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### THE ARRIVAL OF FATHER HYA. CINTHE.

FATHER HYACINTHE arrived at New York yesterday in the steamer Pereire, but as he has managed thus far to keep himself secluded, and particularly as he only speaks French and Latin, the reporters who are anxious to "interview" him are as yet at a nonplus. The New York Councils have not offered him the hospitalities of the city or the use of the City Hall for the reception of his friends, nor are they likely to do so, owing to certain peculiarities of the Father's position. Boston, however, has entered the field with commendable promptness to do the honors of the occasion and redeem the neglect of New York. It is announced that the evangelical ministers of the "Hub" propose to extend him a public reception, and they have appointed a committee to confer with him on the subject. This is probably just the kind of attention that Father Hyacinthe desires to avoid; and although the Boston pastors would probably be glad to have him turn his back altogether upon Catholicism, and would welcome him most cordially as a convert to their peculiar religious views, they evidently do not understand the exact bearings of the case, and are likely to let their enthusiasm get the better of their judgment. Any such attentions as they propose to offer would only embarrass the French priest, and make his position more difficult than it is at present. Father Hyacinthe is a sincere Catholic, warmly attached to that Church by every possible tie, and he has as yet given no reason for anybody to imagine that he will ever be anything else than a Catholic. He is now the representative of a large and influential portion of that Church who are dissatisfied with the way things are managed at Rome by the Pope and his immediate admirers, and who strongly protest against an Œcumenical Council being called merely for the purpose of registering the decrees of the Vatican Cabinet. He desires to see the Church take its proper position in advance of the age, and not lagging behind it and exerting all its influence to retard progress and civilization; and he recognizes the loss of prestige that the Church labors under as due to the infatuated and headstrong policy of the Ultramontane party. He holds that party as responsible for much of the infidelity and dislike for the Church that prevails in France, and his object is rather to reform than to defy.

What he proposes to accomplish by a visit to the United States we are unable to tell,

An authoritative judgment on this subject should be speedily rendered. The credibility of Chinese testimony, like all other evidence, may be closely sorretinized, but it is a mockery of justice to contemptuously reject it in all cases. One of the most important objects of judicial investigations is to ascertain the whole truth, and the absolute exclusion of a large body of intelligent men from the witness-stand not only defeats this end in many important cases, but encourages fraud, extortion, and various other forms of rank injustice. When Chinamen cannot be heard in their own defense, they sink to the unfortunate position of having no rights which white men are bound to respect, and in thousands of cases they have been subjected to treatment based on this monstrous idea. While they have

gone on year after year increasing in numbers and in usefulness on the Pacific coast, the emigration would be much greater if they did not in many instances send back to their countrymen tidings of maltreatment and injustice, encouraged by the illiberal California laws. When the validity of the late decision of Judge Sawyer is universally recognized. this evil will be, to a large extent, corrected. It is an important step in the right direction, but more conclusive action of a similar character is needed to completely establish justice on the Pacific coast.

THE CORONER'S ACCOMMODATIONS. THE Coroner's office is one of great importance. It is essential that it should be adminstered in a capable and efficient manner. This it is almost impossible to do now with the miserable accommodations that are provided.

