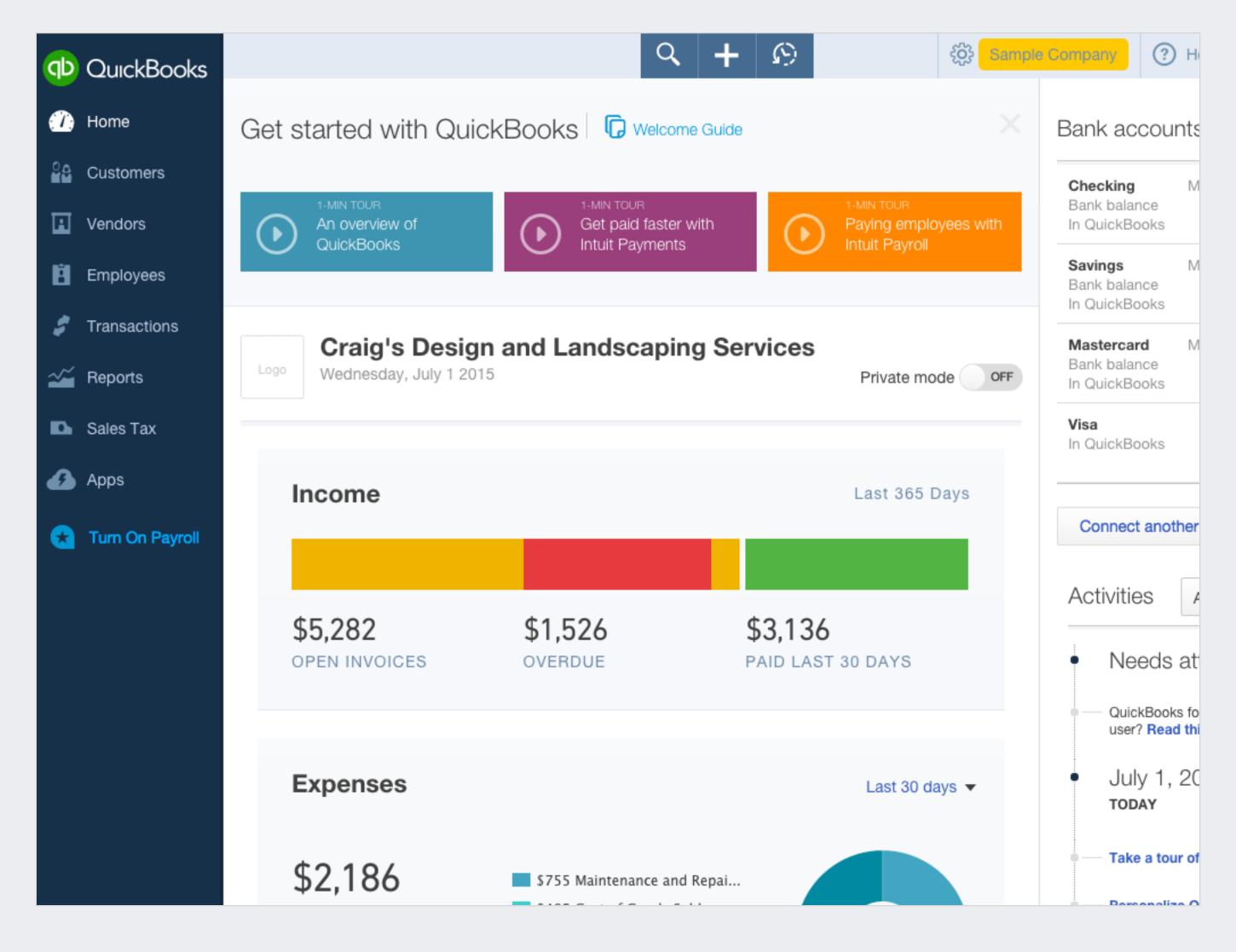
The project was a series of leans tests over six months to gather data to validate whether it was worth building the feature.

- We ran three A/B tests to measure which design most effectively lead people to resource material.
- The project started as a week-long hackathon project, with one day for design.
- In between each quantitative test, we ran qualitative user studies to iterate on designs for quantitative tests.

