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## BRUTAL SPORTS.

It is pleasing to notice the increasing antipathy to the brutalities attending the game of football. There is no real excuse for them, and the outcry against them ought to be universal. Many of the leading educational institutions of the country join in the protest, and some of them advocate the abolition of the sport. That is perhaps an extreme position to take in relation to the popular game, but it is certain that some radical modification of its rules ought to be generally adopted and carried out.

Athletic sports should, no doubt, be encouraged to the extent that reason and fair play would indicate. The development of the physical is a necessary part of the training of our youth, for progress cannot be fully promoted on intellectual lines only. A sound body is wanted for the sound mind, and improvement is needed for the generations to come. But this does not imply excess in physical exercise nor vicious encounters in couples or in companies.

The spirit of strife that enters into modern football, usually ranging on either side rival colleges or schools, is conducted more in the spirit of war than of friendly contention, and frequently is vitiated by cowardly ferocity, many lusty fellows falling upon one victim, crushing out his breath and sometimes his life. The maimed and battered footballers number a much higher total than that of injured pugilists, and there is no actual need of excuse for the violence that is used in such contests.

It appears to us that there might be a code of regulations for universal use in the conduct of the game, which would divest it of its objectionable feature, and make it really a pastime instead of a display of brute force. The rules should carry with them penalties for their violation, which ought to be rigidly enforced. If this cannot be accomplished, football should be barred out of every respectable educational establishment in the land.

Another kind of cowardly brutality that has aroused the indignation of fair-minded people, is the practice of hazing that has come under the ban of courts and educational boards and faculties, and for a time seemed to have been abandoned. Recently, however, it has been revived, and a case in the U. S. Naval Academy which has been under investigation, discloses the fact that the pernicious practice is still carried on, occasionally at the least. Starting, probably, in a spirit of fun and practical joking, it develops into oppression and tyranny, the strong trampling upon the weak, and an utter disregard of personal rights.

It is always an exhibition of cowardice, a number of vigorous brutes pounding upon a solitary victim which may be amusing to them, but are extremely injurious to him, resulting sometimes in his death. Call it what they please, it is murder when such a fatality occurs. At any time it is inexcusable and an indication of animal ferocity.

A little fun, even at the expense of some one's feelings, may be permitted among young men congregated in educational and professional establishments, but such humor and "horse-play" can be carried on without those exhibitions of spite and malice and physical oppression that have been a disgrace to some public institutions. They ought not to be tolerated or covered up. Every participant in them should be severely punished or expelled from those establishments. Professors and members of the faculty in any public institution who wink at the atrocities that have been perpetrated, ought to be discharged from their positions without compunction and without delay.

It is as necessary to impress upon the youth of this country the lesson of regard for the rights of others, as it is to teach them the rudiments of learning and the principles that enter into any branch of study. There is no need to do anything to suppress manly vigor or proper amusement. The bright spirits of youth should not be extinguished or the desire for harmless fun be kept down, but the pugnacity, violence and brutality exhibited in that which is regarded by many as sport, should not be kept within bounds and needs to be considered as compatible with educational training and enlightened progress.

## SOME SOCIAL EVILS.

A statistician has calculated that 700,000 divorces were granted in this country in the years from 1869 to 1901. If the same ratio were to be continued during the next 24 years, the number of divorces, it is said, would be about thirty millions. The divorce granted in this country during the year 1904 totaled, we are told, 100,000. As com-

pared to the divorces of some other countries, this sum is almost enormous. The separations granted in Great Britain during the same year aggregated only 606; in France 949; and in Canada 69.

The comparison with France is particularly odious because we are accustomed to regard that country as very frigid. No matter what view we take of the subject, it must be admitted that the divorce evil has reached alarming proportions in this country, and that some remedy is needed. It should be remembered, too, that the social evil as presented by the records of the divorce courts is not the only side to this evil. A reputable physician some time ago, in a public address, said: "There is no doubt that if physicians should reveal all the secrets in their possession, society would be disrupted and churches dismembered."

Some eminent students of the divorce problem believe that an international divorce law is necessary to reduce the evil to a minimum. "A court ought to be held bound," one declares, "to recognize as valid a foreign decree of nullity of marriage only where the court which pronounced the decree was a court of territory wherein the marriage was solemnized." What is needed is not a uniform law for the States alone, but a uniform law applicable to all nations.

The consideration of this solution of the problem, must be put off, we presume, until the international parliament has become an established institution of the world. In the meantime, we need to have our eyes opened to the actual dangers that threaten the American home, and not lose ourselves in the pursuit of a phantom that exists nowhere except in diseased brains.