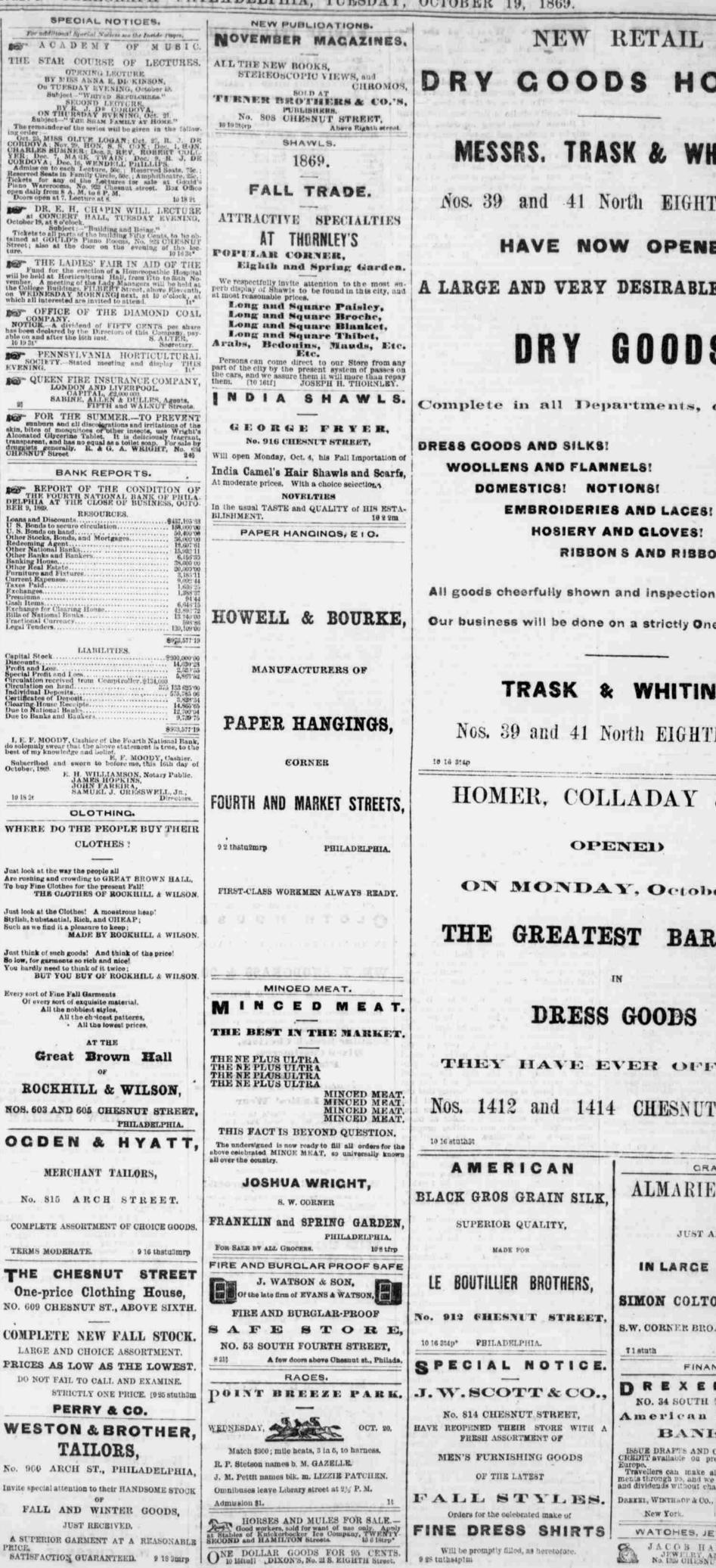
The Coroner's office is down in a cellar: it is dark, cramped, and inconvenient. There is no place for the proper disposition of the jury, the witnesses, the reporters and others who are compelled to attend when an inquest is going on, and when the room is full of persons the ventilation is so had that it is almost impossible to remain there.

