PACKERS PULLING CLOSER

CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI ARE NOW WITHIN A FEW POINTS OF EACH OTHER

BUT ONE GAME IN BIG LEAGUE

Brush's Men Took Hart's Nine Into Camp in a Small-Scored and Exciting Game—Other Games.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Brooklyn	50	33	17	.660
Philadelphia	51	32	19	.627
Boston	49	24	25	.489
Pittsburg	52	25	27	.480
Chicago	52	24	28	.462
Cincinnati	49	22	27	.449
St. Louis	47	20	27	.425
New York	48	19	29	.395

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

New York at Brooklyn.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Cincinnati batted Griffith so hard and effectively today that he retired in the fifth, in favor of Garvin. The locals hit Hahn hard, but generally right into the hands of some fielder. Chance will be out of the game for some time, being badly spiked by Barrett in a collision at the plate. Attendance, 8,000. Score:

Chi.	R	H	P	A	E	Cin.	R	H	P	A	E
Green, rf	1	2	2	0	0	Bar'tt, cf	1	0	0	1	0
Ch'ds, 2b	0	1	4	5	1	Cor'n, ss	0	1	2	3	2
M'tes, cf	1	1	2	0	0	B'k'y, 1b	2	3	9	0	0
McC'y, lf	0	1	1	0	0	C'f'd, rf	1	1	2	0	0
G'zel, 1b	0	1	13	2	0	McB, lf	1	2	1	0	0
McC, 3b	0	0	0	2	0	Quinn, 2b	0	1	6	2	0
Cha'ce, c	0	1	3	1	0	St'dt, 3b	0	0	2	0	0
Nic'ls, c	0	0	0	0	0	Peitz, c	0	2	5	4	1
C'm'n, ss	0	0	2	2	0	Hahn, p	0	0	0	3	0
Griff, p	1	1	0	4	0						
G'rvin, p	0	0	0	0	2	Totals	5	10	27	13	3
Totals	3	8	27	18	1						

Chicago .....2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—3
Cincinnati .....1 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0—5

Earned runs, Chicago 1, Cincinnati 2; left on bases, Chicago 4, Cincinnati 6; two-base hits, Mertes, Griffith; sacrifice hit, Mertes; stolen bases, Green, Ganzel, Beckley; double plays, Childs to Ganzel, Peitz to Quinn, Corcoran to Quinn, Quinn to Beckley; struck out, by Griffith 2, by Hahn 5; bases on balls, off Garvin 3, off Hahn 2; hit with ball, Hahn; time, 2:15; umpire Swartwood.

No Game at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 24.—St. Louis-Pittsburg game postponed on account of rain.

LEE PLAYED GREAT BALL.

Kansas City Beat Comiskey's Men 4 to 2.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Indianapolis	51	31	20	*.607
Chicago	56	34	22	*.617
Milwaukee	55	29	26	.527
Minneapolis	57	30	27	.526
Cleveland	53	27	26	.509
Kansas City	58	28	30	.482
Detroit	53	20	33	.377
Buffalo	55	20	35	.363

*Indianapolis, .6078. Chicago, .6071.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

Minneapolis at Chicago.
Kansas City at Milwaukee.
Buffalo at Cleveland.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Seymour's wildness and Coughlin's three errors were responsible for all the runs scored in today's game. After the first inning it was a pitchers' battle between Lee and Denzer, who replaced Seymour. Hoy's all-round play was the feature. Attendance, 9,500. Score:

Chi.	R	H	P	A	E	K. C.	R	H	P	A	E
Hoy, cf	1	3	4	0	0	H'hill, rf	1	3	2	0	0
B'die, lf	0	0	0	0	0	W'g'r, ss	1	1	5	0	1
McF'd, rf	0	0	3	0	0	O'B'n, lf	0	1	1	0	0
P'den, 2b	1	0	2	2	0	D'g'n, 1b	1	0	8	0	0
Isbell, 3b	0	2	1	2	0	Far'll, cf	1	1	2	0	0
S'g't, ss	0	0	3	3	0	C'g'n, 3b	0	1	2	4	3
S'd'n, 1b	0	1	8	0	0	St'rt, 2b	0	1	3	1	0
B'k'ley, c	0	0	6	1	0	Goding, c	0	0	1	1	0
S'm'r, p	0	0	0	0	0	Wilson, c	0	0	2	0	0
Denzer, p	0	0	0	0	0	Lee, p	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	2	6	27	8	0	Totals	4	8	27	10	4

Chicago .....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Kansas City .....4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6—4

Left on bases, Chicago 4, Kansas City 6; two-base hit, Sugden; three-base hit, Hemphill; sacrifice hit, Stewart; stolen base, Wagner; double play, Buckley to Isbell; struck out, by Denzer 4, by Seymour 1, by Lee 2; bases on balls, off Denzer 2, off Seymour 3; wild pitch, Seymour; time, 1:45; umpire, McDonald.

