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FOR THE SEASON.

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ACCORDING to a very prominent football expert, the most formidable problem confronting the various coaches and captains of the leading football teams this year is how to develop an attack that will be strong enough to cope with and overcome the defensive tactics of opposing teams.

Great progress has been made in the past four years in scientific playing of the popular autumn game. Whereas a few seasons ago the defensive part of the playing was not nearly so strong as the offensive, matters are reversed nowadays. Big scores were much more frequent between teams that were supposed to be evenly matched than they are now, and it was not uncommon for one side to retain possession of the ball for a long period.

The result of this was that many coaches set to work to strengthen the defensive play of their eleven, and in some cases neglected almost altogether the other features of the game. Until the last two seasons Harvard lost many games because her men did not know how to advance with the ball, although they were away ahead of their opponents when playing on the defensive.

Football is like baseball in this respect. Fielding and pitching have gone ahead of the improvement in batting. As a result, one does not see large scores nowadays, and pitchers' battles are more common.

In another week's time all the prominent college teams will have got into training. Several of them, indeed, have been at work for some time. The outlook at Princeton for turning out another champion eleven is regarded as very good, although Captain Pell is the only veteran left in the line. The back field, however, is practically intact, and the incoming freshmen, together with last year's substitutes, are expected to furnish good material for the required forwards. Reiter will probably play at right half and McFord at left half, while Hutchinson, Duncan and Young, the latter formerly of Cornell, will fight it out for the honor of playing quarter back. Lattie and Hodgeman are strong candidates for full back.

Six of last year's team form a substantial nucleus of veterans upon which the Harvard coaches hope to build a good team. The available men are Daly, Reid, Ellis, Halliwell, Campbell and C. Sargeant, and there is good material from which to select the other members.

Yale men are looking to their football squad to remove the hoodoo that seems to have pursued New Haven athletics in all its branches for the past couple of years. The outlook is promising for a strong eleven. The new system that has gone into effect regarding athletics is expected to be of great assistance, and, besides, the most formidable corps of coaches ever collected at Yale has promised to drill the team this fall. Walter Camp will be the chief adviser, and Frank Butterworth and William T. Bull, with Captain Gordon Brown, will have joint charge of the practical work of the team. The members of last year's team still in college are Brown, captain and guard; Fincke, quarter back; Oleott, guard; Sharpe, half back; Stillman, tackle; Chadwick, half back, and Gould, end. This is a very encouraging lot of men for the coaches to start with, and if the substitutes and newcomers are any good at all the New Haven boys ought to show up well in the championship games.

Pennsylvania has started the season with quite a number of the old men available and willing to play. Captain Hare, who will lead the team again this season, hopes to have a more successful record than in 1899. Such old standbys as McCracken, Potter, Gardner, Zimmerman, Wallace and Teas will be found in the line up. The loss of Overfield at center is causing the coaches a good deal of anxiety, as there seems to be no one in his class to take this position. It is more than probable that Coach Woodruff will employ more up-to-date methods than he taught a year ago. Several years ago Woodruff invented the famous "guards back" play. For some time it was very successful, but last fall and in 1899 the opposing players broke through it like chaff, and the Pennsylvania boys had nothing upon which to fall back. The

result was that they lost games to teams from which they should have won easily. The Carlisle Indians expect to put



HARVARD.

fall was the great improvement in gridiron tactics shown by the western institutions. This is almost wholly due to the fact that most of the universities west of the Alleghenies now employ the best coaches turned out by the older institutions in the east. Phil King will again direct the University of Wisconsin team, while Langdon Lea, better known as "Biffy," the great Princeton coach, has been engaged to take charge of the University of Michigan eleven. Slagge, the old Yale player, will, of course, be in his place at Chicago, while numerous other well known eastern players will have charge of other teams.

Most of the western elevens have already started to train, though no hard work will be indulged in until cooler weather sets in. At the University of Chicago the prospects for a first class team seem to be rather gloomy, not because there is a lack of good material, but because several of the best men were behind in their studies last term, and are consequently ineligible for the eleven unless their work in the near future is such as to enable them to pass their credits.

Michigan has lost but four men from her last year's team, but they leave a large hole. They are Steckle, tackle; McLean, half back; Cunningham, center, and Gill, end. Barebus, the substitute center all last fall, will be able to fill Cunningham's place acceptably, but for the other places there is likely to be an open race.

