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FOOT BALL.

What the interested onlooker wishes to know is, "When will the 'regular' Yale team line up?" Of course every allowance should be made for the cruelly hard luck, the loss of valuable men by injuries and faculty displeasure, but that hardly excuses the lack of certainty. Last Wednesday, 10 days before the big game, Cadwalader, who had been at guard all season until he met with his mishap, was placed at centre. True, the necessity was great. The loss of Cutten was a bitter one, but Cadwalader, wonder though he is, cannot perform absolute miracles. It takes most men at least two years to learn a position properly, not ten days. The coaches know this, and the necessity for the act proves the hard plight Yale is in. Every fair-minded person will sympathize keenly with Yale this fall.

It will be well for Yale followers to weigh well before backing their favorites this year. For the first time I can remember there is hardly any Yale money in sight. They are asking odds of Harvard and almost 2 to 1 from Princeton. Of course men will back their colors, even though they know it is an absolutely lost cause, I don't say it is as bad as that, but I pick Harvard to win Saturday and I also pick Princeton to win a week later. In the later game I do not believe that Yale will score, and I do believe that Princeton will win by a larger majority than she did last year—more than eighteen points.

In going to any of the big games this year—except in Philadelphia—the gear should take ample precaution to prepare for discomfort or loss of life. There is plenty of it in sight this fall. For the city man, Pennsylvania has the only grounds that should be sanctioned by law. When Princeton is finally reached, the grounds are a mile from the station. No more than 10 per cent. can find accommodation for riding. At Cambridge, after leaving the cars at Harvard square, a solid mass of struggling humanity streams down that long, muddy street.

Pennsylvania is in good condition, the result of brainy managers to arrange proper games, brainy trainers to look after the men and brainy preliminary practice which has enabled the team to go through the season as hard as a rock. It was truly a pity that that little touchdown was made so early in the season. Otherwise, Pennsylvania would probably have gone through her remarkable season untouched. Pennsylvania should be called upon to give two to one in the Harvard game. It should be a desperate, hard game. It means much to both, far more, practically, than the average reader imagines.

The work of the Princeton 'Varsity during the past week has indeed been encouraging. Two weeks ago the team was in the midst of a bad slump, and not until last Saturday were there any evidences of fast foot ball. In the game against the Elizabeth Club the brace came, and during the last part of that game, the team showed good form. Now, instead of the listless and unsteady game of the past, the 'Varsity play a quick and snappy game, and very seldom indulge in fumbling. The scrub, although as strong, if not stronger, than it was a couple of weeks ago, has been unable to withstand the charges of the 'Varsity linemen, and on the offensive the second eleven has seldom been able to gain any ground. This week a large number of experts will coach the team among them being Biffy Lea, whose presence will urge them on as every one knows of his ability as a coach.

There was a game of foot ball played in New York on Saturday which was finished with the aid of electric lights.

In just a week Harvard and Yale will battle on Soldiers' Field. Not since the memorable season of '93, when the crimson eleven went to Springfield decked out in new, slippery leather suits has there been such a feeling of confidence among Harvard men. When the Harvard men become enthusiastic over their athletic teams they don't enthuse by halves. It can safely be said that there is not a man in Harvard to-day who does not expect to see the traditional enemy sent back to New Haven humiliated and crestfallen. Everywhere we find this optimistic spirit. From two to three touchdowns are predicted for Harvard, and not a few are claiming that Yale will not even score. A small proportion, perhaps, through confident of Harvard's victory, are inclined to think that the Elis are up to one of their foxy tricks; that the poor showing that has been more or less affected, and that the 13th of November will bring forth a Yale team disciplined in the good old Yale way, which will surprise and even defeat the crimson.

Yale has turned again to the silent captain who guided her to victory in the palmy days of her great accomplishments. Frank A. Hinkey has been asked to go to the rescue of the New Haven aggregation. His brother Louis is trying his best to put life into the faltering sons of Old Eli, and through him has arrived an invitation to the famous ex-captain to come to the rescue. The message is backed by the Yale foot ball authorities, but Napoleon will refuse to go. He will talk but little of the matter, but it is understood that his refusal is based on the fact that he is now manager of the Hinkey hardware establishment, that he is a member of the Tonawanda Common Council, and that his large business interests will not permit him to accept Yale's offer.

Charley Geibert, half-back at Pennsylvania last year, strained his ankle severely a few days ago, and will not be able to resume his place on the Duquesne Athletic Club for a week at least.