CLOSE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Brewers Are Beaten by Close Score, 2 to 1.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 24.—Minneapolis played an errorless game today, winning by one score in one of the prettiest exhibitions ever seen in this city. Both teams played elegant ball. Bailey did the twirling for Minneapolis and was a puzzle. It was the fourth inning before the visitors secured a hit. Hustings pitched in fine form after the first, but it was too late to save the game. Attendance, 4,000. Score:

Mpls.	R	H	P	A	E	Mil.	R	H	P	A	E
Davis, cf	1	2	5	0	0	W'd'n, rf	1	1	3	0	0
W'm't, rf	0	3	0	0	0	Gar'y, cf	0	1	1	0	0
Lally, lf	1	1	4	0	0	Dowd, 2b	0	2	4	1	0
W'd'n, 1b	0	0	7	1	0	And'n, lf	0	0	1	0	0
Jack'h, c	0	0	8	0	0	Dig's, 1b	0	1	7	0	0
N'ce, 3b	0	1	0	0	0	H.Sm'h c	0	0	3	0	0
Smith, ss	0	0	1	2	0	B'rke, 3b	0	0	2	3	0
Abby, 2b	0	0	1	1	0	B'b'r, ss	0	0	1	5	1
Bailey, p	0	1	1	1	0	Hust's, p	0	0	2	3	0
Totals	2	8	27	5	0	Totals	1	5	24	12	1

Minneapolis .....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 *—2
Milwaukee .....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Earned run, Milwaukee; two-base hit, Bailey; three-base hit, Waldron; bases on balls, off Hustings 5; struck out, by Bailey 4, by Hustings 3; left on bases, Minneapolis 13, Milwaukee 4; stolen bases, Lally 2, Wilmot; sacrifice hit, H. Smith; time, 1:30; umpire, Sheridan.

COULD NOT HIT KERWIN.

Buffalo Wins a Fast Game From the Cleveland Team.

BUFFALO, June 24.—The Buffalos warmed the Clevelands today. They hit the ball hard at times and only good fielding kept the runs down, McAleer having an unusually busy time. Pitcher Kerwin, of the former Scranton club, twirled for Buffalo, and left a good impression of his ability. Buffalo will return to Cleveland to finish the series there. Score:

Buff.	R	H	P	A	E	Clev.	R	H	P	A	E
G'm'n, cf	1	4	2	0	2	P'k'g, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Sh'r'n, rf	0	0	1	0	0	Gen's, lf	0	0	2	0	0
H'g'n, lf	1	1	1	0	1	S'van, 3b	0	0	2	3	0
Ath'n, 2b	2	2	2	4	0	Flood, 2b	1	0	1	0	1
Speer, c.	1	1	3	1	0	LaC, 1b.	0	2	7	0	0
C'rey, 1b	0	3	13	0	1	McA, cf.	1	0	9	0	0
H'm'n, ss	2	3	3	4	0	Vlox, ss.	1	2	2	2	0
And's, 3b	0	1	2	1	0	Spies, c..	0	1	3	1	0
Ker'n, p.	0	1	0	0	0	Chech, p	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	7	16	27	10	4	Totals	3	6	27	8	1

Buffalo .....5 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—7
Cleveland .....0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1—3

Earned runs, Buffalo 6, Cleveland 1; three-base hits, Hallman, Atherton 2; three-base hit, Vlox; stolen bases, Gettman 3; double play, Atherton to Carey; first base on balls, off Kerwin 1, off Chech 1; struck out, by Kerwin 1; time, 1:30; attendance, 2,500; umpire, Cantillon.

INDIANAPOLIS WAS EASY.

Detroit Took the Hoosiers Into Camp, 10 to 3.