The end result was stakeholder approval to proceed with the project.

EXISTING DESIGN

The last (turquoise) link in the left nav rotates between three promotions: payroll, checks, and payments. Because the promotions come and go, our hypothesis—based on previous versions of QuickBooks—is that having a persistent location where customers can find relevant information and products will increase revenue.



V1 TEST

One day to design

- Overall results showed that the test page did no harm to revenue compared to the existing solution.
- In qualitative testing, users said that they wouldn't mind if they were shown free content versus paid content (products and services) as long as the information was relevant to them.
- In contrast, in quantitative testing the one educational offering, "Home page tips", received about twice as many clicks on average as the other items.

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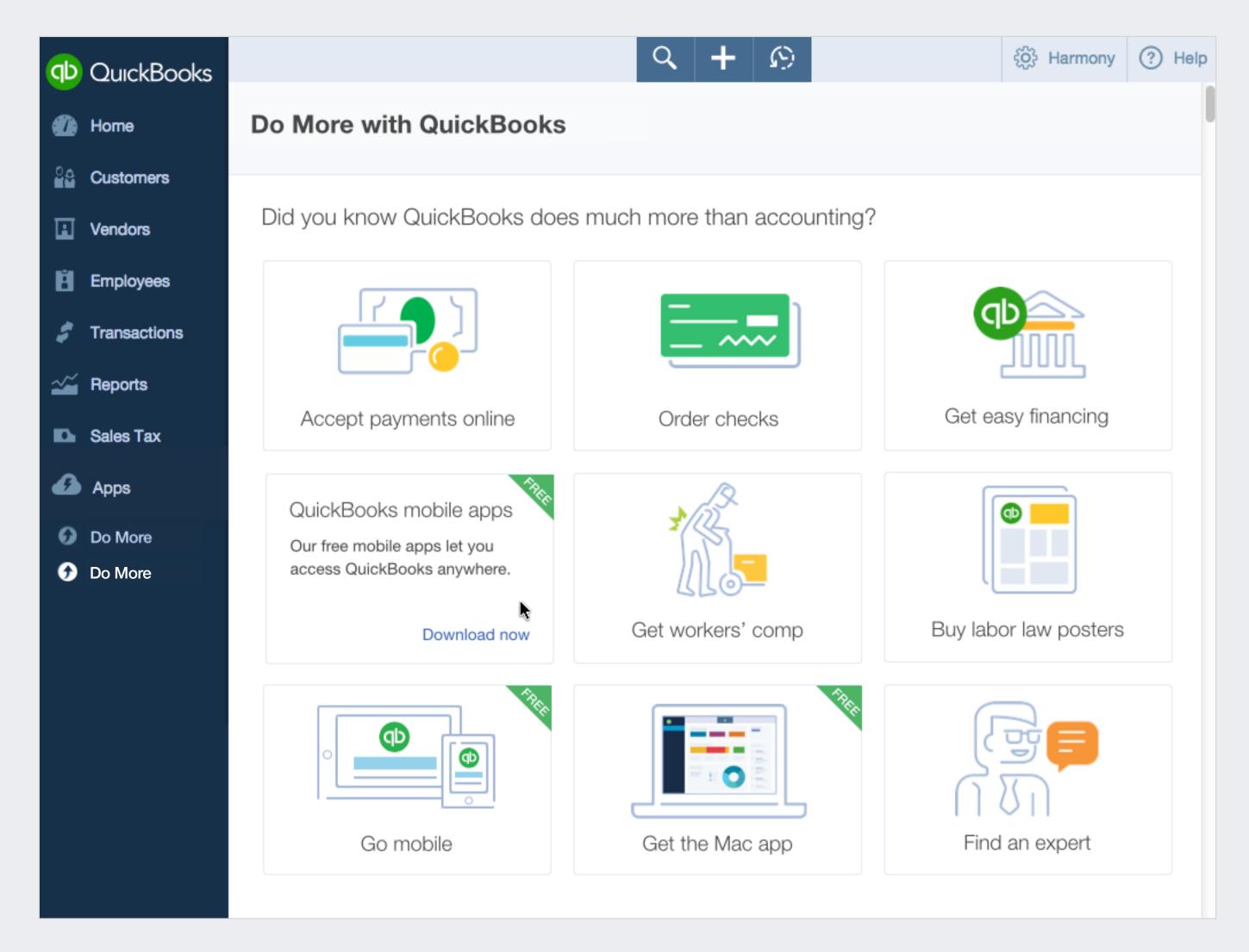
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V2 TEST

This iteration tested "store" (products and services) content only.