The few changes that have been made in the rules will not affect the play at all. Four minor regulations were the only ones decided upon by the rules committee, and they will be little noticed in the game. Off side playing will be indulged in less because the offending team will be penalized ten yards for every offense. Heretofore the rule was that the team having the ball lost it if they failed to carry it back 20 yards when possession is desired and the required five yards have not been made in four downs. Now a team can carry the ball back but once, and if not advanced the required distance it goes to the other side. The ball must change sides after being taken back before it can be carried back a second time.

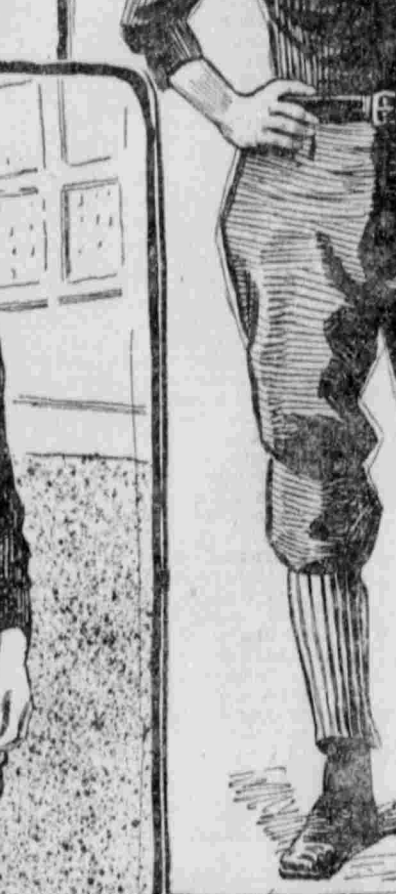
Last season it was noticed that most of the points were made by what is known as straight, old fashioned football and that the winning teams were the ones that did not indulge in tricks and fancy play. What spectators wish to see is more kicking and running and less of the heavy mass play.

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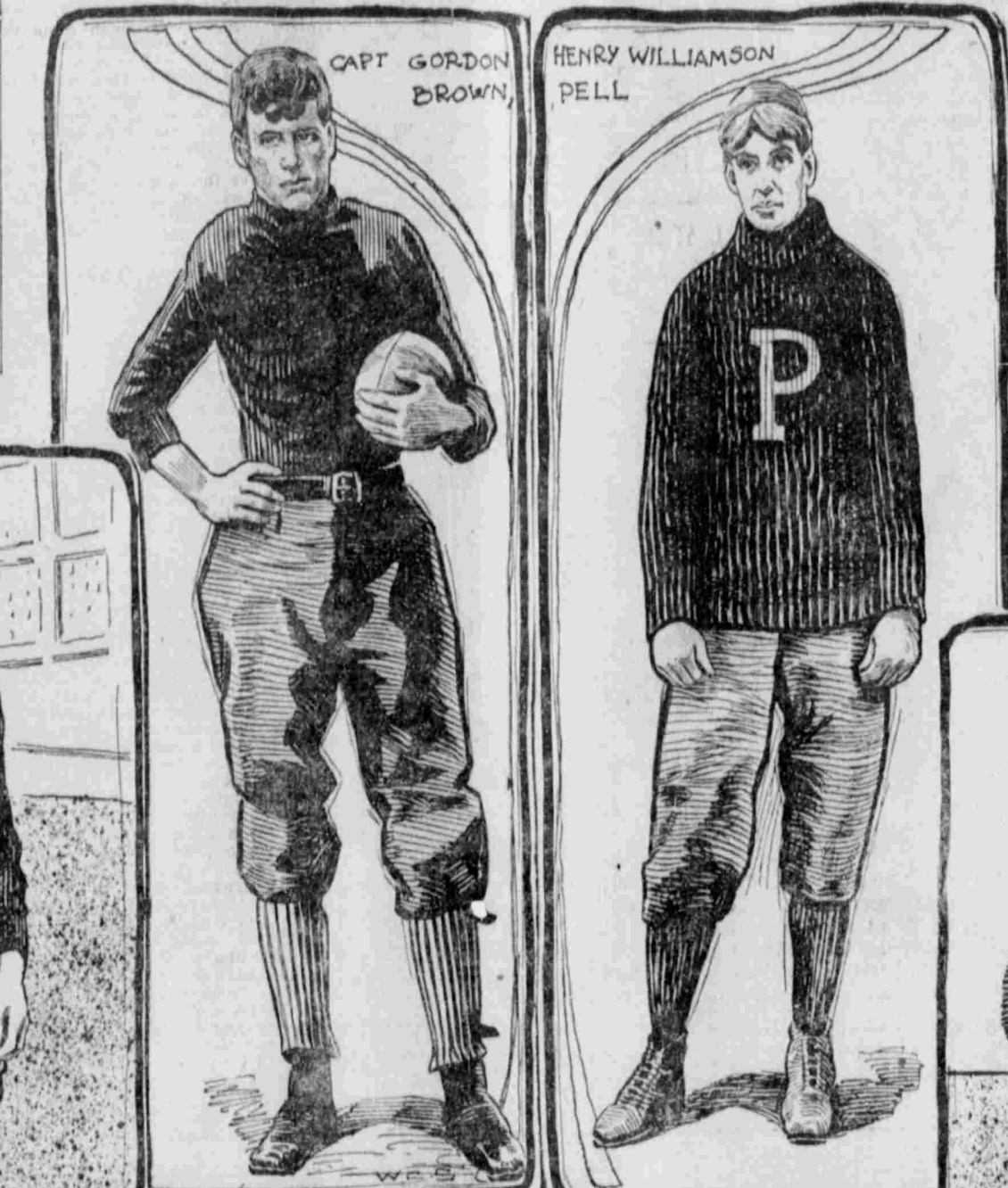
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Whatever Kennedy puts his hand on seems to prosper, and the secret is that the people know that he always gives them their money's worth.