DETROIT, Mich., June 24.—Indianapolis fielders made a fearful mess of it on the rough Sunday grounds this afternoon, and, as the Detroit team played perfectly, as well as hit the ball harder than the visitors, the game was easily won by the locals. Hogriever's hitting and his catch of a line drive were features aside from the general good work of the Detroit players. Score:

Det.	R	H	P	A	E	Ind.	R	H	P	A	E
Casey, 3b	0	0	4	0	0	Hog'r, rf	1	4	2	0	0
H'm's, rf	1	1	1	0	0	Hey'n, c.	0	1	0	4	0
H'ley, lf.	1	1	2	0	0	M'g'n, 2b	1	1	4	6	3
El'f'd, ss	2	2	3	5	0	M'd'n, ss	1	0	3	2	2
Ryan, 2b.	4	3	3	4	0	P'ers, 1b	0	1	9	0	0
Dil'n, 1b.	2	2	9	1	0	Bar's, lf.	0	0	1	0	2
Nicol, cf.	0	2	3	0	0	H.K'y, 3b	0	1	2	6	2
Shaw, c.	0	1	2	2	0	R'h'r, cf.	0	0	2	0	1
Miller, p	0	1	0	2	0	Dam'n, p	0	1	1	4	1
Totals	10	13	27	14	0	Totals	3	9	24	22	11

Detroit .....4 0 2 2 0 1 1 0 *—10
Indianapolis .....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—3

Earned runs, Detroit 2, Indianapolis 1; two-base hit, Dillon; home runs, Hogriever, Ryan; sacrifice hit, Harley; stolen bases, Shaw, Magoon; first base on balls, off Miller 5, off Dammann 3; first base on errors, Detroit 5; left on bases, Detroit 12, Indianapolis 9; struck out, by Miller 2, double play, Elberfe'd to Dillon; time, 1:50; umpire, Dwyer; attendance, 3,500.

TIED FOR FIRST PLACE.

Clothing Teams Even Up in Twin City League Race.

	Won.	Lost.	Per Ct.
Lennon & Gibbons	3	2	.600
Palace	3	2	.600
Hamms	4	5	.444
Minneapolis Brewers	1	2	.333

The Hamm Brewing company team pulled down the leaders in the Twin City league race yesterday in an exciting game, 14 to 13, during which Second Baseman Jack Murphy, of the clothiers, was badly hurt.

The league play will be continued next Sunday.

AMATEUR BASEBALL.

The game played yesterday between the Plymouth clothing team and the Hastings and Rosemount combination resulted in a victory for the latter by the score of 6 to 4. Hank Gehring was in the box for the Plymouth team and pitched his best game of the season, holding his hard-hitting opponents down to three scattered hits and retiring twelve men on strikes. The batting of Albert Gehring and brother, Hank, was a feature. Two infield errors gave the home team the game in the sixth inning. The score:

			R.	H.	E.
Plymouth	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	—1	8	5
Hast. & Ros.	1 0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0	—6	3	4

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The Nelson Kids added two more victories to their long list of victories by defeating the Rivals by a score of 19 to 15, and the Elk Horns by a score of 19 to 14. Battery for the Kids, Subous and Miller.

Wisconsins at Poughkeepsie.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 24.—Of the four colleges that are represented here by eight-oared crews the Wisconsins were the only ones that attempted to do any rowing today, and their experiment, made shortly before noon, when the running of an ebb tide against a southwest wind kicked up a heavy sea, was anything but satisfactory. O'Dea, who says that his men are not in condition to enter a race, felt it was necessary for them to go out in spite of whitecaps, and he sent them over to the west shore, while he followed in the Walla Walla. In crossing the river the varsity boat shipped water until it threatened to swamp, and the eight had to get out on a launch and empty the water. The freshmen boat did not take in nearly so much water, although the crew went through the same process of emptying it out. After that both crews rowed a few short stretches, but the river was too rough to permit much coaching, and O'Dea sent the crews back to the boat house.

Cycling at Paris.

PARIS, June 24.—An immense crowd witnessed the finals in the international bicycle contests today. The Grand Prix was won by Jacquelin, of France, Momo, of Italy, being second, and Tomaselli, of Italy, third. No Americans competed.

Bauge, of France, won the hour's race with pacers, making 36 6-10 miles. Harry B. Elkes, the American, was second. Linton, the Englishman, came in fourth.

Bloemfontein as It Is.

Edgar Mels, in Harper's Weekly.

Next to Pretoria, Bloemfontein is the prettiest settlement of any size in South Africa. Inhabited by 4,000 whites and as many natives—in time of peace—it can boast, if it should be inclined to do so, of two daily and two weekly papers, to say nothing of four hotels and the Bloemfontein club.

