Knights, Cond., Jan. 25, 1899.

Dear Walsh,

I could not read this manuscript at once, but have now done so. I think it has faults—perhaps you did not note that it was an exception to all other things. It seems to me to need condensation, being too long for the amount of incident that it carries. It shows also, begin at the place
Thus I have marked with a star on pape 3.

In the latter part—where the citizens unarmed marched to the coffin—the narrat-
ive of their doing to better leads one to ex-
pect a denouncement which is necessarily ab-
sent. Less expectation would be aroused if
you told me that in a sentence

Something of the same pernicious prodigy I
observe in the account
of the dominie's visit to the rich man; it
led me to expect some thing that did not oc-
can what occurred being just the natural thing.

tout it down, by all means - or rather by means of measure. I suppose if the story is intended for a magazine publicity is no objection, but I know of no magazine than the prime cut in laugh would not frighten out of its seventeen senses.

I'm thinking of writing more stories and of using your notion of a bad tempered automaton chess player. Thank you for it.

Peace be with you.

Ambrose Bierce