Ever since Ernest Roeder was defeated last winter in New York by Seth Olsen, the huge Dane, he has been anxious to regain his title of champion Greco-Roman wrestler of the world. Olsen would not give him a return match while he was in this country, so Roeder followed him across the ocean, and at last has gained his wish. The two will meet on the 18th of this month at Copenhagen. Olsen is much bigger than the American champion, standing 6 feet 5 inches high, while Roeder is not over 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.

There are a good many indications that bowling will be much more popular during the coming winter than for several seasons past, especially in the eastern states, where it has suffered the greatest slump. In the middle west, especially in the larger cities, the game has lost hardly any ground, and this winter will probably gain many adherents.

The bowling tournament which was held at Union Hill, N. J., last July did a good deal to advertise the game, although it was a huge failure in other respects. Bowlers all over the country took a great deal of interest in the affair when the plans of the week's festivities were first broached. Later on, however, the management made the mistake of adding side show schemes, such as a shooting tourney. These were clearly put on with the object of making money. The bowlers were naturally disgusted, and in many cases sidetracked the affair altogether.

The great objection to bowling on the part of a great many people has heretofore been that in most places the alleys are located in basements and other cellarlike places. The air is often impure, especially if smoking is indulged in. It is no longer necessary, however, to place the alleys in basements, as the builders can now make on upper stories absolutely noiseless foundations, which do away with the annoying rumbling of the balls.

The extraordinary revival of interest in tennis this season is probably unprecedented in the history of any sport. Dealers all over the country

have completely sold out their stocks and are complaining because they cannot get a new supply to keep up with the demand. It may be that this shortage accounts for the poor quality of the tennis balls this season. Once in awhile one runs across a good one, but it is the exception. It will be remembered that the British experts while over here complained of the poor quality and varying weights of the balls they had to play with.

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Some persons have a consuming interest in the ages of celebrities. For their benefit the following information concerning noted pianists is presented: Pachman, born in 1848, is now about 52; Emil Liebling, born in 1851, is now about 49; Joseffy, born in 1862, is now 38; Sherwood, born in 1856, is 44; Rylested, born in 1848, is 52; Friedman, born in 1859, is 41; Padewski, born in 1869, is now past 30; Bauer and Rosenthal, born in 1862, are 38; Siloti, born in 1863, is 37; D'Albert, born in 1864, is now 36; Busoni, born in 1866, is 34; Goddowski, born in 1870, is 30; Hamberg, born in 1879, is now 21.

For the benefit of some who believe in government protection for conservators of music the following is respectfully submitted: There are advantages and disadvantages, according to the point of view. The public examinations in the conservatoire at Paris this year were accompanied by riotous processions of the students against one of the awards which created sufficient scandal to be heard from frequently again. The first prize in violin music was awarded to a sister of Martinis Steinking, the pianist and only pupil of Sandow. It was decided by the influence that her performance was very inferior to that given by another pupil, and a violent demonstration against the judges followed. The jurors had to be escorted to their homes by policemen to avoid violence from impatient students and spectators who took exception to the building.

