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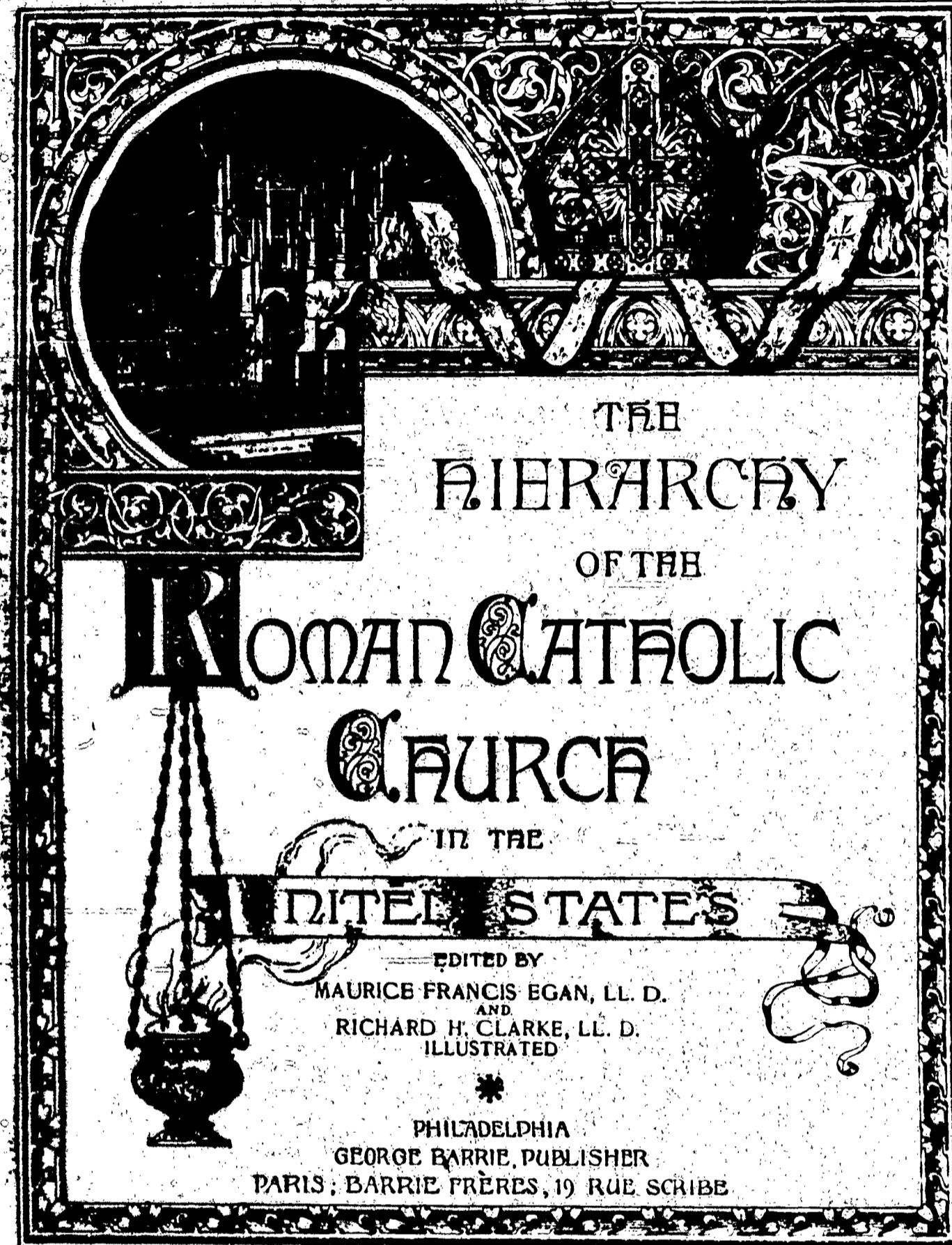
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He made his appearance at the Union school the other morning and, arriving ahead of time he prevented any feeling of loneliness from seeing him by decking three boys and riding the gate off its hinges. He went in with the crowd when the bell rang and finding an empty seat, he perched himself on the wood box. When school finally opened, the teacher secured his name and began asking bits of questions in order to find out how he should be graded.

"Can you spell?" she asked.  
"What kind of spelling?" he cautiously replied.

"Spell 'house,'" if you please.  
"Frame or brick house?" he asked.  
"Any kind of a house."

"With a mortgage on it?"  
"You may spell 'man,' if you will," she said, giving a severe look.

"Man?"  
"Yes."

"I don't care much about spelling man this morning, but I will this afternoon. I've spelled it with my eyes shut."

"Do you know your alphabet?" she asked, changing the subject.  
"Never had any," was the simple reply.

"Do you know anything about reading?"  
"I read like lightning," he answered.

She handed him a reader and said, "Let me hear you read."

"Read right out loud?"  
"Yes."

"I'm afraid it would disturb the children," he whispered.

"Gomen, let me hear you read again."  
He looked carefully at the pages scowled his brow, and read.

"If I was a large boy would you give me any peanuts in my stocking Christmas, as well as stockings, jump rope, and other household necessities?"

He handed back the book and the teacher asked,

"Richard, how many are there and three?"

"Three and three what?" he inquired.

"Anything?"  
"It's a good deal according to what it is," he replied as the school bell rang.

"I know that three and three make four, make a dog!"

"Did you ever study geography, Richard?"

"Yes, mam."

"What's geography?"

"It's a book."

"Is this world round or flat?"

"Hills and hollows," he replied.

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