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### Duplication of Inquiry

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"It should be understood that no srious proposal is made to abolish en-tirely the criminal jurisdiction of the Grand Jury. There are some occasions when the Grand Jury is regarded as indispensable. It is asserted, however, that such instances are comparatively rare, and that in the vast majority of eases the Grand Jury can perform no useful function. "That majority consists of the cases which come to the Grand Jury from a committing official (in Pennaylvania a justice of the peace, magistrate or cor-emer), who is charged with the duty of determining whether a prima facie case has been established against the ac-cused, and has held the defendant for court. The duty of the Grand Jury in much a case is to bear the witnesses for the prosecution, but not for the de-fense, and to determine whether the evidence warrants holding the defend-ant for trial. If the evidence is suffi-cient, the defendant is held; if not, the charge is ignored and the prosecution woped.

charge is ignored and the prosecution fropped. "The principal criticism of this func-tion of the Grand Jury is that it dupli-cates the function of the committing magistrate. Both have made the same inquiry: Is the evidence such that the prosecution should be dropped without further investigation? Why, we are maked, should there be two such in-quiries? If one is sufficient, another question arises: Which one should be abandoned? "As a general proposition, assuming,

"As a general proposition, assuming, as it seems fair to assume, that both inquiries can be made with equal thor-oughness, that of the Grand Jury seems to fall under the ban, if for no other reason, because the Grand Jury is large, reason, because the Grand of difficult to cumbersome, expensive and difficult to keep in readiness at the times and places at which preliminary examinations accused persons must be made.

Waste, Delay, Inconvenience

"If the function of the Grand Jury is not essential, the effect of retaining it is to waste yast sums of public money. and to interpose a needless step between the defendant and his trial. The latter spells delay, and is an especially se-rious matter if the Grand Jury meets only once in several months and then only for a short time, instead of being







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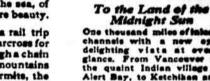
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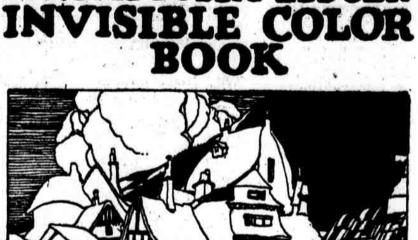
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virtually continuous session, as the case with the criminal courts of Philadelphia County. "The innocent defendant is compelled )

Philadelphia County. "The innocent defendant is compelled to wait longer than necessary for vin-dication, but the guilty criminal wel-comes the delay. The witnesses against him may die or disappear. Burdened with the necessity of testifying before the committing magistrate, at the trial, and in addition before the Grand Jury, they may almost be forgiven for disap-pearing. The criminal knows further that, although the Grand Jury cannot strengthen the case against him, it may set him free. "Attempts to alter the duties of the Grand Jury will of course be attacked by some as an unwarranted interference with ancient and inalionable rights of mankind. It behooves those who take that position not to trace their rightr to far into antiquity. "Time was, historians tell us, when those gatherings of freeholders, which were later called juries, considered that detaing the fact of guilt or innocence was not for mortal miads. They, too, determined whether the accused should be tried, but to be tried was to be con-demed, for the trial was by ordeal. A man might be required to walk three paces with a piece of red hot iron in his hand. Wee betide him if at the end of three days he had a blister 'as large as half a walnut,' for then he was suilty. If the iron left no mark, he was innocent, but he was banished from his country as a penalty for having been suspected. "Form which it appears that the Grand Jury's past is not unimpcachable. "HeCHANICS' HOME BENEFITS

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William H. Wilson, who died in the Hayes Mechanics' Home, leaves all ex-ept \$600 of a \$2400 estate to that Home, according to the terms of his will probated today. The \$600 goes to his niece, Hester E. Engle.
Hans Weniger, of 1016 South Fifty-first street. Arch street private banker, leaves all of a \$48,000 estate to his widow. Bertha E. Weniger. Sophia C. Oaldwell, 1030 Chestnut street, who died March 13, left an estate of \$130,-000, most of which goes to a daughter, Elizabeth Caldwell Hetherington. Obarles W. Ferguson, who died in the Friends' Asylum, left an estate valued at \$25,000.
Letters were granted today to admin-ivate the \$11,000 estate of Samuel Stern, who died in the Medico-Chi Hos-pital. The following inventories in per-fonal estates wore filed: Clara Shirk, \$20,601.61: George E. Shoemaker, \$31,233.82: Anthony Knyser, \$25.-060.42: Anna H. Kingsbury, \$6460.18, and Jesse W. Ringrose, \$74,103,11.
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Cost of Patrick Meintosh's Funeral

Will Be Made Good by Neighbors Patrick McIntosh, known as the "Old Thermit," who' was found dead a few days ago in a cabin in Aldan, where he had lived alone for years, will be buried today. The cost of the funeral will be defrayed by persons in Clifton Heights and Aldan.

defrayed by persons in Clifton Heights and Aldan. During the years that he lived in Aldan KeIntosh talked little about himself except when the subject of his service in the British army in India was taken up. He would then grow rethusiastic and recount many a tale if the gallant days of his youth, when is fought through a mutiny in India.

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