The place is situated upon a plain, surrounded by low hills, none rising to a higher elevation than 200 feet. On one of these kopjes to the south is a small fort, erected by the British government as a means of defenses against the Basutos. Near by is a simple monument to keep green the memory of those killed in the Basuto war of 1865-8.

Like all South-African towns, Bloemfontein consists of a market square with streets and houses radiating in all directions. The habitations are rather pretty as a rule, for Bloemfontein is (or was) the seat of both the Anglican and Roman Catholic bishoprics, as well as being a center of Wesleyan activity. And of course, civilization has followed in the foot steps of the churches.

An Old German Printer.

A Leipzig compositor named Krueger, who has just celebrated his fiftieth year of service, has been occupied with one book for nearly all that time. He has set with his own hand almost all of Grimm's great German dictionary that has appeared since Jakob Grimm turned in the first batch of manuscript in December, 1851. Though 32,000 pages of the Woerterbuch have been printed, the work is not all done yet, and Herr Krueger will have to live to be 100 years old to see it finished.

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HE THIRSTED FOR BLOOD

CEDAR RAPIDS MANIAC KILLS TWO AND SERIOUSLY INJURES TWO MORE

HE THEN KILLED HIMSELF

Murderer Ended His Own Life After a Lively Fight, in Which he Sought the Death of Many.

CEDAR RAPIDS Io., June 24.—Charles Mefford, a maniac, at 5 o'clock this morning, killed James Fitzsimmons, fatally injured Joseph Drake, and seriously and possibly fatally injured Mrs. James Fitzsimmons, slightly injured Miss Kate Fitzsimmons, and then ended his own life. Mefford was twenty seven years old, and had been insane for a number of years. Two years ago he was in the Independence asylum for a short time, but escaped, and was never returned. He was not generally considered dangerous.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock, while clad only in a shirt, he darted out of his home, a raving maniac. He was seen two or three times between then and midday, but the police failed to find him.

Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning Reginald Andrews, the janitor at the Old Ladies' home, was awakened by crashing glass. The next moment Mefford stood before him, stark naked, swinging a neck yoke.

"Your time has come," shouted Mefford.

"What time do you mean?" asked Andrews, with remarkable coolness.

"I have murdered one whole family tonight, and I am going to kill you next, and then everybody in the home," replied Mefford.

Mefford swung the neckyoke and tried to brain Andrews. The latter dodged, grabbed the weapon, threw Mefford on the bed and choked him until he begged for mercy. Then Andrews gave Mefford a bath, a suit of clothes and some breakfast, which apparently satisfied him. Rushing into the home and locking the dozen or fourteen old ladies in their rooms, Andrews notified the police by telephone and rushed across the street to the home of Joseph Drake for assistance. Drake dressed and they started out. As they did so, Mefford, carrying an ax, was seen to plunge through a window in the home of James Fitzsimmons, about 150 yards away. As he entered the room Mrs. Fitzsimmons uttered a scream. Mefford swung the ax and brought it down toward her head. Her uplifted arm saved her life. The arm was broken in two places, and she sustained a serious scalp wound.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, hearing the scream dashed into the room and grappled the maniac. Mefford shook him off and sent the ax crashing into his skull, splitting his head open. Then, dashing upstairs, Mefford attacked Miss Kate Fitzsimmons, inflicting a number of severe scalp wounds. When he came down stairs Drake had just entered the house. Drake dropped to his knee to shoot. Click, click, click, went the revolver. But there were four empty chambers, and each time the hammer came down on one of them. Then Mefford struck him on the head with the ax. A second and third blow followed, and Drake fell over. Andrews escaped the maniac again.

Mefford took Drake's revolver and ran out of the house. After running several blocks he put a bullet into his left breast just below the heart. Running two or three blocks farther, he sat down on the curbstone. Placing the revolver to the center of his forehead, he fired again. He continued to wave the revolver above his head. But just as the first officer grabbed the revolver from behind, Mefford fell over into the gutter dead.

STORYETTES.

Some one recently showed ex-Speaker Reed a copy of a Manila paper in which appeared this paragraph: "The difference between 'Tom' Reed and 'Billy' Mason is that when 'Tom' Reed says he will resign he resigns." "Ah," said Mr. Reed, reflectively, "a great journalist is evidently wasting his talents on the Filipinos."