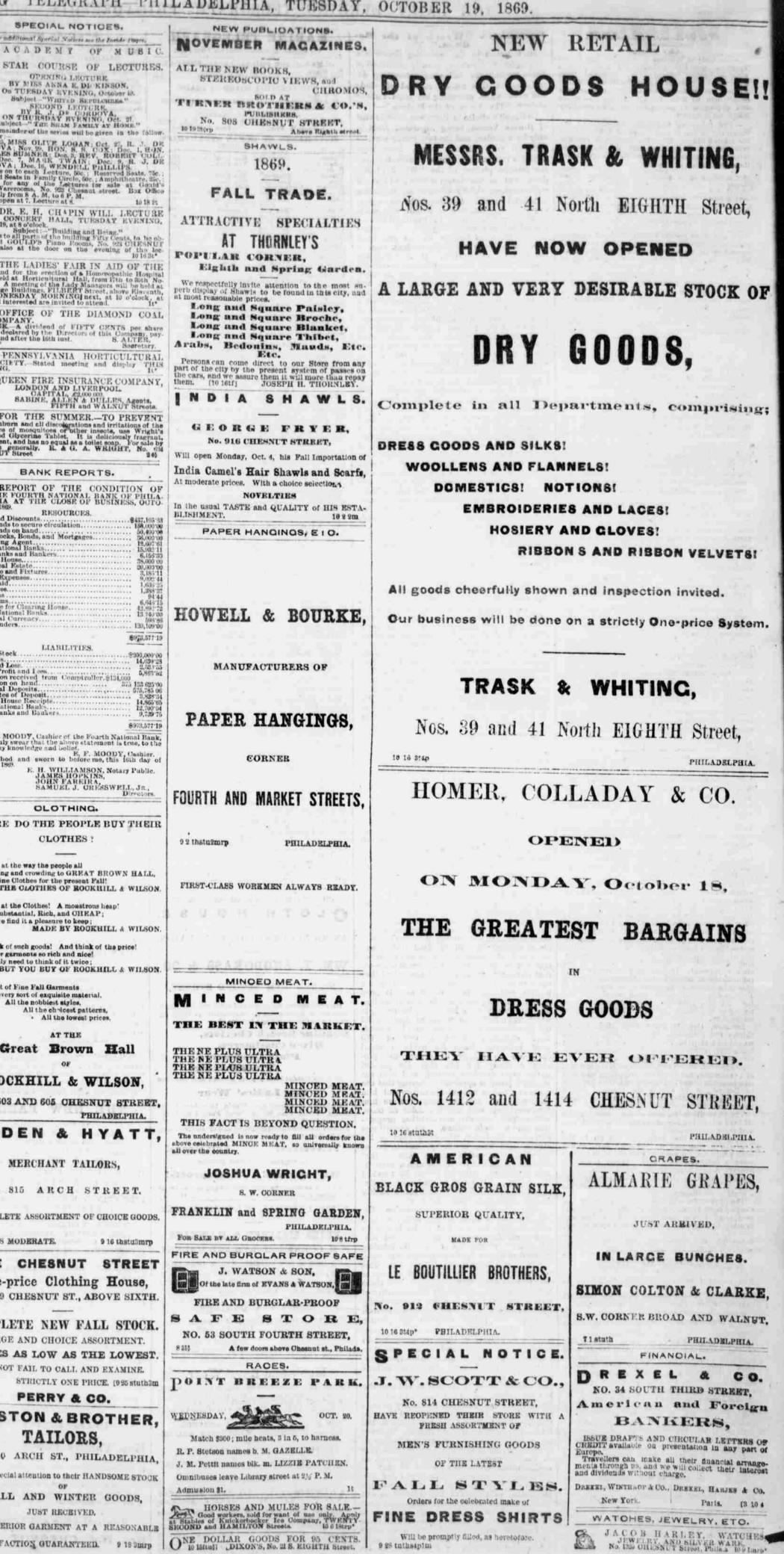
It is disgraceful that in a city like this an important officer like the Coroner should be provided with no better quarters, and every citizen who has been unfortunate enough to be summoned as a witness to an inquest can certify that a change is imperatively neces-Hary.

Councils ought to move in this matter and provide the Coroner with rooms where he can conduct the business of his office in a proper manner-a place where the jury will not be crowded by the witnesses and spectators, where the reporters can have elbow-room and not be placed in the midst of the prisoners, where the female witnesses can have a decent waiting room, and where the loafers that hang about Fifth and Chesnut streets can be excluded. This is a matter of considerable moment, and we hope that it will receive the early attention of Councils.

Dr. William H. Taylor, the newly-elected Coroner, is a gentleman in every way fitted for the office. When he formerly held the position he made one of the best Coroners we have ever had, and his convenience in this matter ought to receive some consideration.