Japan, with its 40,000,000 million population, possesses five big cities—namely, Tokyo, the capital, population, 2,000,000; Yokohama, the principal seaport; Kioto, Osaka and Kobe. The performances begin at 8 o'clock, a. m., and conclude at 11 p. m. The Japanese Benedict, or beau, desirous of taking his family or a party to a theater, makes arrangements a few days previously. He orders his box, refreshments, cigarettes and other necessities for this day at the theater.

The architecture of these houses is quaint, and they are built mostly of wood. As to the staging of the play it is easy to reproduce everything realistically, as things in real life are small. Occasionally three or four dwellings, full sized, are on the stage which is set on a revolving disk and rotated on wheels, noiselessly and promptly. This allows of rapid changes of scenes. Natural water is generally employed, and real vegetation is used in furnishing the outdoor scenery. As many as 30 curtains, which are operated to and from the center and which contain descriptions of the play, as well as advertisements, are used in some of these houses.

From the stage, over the heads of the audience in the orchestra, is laid a run, or board walk, which is termed the "flowery way," deriving its name from the applause and floral tributes which generally reward the actor, who is compelled to use it as an exit after his performance.

**GENDER OF THE AUTOMOBILE.**  
Some discussion has arisen among automobilists as to the gender of the horseless vehicle. He or she, that is the question. The Academie Francaise has lately set out to determine the matter, and it is said, has arrived at the conclusion that "he" is the proper pronoun for the automobile. This, in spite of the fact that yachts, steam engines and "shes," according to popular usage. Judging from the popular use of the word, the pronoun "she" is entirely suitable. To some automobiles are steady, reliable and sure, so that "he" seems to be the proper appellation. However, there already is trouble enough between the sexes, and perhaps the best way of settling the point is to compromise by referring to the automobile as "it." They could be "he" or "she," according to "his" or "her" nature.

**GERMAN THEATER FOR LONDON.**  
The news that London is soon to have a German theater calls attention to the fact that there has never been a German theater in London, nor in Great Britain for that matter. The German theater is reputed to be a peculiar success and that it will be a semiprivate theater. Fifty-three years ago a German theater was first opened in this country in Pittsburgh. Since that time there has been a German theater in the United States almost continually.

pretty young ladies to serve in the post office. They were quite a bit and were as expert as their male predecessors. Edward Lloyd, the English theater, contemplates a farewell tour of America, Australia and South Africa. Charles Frohman has secured the Vanderbilt theater in London and will star Ellaline Terriss and her husband, Mr. Seymour Hicks, in "Self and Lady."

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## BLANCHE WALSH, WHO WILL STAR IN "MARCELLE."

Blanche Walsh is to star during the present season in Eugene W. Presbrey's drama, "Marcelle." Miss Walsh is a handsome rather than a pretty woman, but she is possessed of great dramatic ability, and if the play written for her should come up to expectations it is not improbable that she will speedily attain rank as a star of the first magnitude. She has done excellent work in the past, and, according to her friends, her art has so mellowed during the last few years that she is now entitled to be regarded as a really great actress.

## THE STAGE IN SEPTEMBER.

The English play censor turned down a play because it contained a massage scene. This gentleman evidently knows his business.

Adeline Mann, a well known former society girl of Mobile, has signed with Broadhurst Bros. "The Man From Mexico." Miss Mann is the daughter of the late Colonel Mann, who

built the Mobile and Ohio railroad, and was also connected with the building of many other southern railroads shortly after the war.

James A. Herne will this season stand sponsor for three plays, having repurchased "Shore Acres" from the Miner estate, and again sending out "Hearts of Oak." Mr. Herne is now

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to the Fourteenth Street theater, New York, in January, he will show a new Irish comedy by Augustus Pitou. William Collier, by way of a bit of amusement, has been editing a paper called "The Pan" and published in St. James, N. Y. The equipment being a little shy, each article contained a large assortment of type, and the paper was printed on varied colors of wrapping, wall or any other old paper ob-

tainable. It was circulated among friends of the editor. Estelle Mortimer has been engaged to play the role of Dame Quickly in Mansfield's revival of "King Henry V." Her last notable achievement was as Mrs. Malaprop in N. C. Goodwin's revival of "The Rivals." George C. Boniface, Jr., who is starring this season in Broadhurst Bros' production of "The Man From Mexico"

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