During a recent session of the senate Mr. Pettigrew, who is a tireless talker, insisted on using the phrase "ad infinitum" with great frequency, pronouncing the longer word with the accent on the second syllable. Finally, one of his associates corrected him, saying: "Give it the long i, senator." Senator Hoar overheard this and remarked: "The senator is probably making the i short to save the time of the senate."

This is a story which Representative Eddy of Minnesota tells on himself, according to the New York Telegraph. Mr. Eddy not only enjoys the situation when the laugh is turned against him, but has a sense of humor which leads him to start the laugh sometimes himself: "In making the campaign in my district one year," said Mr. Eddy, "I took along as an attraction a veteran of the war of 1812 and of the Civil war, who was a famous hand at beating the drum. He was a drummer from away back and could rouse a whole township. Drum music is an incendiary kind of thing, anyhow, and the old captain's drumming was particularly stirring.

"Well, one night, after the captain's drum had given the usual overture, I began my speech to the populace which had been lured to the scene by his drum. I noticed at the foot of the rostrum, the same being a big dry goods box, a bright-eyed little fellow about twelve years old, who sat through the speech, following me with great attention. It pleased me. Any fool can interest an audience of adults, but it takes a genius to hold a child. So, after the speaking, I went down and spoke to the little fellow, and, after shaking hands with him, asking him how he liked my speech.

"'Oh, it will do,' he said 'but if I was you I would keep the captain a'drummin' all the time.'"

A Possibility.

Harper's Weekly.

If McKinley and Long should prove to be the Republican standard-bearers, the Democrats would hardly let slip the opportunity to call forth Messrs. Bryan and Schley—and then we should have the whole sickening Santiago controversy reopened. We really think that, for the general good of the country, the absurd Woodruff boom should be abandoned; for if it is not, the nomination will go beyond the borders of the state, and if that happens the man from Massachusetts may come in. We esteem Secretary Long very highly, but it is easy to see what his candidacy would involve, and nothing could be more painful than a national campaign in which an undignified squabble between two heroes as to which is the bigger should be the paramount issue.

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RAMON'S NECK IS SAVED

GEN. MACARTHUR'S FIRST OFFICIAL ACT HELPS AN ALLEGED FILIPINO SPY

WILL BE KEPT A PRISONER

Laezamana Will Not Have Any Opportunity to Defeat the Ends of the American Army of Occupation.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

MANILA, May 19.—The first official act of Gen. MacArthur throwing light on his policy in dealing with the insurgents displays the same leniency which Gen. Otis followed. The case was that of a native, Ramon Laezamana, tried by a court-martial in Balanzas, convicted of being a spy and sentenced to be hanged. The specification on which he was tried set forth that, "Being a non-commissioned officer of the insurgent army, a public enemy engaged in an insurrection against the authorities and laws of the United states, he did secretly lurk and act as a spy about the buildings occupied by the Thirty-eighth infantry, and did collect information in regard to the numbers, resources and operations of the army of the United States, with intent to impart the same to the enemy."

Gen. MacArthur, after reviewing the case, decided that, while the evidence of the prisoner's connection with the insurgent army was conclusive, it was not proven that his presence within the lines was with the intent necessary to constitute him a spy under the laws of war. He disapproved the sentence, and ordered that Laezamana be kept a prisoner of war.

Gabriel Cayaban, the president of a pueblo in Pangianina, has been convicted of conspiring against the government, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, with a fine of $12,000.

Before leaving Manila Gen. Otis reviewed the findings of the commission which had sentenced several Filipinos to death for guerrilla operations. The rule which he followed in all these cases was to approve the death sentence upon guerrillas who had attacked other Filipinos for supporting the Americans, and to reduce to long imprisonment the penalties against those who had ambushed American soldiers.

Gen. MacArthur has given a formal answer to the Filipino leaders who last Thursday submitted to him peace proposals that had been approved earlier in the day by a meeting of representative insurgents.

In his reply he assured them that all personal rights under the United States constitution, excepting trial by jury and the right to bear arms, would be guaranteed them.

The promoters of the peace movement are now engaged in reconstructing the draft of the seven clauses submitted to Gen. MacArthur in such a way as to render it acceptable to both sides.

The seventh clause, providing for the expulsion of friars, Gen. MacArthur rejected, on the ground that the settlement of this question rests with the commission headed by Judge Taft.

That portion of the Forty-third regiment which formerly garrisoned the island of Samar will proceed to the island of Leyte, giving the garrison there the needed reinforcement.

