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We told an Evanston tea pedler last summer, he had no business here: he paid no taxes to grade and gravel our streets or run the city government and he had no better tea than our own folks. He did not call the second time.

We have received a very courteous invitation to attend an exhibit of "miniature costumes" at Marshall Fields. We have no "miniatures" to wear such costumes, and if we had we should buy our "miniature" clothing here at home; patronize home industries.

Think of it, poor Kansas; it raised this year 52,000,000 bushels of wheat or 8,000,000 barrels of flour or 1,733,333,200 loaves of bread and if these loaves were laid end to end each loaf being one foot long, how many times would they girdle the globe at the equator?

Here is another calamity. An English novelist says the three essentials of civilized living are Bread, Cheese and Kisses. And just now two Wisconsin University scientists have discovered the supposed microbes which worked out the process known as "curing" cheese, a process by the way, which changes the tough, indigestible green curd into the palatable easily digested and highly nutritious well cured cheese like a full cream Herkimer or Wisconsin or a Scandinavian imported Eidam. Next will come the dis-

covery and exposure of the microbes of kisses! Alas and alas!

The great cheese states of this country are the following in the order named: New York, Wisconsin, Ohio, California, and Vermont. Illinois is not in it. We Americans eat about three pounds each per annum. We ought to eat a pound a week, and would, were it good cheese.

The police judge's new docket has just come. It has 500 pages in half Russia, etc. The city marshal has handed him two dozen names of delinquent dog owners or keepers and processes in all these cases will issue Monday next. So if you wish to save expense, pay your dog tax to City Clerk Finney on or before that date. After Monday you will not only have to pay the tax, but the costs also, which will be about \$1.00 extra on each case at least.

TOO MANY CHURCHES.

During our long and somewhat uneventful life we have sometimes been told how acceptable some service of ours had proved to those to whom it was rendered. Such words as these are a bit encouraging. Hence, Saturday when one of the good men of this town, and one who for business ability and integrity commands as wide and general confidence as any man in Highland Park, came to us and said our recent editorial on "Too Many Churches" just met his approval, as expressing his long cherished views, we were not a little encouraged. He is a real live, active, full fellowship member of one of these churches in our little city. He has been here, too, these many years; has borne the heat and burden of the day, and is bearing them now.

What does all this mean? Does it not mean that some of us have now, or have had in the past, more sectarianism than piety: more religious partisanship than sound Christian sense? We are Baptists from sternum to spinal column, through and through: and as upright and downright in our Calvinism as old John of Geneva, but we are not such bigots

as to suppose the religious welfare of Highland Park, or our denomination at large, demands a Baptist church here. Providentially there is one, as there is a Presbyterian church and Episcopal church here, and a lot of others on the west side. And now the problem is what to do with them; that is, how to use them all for the city's best good. What Highland Park needs above all else is a powerful revival of religion, not a series of big meetings, but the salvation of big sinners, and little ones too, such a salvation as will lead not to fanaticism and sectarianism, but to reformed, purer and better lives, and produce a healthier, because a higher, moral tone in the community. The Park is dying, religiously, of dry rot; we have too many people who are very religious without much piety.

The appalling fact is, our churches, as now organized and operated, can't have the needed revival. On Christ's second visit to Nazareth he healed a few sick folks, as he met them, but did no great and ending work, as he had done in so many other places, and the evangelist makes this startling record, "He did not there many mighty works because of unbelief." Thus the spiritual condition of the church can and does limit the gracious work of God, just as the "No" of the lowest sinner can veto the mighty work of the Spirit in his salvation.

Now it seems to us that these two pastorless churches simultaneously, in this little city, in these hard times, in this season of spiritual torpor and decay, is a very clear and strong providential hint as to what ought to be done, and if we can get ourselves as Christians and as Churches into the grooves of God's eternal thought and gracious plans, concerning us, and work with him and for our fellows, great and blessed results might be expected.

The new car house of the electric road looks as though it would fall over, it is 60 feet long, 16 feet wide and 16 feet high from sill to plate with an "A" roof.

Plumber Nolan is called to Chicago for two days on a job there this week. That's it; pay 'em back.