- I made each item shorter with descriptions and calls-to-action appearing on hover to fit more items above the fold.
- I added a badge to differentiate free items.

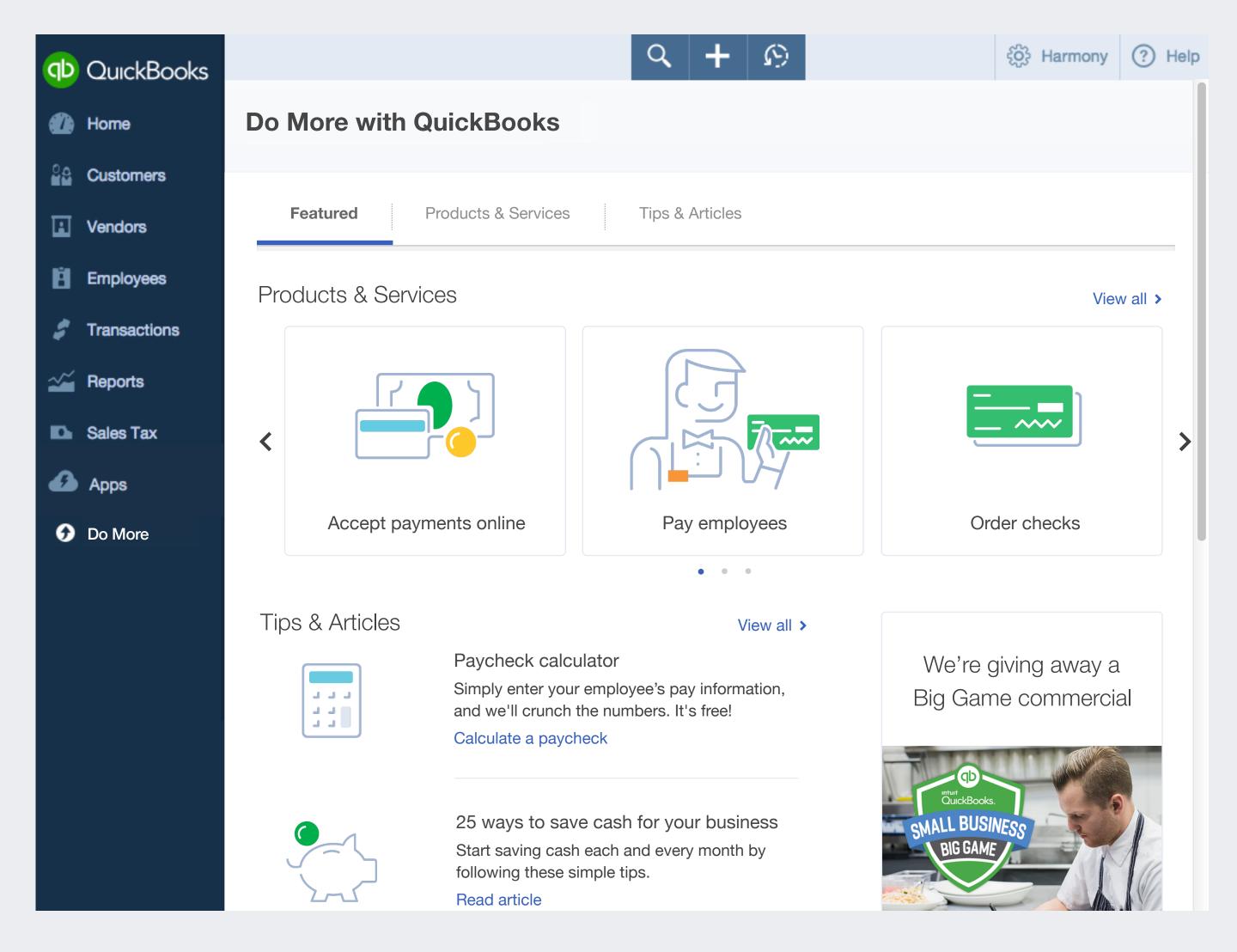
V2 performed better than V1 in terms of clicks, and early test results indicate that this page is worth more than \$3.5 million in incremental lifetime value above the existing solution.