The battalion of the Twenty-ninth infantry which was sent yesterday to Samar will act as the garrison there.

CHILDREN AS PINS.

The Rev. Mr. Tweedy's Chalk Talk to Plymouth Children.

Rev. H. H. Tweedy indulged in one of his chalk talks to the children of Plymouth Congregational church and Sunday school last evening, says the Utica Observer. He began it by drawing an object on the blackboard. "What is that?" he asked.

"A sword," shouted on small boy.

"A pin," said another.

"Right," said Mr. Tweedy. "It was designed to represent a pin. Have you ever thought how each of you represents a pin? Has any one ever seen them make pins?" There being no response to this question the reverend gentleman went on: "They first take a long roll of wire and run it through a machine to straighten it out. Let us not forget that. You, too, want straightening; first, physically, and then mentally and morally. What do you mean when you speak of a straightforward boy or girl?"

"A boy who doesn't lie," answered a boy.

"A girl who helps her mother," said a little girl.

"Yes," said the speaker. "Both of those answers will do. Let me put down 'straight' on the blackboard. But after straightening the wire and cutting it into proper lengths, what is the next thing they do to make a pin?"

"Put a head on it," said a small boy.

"Right," said the pastor. "Put a head on you. How do you do that?"

"Go to school," suggested two or three.

"Yes," said Mr. Tweedy. "That's where you can get something to put into your heads, and after you have enough it may be said of you that you have a head on you. Well, what next?"

"A point," said a small boy.

"Right you are," answered Mr. Tweedy. "Some people you have seen who seem to lack point. Now it is very essential in a pin to be well pointed. And it is as essential for you—not too blunt, nor too dull, but pointed. What next?"

"Polish."

"Right. And how are you going to show that you are polished pins?"

"By being polite. I saw a boy on the street the other day who met a lady, who said to him, 'How do you do, John?' 'I'm pretty well,' said John, with both hands in his pockets. Now, what ought he to have done?"

"Lifted his hat," exclaimed a youngster.

"Yes. And I saw a girl the other day romping about the streets. Where ought she to have been?"

"At home helping her mother," piped up a voice from a little girl.

"Right again. For true politeness consists in helping others. What kind of a pin is this?" said the pastor, exhibiting a wooden pin.

"A clothespin."

"Yes. And do you know I often see men and women whose only mission appears to be something to hang clothes on? Now, in conclusion, what else must I do with these pins to get the full benefit of them?"

"Use them," suggested some one.

"Yes," concluded Mr. Tweedy. "Service is the great thing for us all; for without it we may be straightforward and have heads on us and pointed, and polite, or only a clothespin, but without service we are nothing. If you help your mother and father, remember that by that act you are rendering service to God and Jesus."

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LOTTERY TICKET THAT WON

Traded for a Bottle of Whisky, but in the End Made Both of the Men Rich.

"The two squarest men I ever came in contact with," said Col. William Smith, of Omaha, the other day, "were a German saloonkeeper and a restaurateur and a hobo, all of Omaha. The saloonkeeper's name was Adam Grosbeck, and he ran a German beer and cookery outfit in Omaha about fifteen years ago. One afternoon in the summer of '85 he was standing behind his bar when a picturesque hobo, a man around thirty years of age, wandered in.

"'Hey, Chakey,' said the hobo to the saloonkeeper, 'I've brought a thirst along to have something poured into it. How is it for a quart of the best you've got in the wickleup?'

"'Nod now,' replied Grosbeck sizing his customer up. 'How vould de budde end oof a bung-starder do you, hein?'

"'Stop your joshing, Chake,' said the hobo, airily. 'I've got a lottery ticket here that's worth a five-spot, that ought to be good for a quart. Want to look at it?' and he passed a dirty looking lottery ticket over the bar for Grosbeck's inspection.

KNEW NOTHING OF LOTTERIES.

"'Vot I know about lodderies?' inquired the saloonkeeper, picking up the grimy bit of pastboard. Just then a hanger-on happened in and overheard the conversation. He asked Grosbeck to let him see the ticket. The German passed it over, and the hanger-on examined it.

"'That's worth a five, all right,' he said to the saloonkeeper. 'It's for next month's drawing, and it's a third of a whole ticket. You stand a chance of winning $25,000 with that piece of paper.'

"The German laughed skeptically.

"'Vhere you get him?' he asked the hobo.

"'Found it on the railroad track down the way a