## AN INTERESTING REPORT.

The report of the Secretary of War, for the year 1905, now submitted to Congress, is a document of over a hundred pages. It does not deal exclusively with matters pertaining to the army and navy, but considerable space is devoted to the Philippine Islands and the Panama canal. Reports on "colonial" affairs and public works are mixed up with those on the business of the war department.

The report shows the strength of the regular army to be a total of 59,814, of which 3,759 are officers. They are distributed as follows: In the United States, 45,402; in the Philippine Islands, 11,903; in Porto Rico, 10; in the Hawaiian Islands, 14; in Alaska, 1,945, and in other places, 1219. That is a small army for a country of the size and importance of the United States, but it is evidently large enough for all purposes.

Complaint is made of the insufficiency of the number of officers. Over 25 per cent of the line officers were absent as sick, on leave, or in arrest. The same is true of over 11 per cent of the staff officers. Is that not an anomalous condition?

The Secretary states that there has during the year been no military operations of serious proportions. In the Philippine Islands small bodies of troops have sometimes been called upon to all the Constabulary in maintaining order. But notwithstanding this, during the year 29 officers and 488 men were either killed in action or died of wounds or disease, a great majority of the deaths being from disease. Sickness directly attributed to dysentery are the curse of the army, causing 16 per cent of all discharges for disease. The healthiest station for troops is Alaska.

The subject of desertion has been discussed lately in the Press. Secretary Taft believes that desertions are due to the fact that many men of low moral standing are accepted. He suggests a probationary service of reasonable duration for recruits.

With regard to our coast defenses the Secretary believes that almost \$2,000,000 will be needed the next fiscal year for fortifications in our insular possessions, divided between the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico. He outlines the work being done at army posts to provide gymnasiums for the men, and gives this movement his hearty support. In the last year the army transport service, the report states, has done a large amount of work in conveying men and supplies to the Philippines, work which the quartermaster-general estimates would have entailed an expenditure of \$1,700,000 if performed by private lines.

Secretary Taft, speaking of the Philippines, takes a hopeful view of the situation there. In only three provinces of the 35 have there been any disturbances during the past year, and those three provinces are the homes of a number of insurgent generals. To keep down insurrections in Cavite and Batangas a large force of Philippine scouts was employed. It was charged that these scouts abused the people, and on this point Secretary Taft declares "some of these [charges] were doubtless well founded, because it is impossible to place uneducated Filipinos in places where they can exercise power over other Filipinos without abuses following; on the other hand, there is no country in the world where false charges can be so easily made and given verisimilitude as in the Tagalog provinces of the Philippine Islands."

The space devoted to Panama canal matters is filled with interesting reading. The history of the enterprise is reviewed and light thrown on many points of controversy. As regards the conditions under which the work must be performed, the Secretary says that dependence must be placed on an alien population, for white men cannot stand this outdoor work in the tropics. He suggests that, as the West Indian labor is far from being satisfactory, men will have to be drawn from other parts of the world, possibly China and Japan, to fill the demand for unskilled workers.

The canal, so far, has cost \$60,000,000. This sum has been expended as follows: \$40,000,000 went to the French Panama canal company and \$10,000,000 to the republic of Panama for the right of way and the railroad. That left \$10,000,000 for preliminary work on the canal, of which at the date of this message \$9,874,000 has been expended. The

Secretary asks for \$16,500,000, enough to carry on the work until the close of the current fiscal year, June 30, 1906, and also for \$11,000,000, which will be spent prior to April 1 next.

It is pretty clear that the real work on the canal has not yet commenced, notwithstanding the expenditures noted. When the digging begins in earnest, we presume it will be carried to a conclusion with the customary American skill and enterprise.

Hummel seems to have been a "hummer."

Washing soiled linen in public never cleans it.

The Emperor of Korea must be content to be a has been.

Information regarding hazing at Annapolis is rather hazy.

Is Paul Morton worth \$30,000 a year more than Charles A. Peabody?

London's unemployed are making demonstrations if not progress.

The cry of the anthracite miners' convention is, "The union forever!"

Reversing the general rule, in Russia revolutions go backward and forward.

The czar is called an "enlightened despot." He surely is feeling the light of revolution.

Speaking of "rambunctious" friends the greatest one any one ever had was the ram in the thicket.

The danger of a government-guaranteed currency, not based on a government-guaranteed bond, is inflation.

Senator Heyburn should be happy. The Senate committee on manufactures has agreed to report his pure food bill.

Get the Christmas "News" tomorrow. There will be no finer holiday edition of any paper in the Rocky Mountain region.