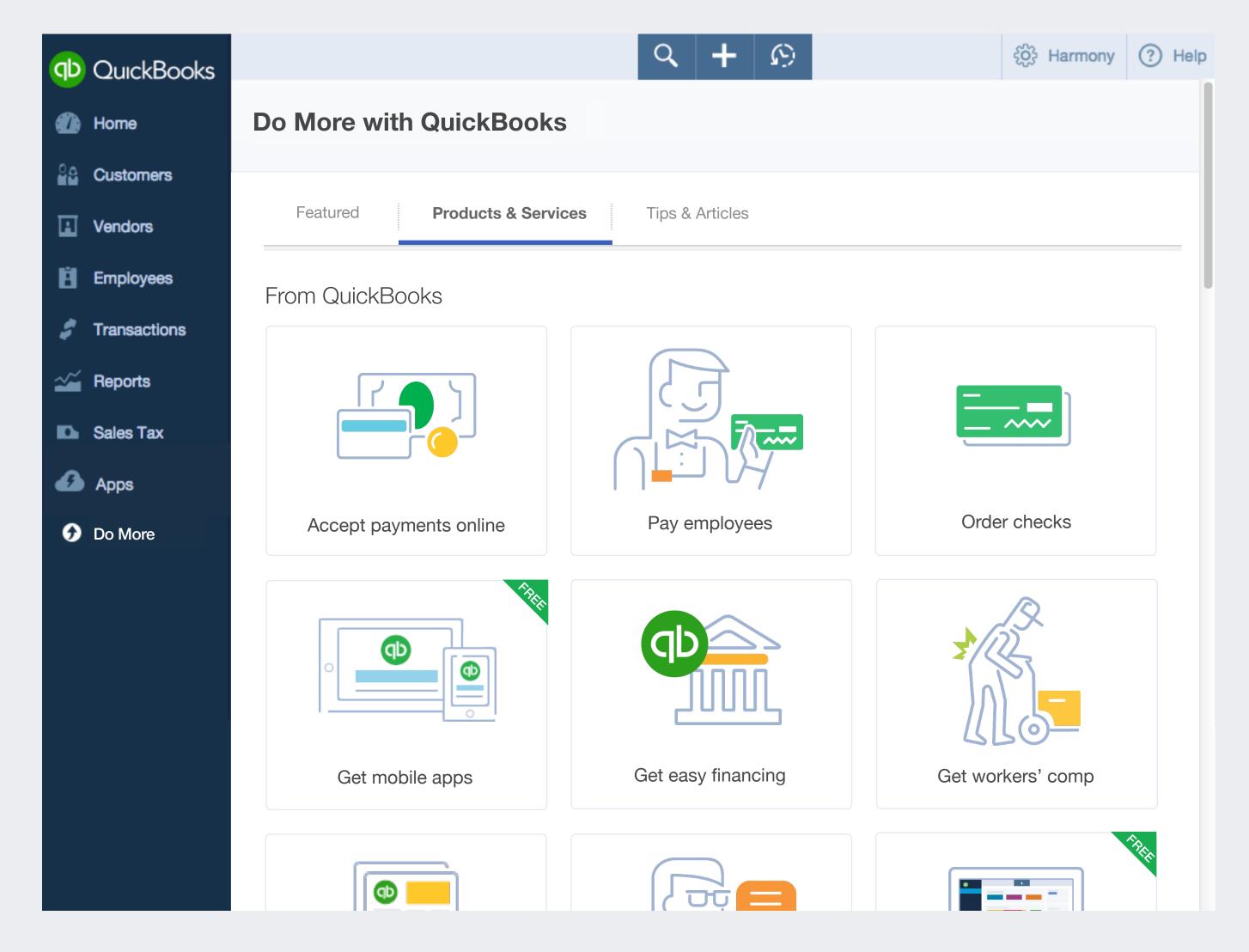


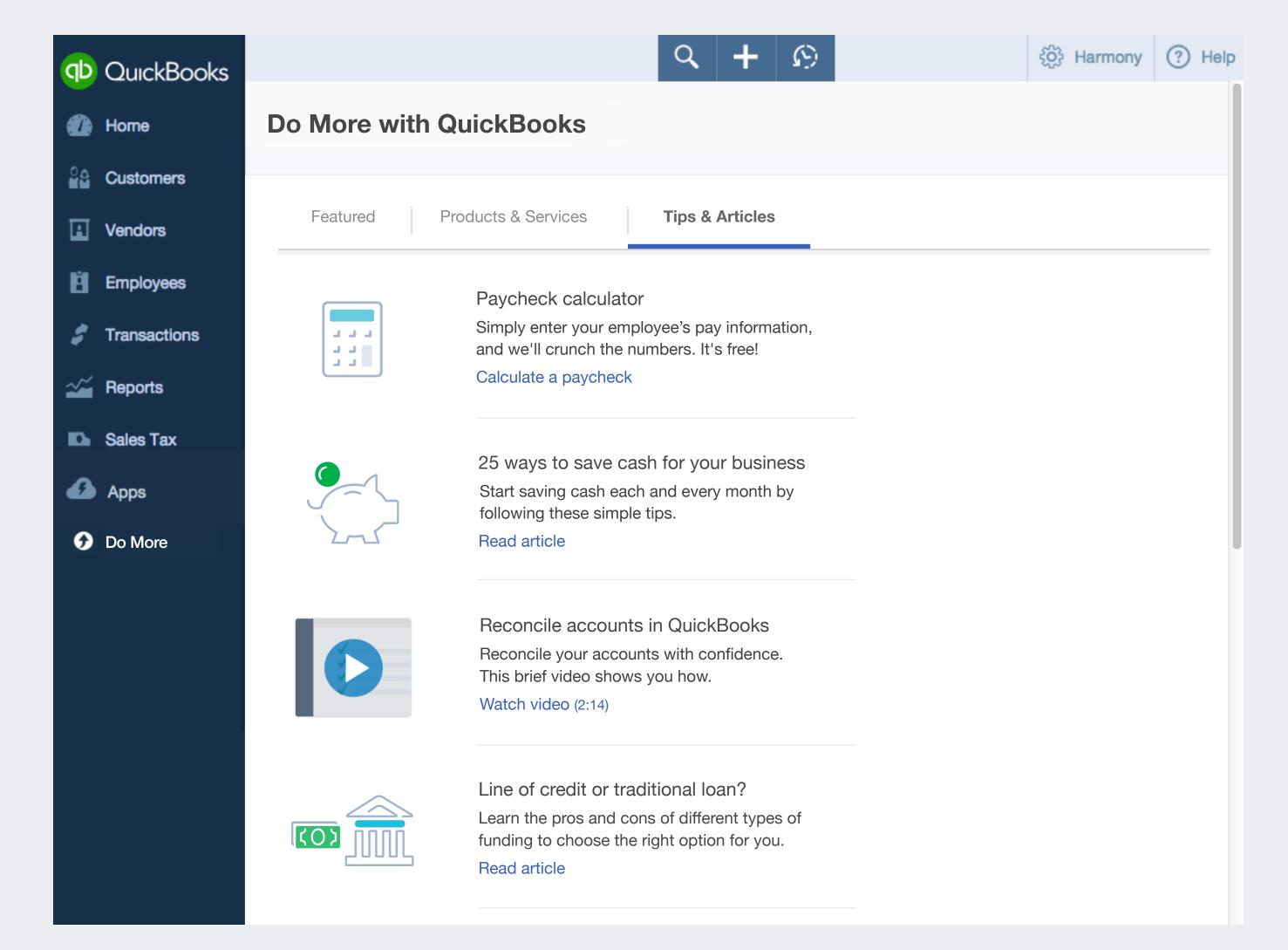
V2 TEST (descriptions appear on hover)

V3 TEST

The final iteration tested layout to determine whether customers could quickly understand the distinction between "store" (products and services), educational (tips and tutorials), and promotional (time-based) content.

