

AGED INVENTOR DIES

CHRISTOPHER GROSS SUCCUMBS IN SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

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senal Here During the
Civil War.

Christopher Gross, the inventor of the folding gate, the drop awning and the latest patented jail bar, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning of dropsy at the home of his son, Charles F. Gross, 943 West Green street. He was seventy-five years of age and a native of Germany.

Mr. Gross came to this country in 1830 and for the last twenty-four years had been employed at the plant of Sneed & Co. He was a pattern-maker by trade, and during the Civil War was in charge of the United States arsenal then at Fourteenth and Rowan streets.

He was a widower and is survived by three sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. The children are William C. Gross, a barber at Fifth and Jefferson streets; Charles F. Gross, who conducts a saloon at Tenth and Green streets; Christopher Gross, Jr., a carpenter, and Miss Elizabeth Gross.

The funeral service will be conducted at the chapel of George Hess & Bro., 353 East Market street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial will be in Eastern cemetery.