The trouble with the currency is not lack of elasticity but elasticity of conscience in many who have the handling of it.

M. Witte has great faith in the Russian army. The crux of the matter is, Has the Russian army great faith in M. Witte?

There is to be a new dance hall on Second South. As in all other cases of the kind, those who dance must pay the piper.

The navy department is determined to stamp out hazing at the naval academy. Secretary Bonaparte is going to jump on it with both feet.

Let pedestrians and police be alert and there will be fewer holdups. But do not blame the police too much, for it is not the habit of thugs to operate where policemen are.

Secretary of War Taft says that the great problem down on the isthmus is not excavation but disposing of the waste. The present problem seems to be to stop the waste on the canal.

Mr. Hubert, the Korean agent, having failed to enlist the administration in the cause of Korea against Japan, says he proposes to appeal directly to the American people. Going to invoke the initiative and referendum in international affairs, eh?

NEW TYPE OF ARCHITECTURE.  
New York Times.

The Society of Beaux Arts has established a course of study, modeled after the system of the Ecole des Beaux Arts, for architectural draughtsmen. The 160 members are considering seriously establishing an institution for the young men in their employ, and hope that as a result a distinct type of American architecture may be evolved.

PREGLACIAL WOOD.  
Engineering News.

A piece of wood uncovered recently by the Foundation Co. in excavating for the United States Express building at Reister and Greenwich streets, undoubtedly formed part of a tree that must have grown before the Ice Age in geologic history. It was lying on top of the bedrock beneath a stratum of hardpan and boulders. The bedrock in this spot is about 40 feet below the curb. On top of the bedrock is a stratum about 11 feet thick, composed of hardpan and boulders and covered by ordinary quicksand and mud. In that section, the piece of wood was found on top of the bedrock embedded in and covered by the stratum of hardpan.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Outdoor for December has a number of beautifully illustrated papers on subjects of special interest to sportsmen. The cover design, "Bringing Home the Game," is by the artist, and is money with the season—150, Fifth avenue, New York.

These are some of the subjects to which System for December gives space: "Building a Business Machine," John V. Farwell, Jr.; "Great Initiatives of Business," T. J. Zimmerman; "The Battle for the World's Markets," Henry Harrison Lewis; "Little Stories of Successful Systems," "The Organization of Retail Store," Charles E. Calk; "Following Up Real Estate Prospects," Royal D. Smith; "Modern Accounting Methods," Charles A. Sweachind; "How to Run a Mine Economically," J. T. Williams; "A Detailed Printing Cost System," Eden B. Stuart; and "The Measure of Year's Results," A. W. Shaw. There are many other articles of more or less interest to business men.—The System Co., Chicago, Ill.

The Wayside Tales for December comes with eight illustrated stories, several poems, and special articles of interest. Among the latter will be noticed a paper on the question: "Was Jesus Wealthy?" which the author, a Russian nobleman, answers in the affirmative. The magazine this month opens with a fine collection of pictures of beautiful women on the stage.—M. S. Co., Manhattan Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

One of the special features of Harper's Weekly for December 9 is a paper by Henry Harrison Lewis on the Panama Canal. This is a profusely illustrated. The number also has a double-page birds-eye view of the country through which the canal passes. The article on "The Evolution of a Vast

Industry" is continued. There are many other features of timely interest.—Harper & Bros., New York.

The following is part of the list of contents of Four-Track News for December: "Knitting of the Manhattan Stocking" by Bertha H. Smith; "Honeycomb Laid" William G. Fitzgerald; "Where It Ended" (Yorktown), Thomas C. Harbaugh; "In Bethlehem" Frank Cramer; "Playing Indian," M. J. Morgan; "Where the Canyon Dweller Dwell," Carl H. Paddock; "The Niagara of Old" Archer Butler Hulbert; "The Fifth Continent," Michael White; "The Birthplace of New York City," Emma Archer Osborne; "The Spirit and Philosophy of Travel," Joel Benton; "Franks of Lava," Atherton Brownell; and "In Niagara's Gorge," Lawrence H. Tucker.—East Forty-second street, New York.

There is a story of Philadelphia's redemption in the current number of Leslie's Weekly by Leigh Mitchell Hodges. This issue is further characterized by many illustrations of interest and merit. These include a dramatic drawing by T. Durl, representing a pilot's climb aboard a wave-tossed ship; glimpses of the massacre of Christians by Mohammedans in the Caucasus; features of notable naval festivals in Japan; pictures of the football experts of the naval academy; the excellent contributions in an account by Maj. Church Howe, American consul general at Antwerp, of the plan to spend \$50,000,000 in making Antwerp the world's largest port.—New York.

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