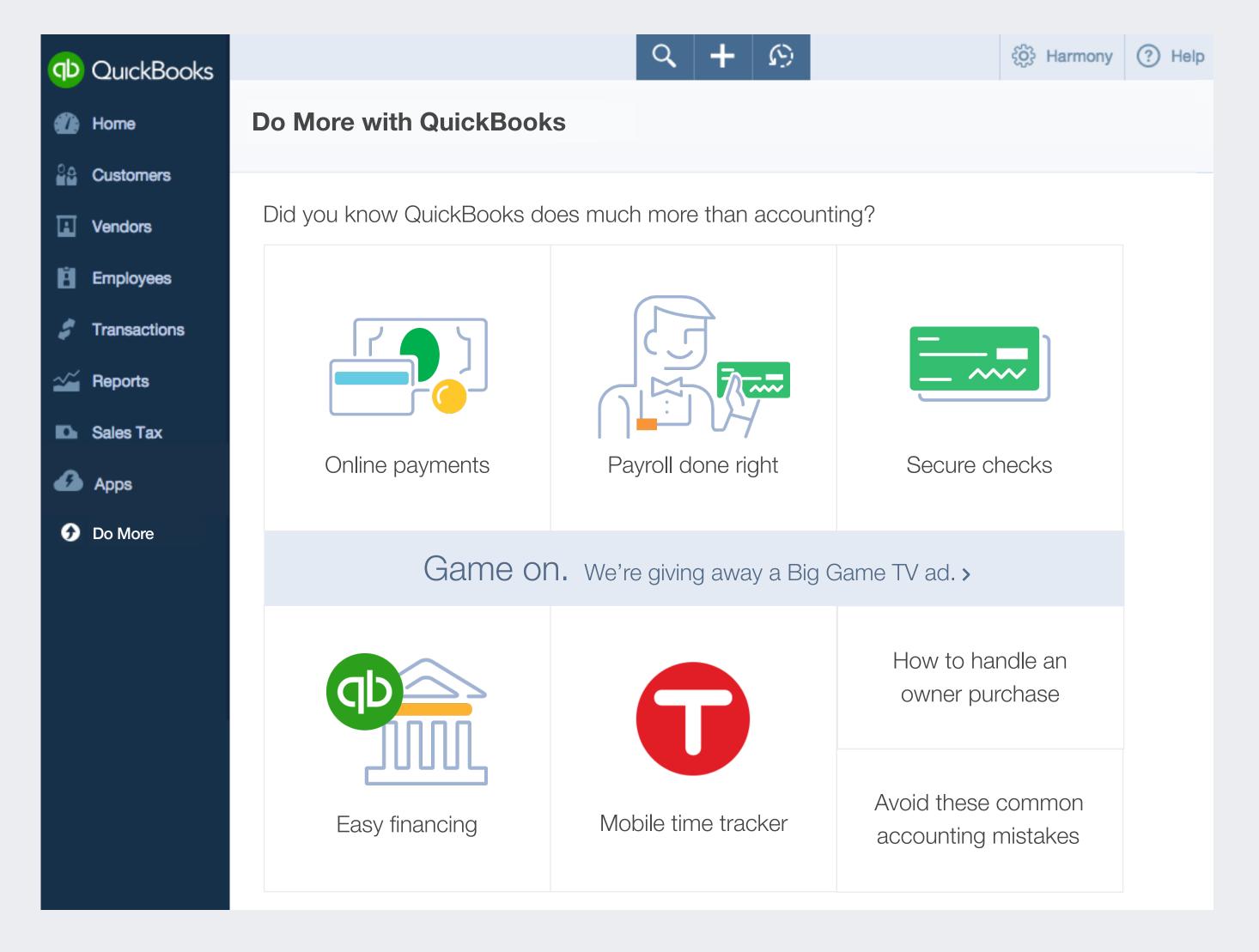


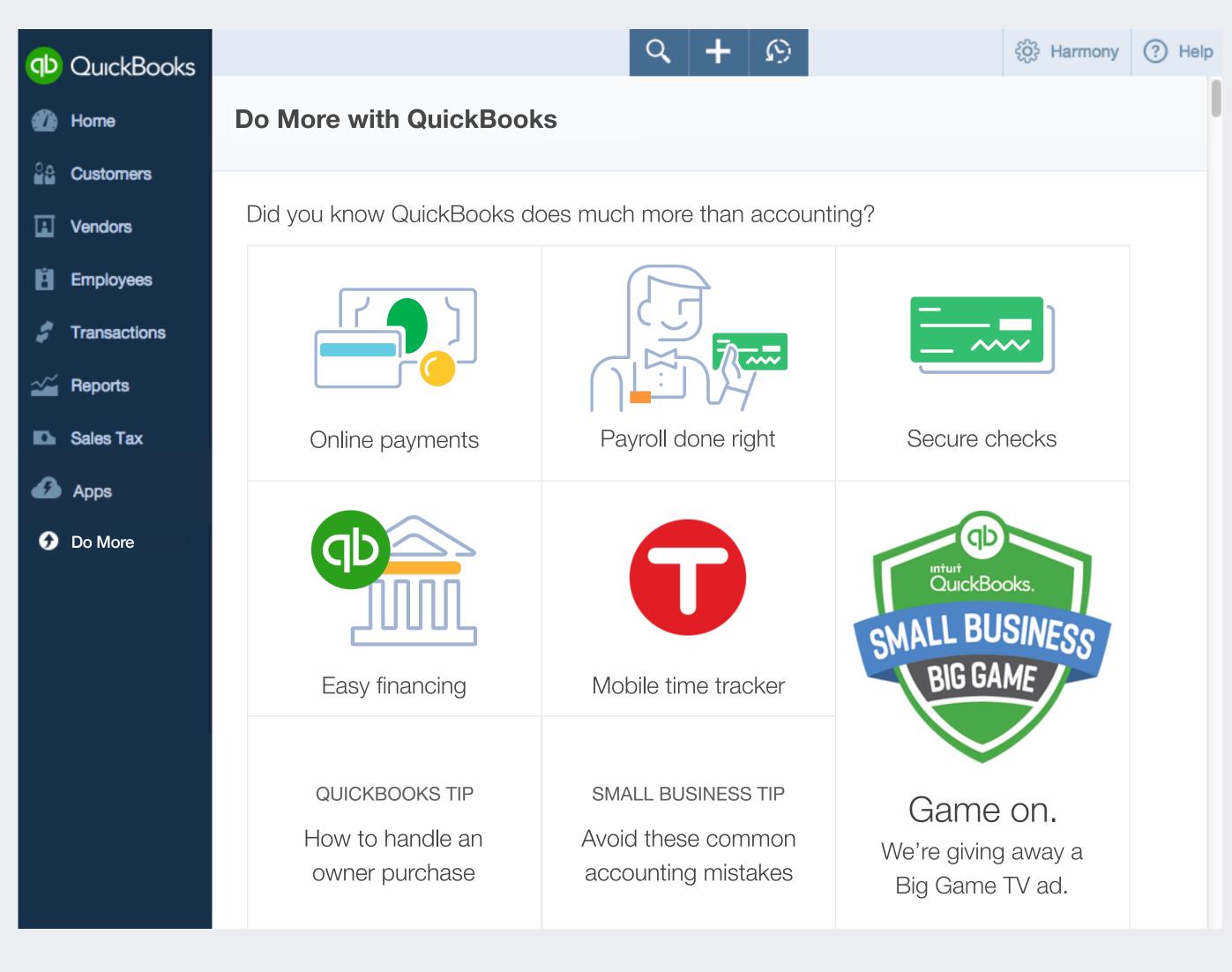




OTHER EXPLORATIONS

(not tested)















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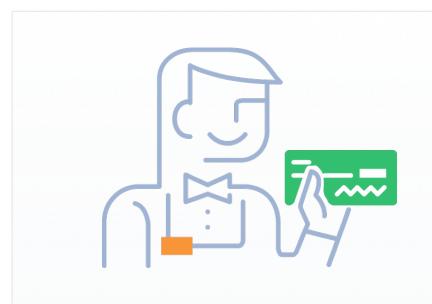
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