THE SECRETARY of the Free Trade League has issued a manifesto, setting forth that the disposition is rapidly increasing to break down the bulwarks established for the protection of American industry, and that free trade is attracting to her British standard many converts in the West and in New England. Numerous meetings have been held. newspapers have been established, tracts have been published and distributed, and he considers that so much progress has been made that it will be safe to carry the war against the struggling industries of this nation "into Africa by the proposal of a revenue tariff during the coming session of Congress." These are boastful if not brave words, and it behoves the guardians of the national interests to be on the alert. Approximate free trade has had but one result in this country heretofore, and it can have but one result. under the present industrial organization. hereafter-financial ruin. Since this is threatened, it behooves every patriotic citizen to endeavor to avert it. THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Philadelphia Library vote to-day on the various propositions in reference to the acceptance of the Rush bequest. While we think it clear that their individual interests will not be promoted unless it is distinctly understood that they can be permitted to sustain an independent library in the present or some other central location, we are sorry to see in the discussions of this subject so little disposition to do justice to the commendable spirit which prompted Dr. Rush to give the most liberal donation to the cause of literature which was ever made in this country. His gift was magnificent in amount and value, despite the singular and troublesome conditions with which it was clogged; and, no matter what decision may be rendered by the stockholders of the Philadelphia Library, this fact should constantly be gratefully remembered. THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINES, -From Turner Brothers & Co, we have received the November number of the Atlantic Monthly, which has the following table of contents:-"The Small Sins of Congress;" "The Foe in the Household," IX; "From the Orient direct;" "Earla-quakes of the Western United States;" "Our Phil;" "A Dredging Excursion in the Gulf Stream," II; "In Memoriam;" "The Increase of Human Life," II;
"A Pedestrian Tour;" "The Blick Moon," II; "Mo-hammed, and his Place in Universal History;" "The Net Construction of Human Life," II; Old Bankers of Piorence;" "Bonaparte, Aug. 15, 1760 -Humboldt, Sept. 14, 1769;" "Reviews and Literary Notices.





but it is most probable that he has come here simply for rest, and to escape the pressure that was being made on every side by the authorities of the Church to force him to retire from the position he has taken. It is said that he will remain in this country until the meeting of the Council, when he will proceed to Rome to press his views upon the assembled magnates of the Church.

The probabilities, however, are that before that time he will be degraded from his ecclesiastical functions, and debarred of his right to speak as a representative of the Catholic Church. The full text of the letter written to him by the superior of his order at Rome has been published, and after a remonstrance against the course he has seen fit to pursue, he is plainly threatened with the greater excommunication if he does not immediately resume the gown of his order and acknowledge the error of his conduct.

His coming to the United States is in direct defiance of this threat, and the next news will probably be that it has been carried into execution. This controversy between the Church and one of the most influential and eloquent of its clergymen is highly interesting, and, as in Luther's time, it may produce results that neither party anticipate; but as yet Father Hyacinthe appears before the world as a sincere Catholic, respectfully but firmly protesting against doctrines and influences that he believes are injurious to the cause of true religion, and as calculated to injure the Church and aid its enemies, and the probabilities are that the kind offices of the Boston evangelical pastors will be declined as inappropriate to the occasion, and as likely to do more harm than good to the cause he advocates.

IN A BECENT LAWSUIT in California, the plaintiff, in sueing a Chinaman, resisted the right of the defendant and his fellow-countrymen to testify. If his position had been sustained by the court, the Celestial would have been completely in the power of his adversary, and a precedent would have been set for the commencement of successful suits of almost every description against the Chinese portion of the population. A State law was quoted to sustain the extraordinary pretensions of the plaintiff. It was framed in the same spirit as the laws of the Southern States, which formerly forbid colored men to testify in Southern Courts, but it lacked the excuse which was based on the servile condition of the negroes before slavery was abolished. Fortunately the Judge decided that the State law was practically overruled by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, and he therefore permitted the Chinese defendant to give his version of the pending dispute. A police judge, however, had previously given an adverse decision, and it seems to be a common practice to withhold from the Chiness the right of testifying in their own behalf or on behalf of their fellow-countrymen.

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Our Young Folks for November has a continuation of Mr. Aldrich's "Story of a Bad Boy," an interesting article on "How Ships are Built," and other entertaining reading for young people.

#### A Monster Cannon.

A Monster Cannon. The monster cannon cast in the end of the six-teenth century by the Emperor Fedor Ivanovitch, which is one of the principal "lions" of the Krem-len, and has hitherto enjoyed the reputation of being the largest piece of artillery in Russia, has at length found a rival and superior in the colossal gun re-cently cast at Perm. This military Titan, according to the account of a correspondent of the St. Peters-burg Nees, is fully two-thirds larger than its prede-cessor, and throws a ball weighing eighty Russian poods, or 2550 pounds. It is at present being tested by a commission of engineers, the Government hav-ing announced its intention, in case the report be favorable, of ordering-dive other pieces of similar calibre.