

In a certain case tried in Missouri, where the charge was theft of a watch, the evidence was most conflicting, and, as the jury retired, the judge observed that he would be glad to assist in the adjustment of any difficulties that might present themselves to the mind of the jury. All but one of the jurors had filed out of the box. There was on the expression of the one who remained an expression betokening the extremest perplexity. Observing this hesitancy, his Honour said: "Is there any question you'd like to ask me?" At this the twelfth juror's face brightened. "Yes, your Honour," was his eager response. "I'd be awful glad if you'd tell me whether the prisoner really stole the watch."

The *Living Age* (Boston, U.S.A.), of Sept. 14, amongst other excellent selections from the leading magazines, publishes an article called "The Folly of International Sport" from *Blackwood's Magazine*. In these days many have lost the true idea of what sport really is, and what is understood by the word in England and Canada. Without discussing the writer's assertion that true sport has nationally ceased to exist in the United States, it claims that the exhibitions at the Olympic games shewed "the triumph of professionalism and of professionalism alone. It is precisely this spirit of professionalism, this lust to win, which we hope will never be introduced in Great Britain. Wherever professionalism has flourished there has been an end to sport." This is what happened in Athens where the athletes of that day were described by Euripides as "the worst citizens, for they knew neither how to fight or how to give counsel. They would not work because they thought that he who won a prize should live forever at the public expense." And so the Olympic games fell into disrepute. This is what is happening to-day, and we agree that the revival of these games is from an international point of view objectionable and harmful as they are the reverse of promoting good feeling between nations and promote professionalism instead of true amateur sport and had better be discontinued.