The Warren foot ball team have two games on hand this week. On Wednesday they will play the University of Pennsylvania Law School and on Saturday they will have one of the hardest games of the season, when they line up against the strong Upland team, which on Saturday week gave them their first defeat in four years. But they won't fool the Warren boys again as they know what they are up against and have been practicing hard for their game, and expect to give the Upland team a dose of their own medicine.

W. T. Bull, the Carlisle coach, has this to say: Had Hudson, the quarter-back of the Indian team, carried out instructions to the letter it is impossible, in view of the fine defense of his playmates, to see how the Quakers during the first interval of the game could have scored a single touchdown. Right through the first half Pennsylvania could only make appreciable gains by the quarter-back trick, while the Indians, with a nice wind at their backs persisted in throwing away golden opportunities on the first down, which would have resulted in placing the ball in safe territory. There is no kick coming from you, Mr. Bull, as the Indians played the best game of the year. You can't blame Hudson for he made your points, and if he had done this and done that is another thing. You ought to be proud of him, not blame him.

CYCLING.
Messenger Boys Daniels and Garren, of Germantown, connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and whose ages are between 15 and 18 years, are two of the most clever young bicyclists of Germantown and have made some creditable records on the track. They are anxious to meet any messenger boy in the Western District Telegraph Company in a one or five-mile contest for \$5 or \$25. Address Western Union Telegraph Company, West Chelten avenue, Germantown. I understand the Wilmington branch of this company has some fast boys. Why not send them a challenge.

Tom Eck has found that it will not pay to follow the Southern circuit, and he has abandoned his proposed trip below Mason and Dixon's line. When Tom says there's no money in sight it is a pretty good tip to follow.

Michael has not always ridden a high gear. According to The Wheel he began four years ago with a gear of 65. He increased it to 70, then to 77, 80, 88, 95 and at last 112. His gear is higher than any other rider's.

Charley Church will be heard from on the coming racing season more than he has been heretofore. Church is one of the fastest men in the country, and he is as modest as he is fast, and hence he is not inclined to do much blowing. One rarely hears in Paris the gong bell

that American bicycles have, says the American Wheelman. In place of it there are cow bells and round sleigh bells which are kept ringing continually by the joggling of the hand against them. The cow bells are all sizes from an inch long to a huge affair that a Texas steer might wear and with a sound like a harbor buoy. These are sold in all bicycle shops, together with the brilliantly colored Japanese lanterns of paper, which the night riders have dangling from their handlebars.

The cyclist who drinks water heavily on the outset of a ride, will lay the foundation of a thirst which will last all day. It is well enough to take a sip during a ride, but copious draughts are like fuel to fire. Milk is a good thing to drink. It is hunger-satisfying as well as thirst-quenching. Never drink when hot. Rinse the mouth with water and bathe the wrists in cool water. It will cool the blood without shock or injury.

Bob McCurdy, who besides being a fast and game racing man, has very good business ideas, is talking of forming a team for next year. It will be composed of men fast enough to go against any team in the world, or against anything that moves. Bob will also hustle for exhibition work and pacemaking jobs.

Does your nose bleed occasionally? I met a cyclist who suffered in that way on one of those abnormally hot days we had last month. Noticing a lemon in his possession, I suggested lemon juice as an application; it acted like a charm. The recipe is not original. I picked it up in a recent medical journal, but had never tested it in practice before.

The thirteenth of the present month was an unfortunate day to select for the Tins-Michael race at the Chicago Coliseum. One of the two will think it an unlucky day, sure.

Nearly all the 1898 bicycles will be furnished with wider handle bars than those of former years. Cyclists by experience, have had it amply demonstrated that narrow handle bars contract the chest and prevent free action of the lungs. That means loss of power and endurance in road riding.

General J. Park Postels was seen on the streets yesterday riding his new chainless bicycle. What do you think of it General?

Goodley and McDaniel are expected to pass through here about 3 o'clock this afternoon on their way to New York, in their attempt to break Lieutenant Wise's record between Washington and New York.

Some amusing accounts are told of Melba's first attempt to master the bicycle. It was in Chicago that the gifted cantatrice essayed her maiden wobble and from all accounts her manners lacked the caste of Vere-de-Vere, and great honor is paid to her power of perseverance by the assertion that she fell off the machine sixty-one times in one lesson. A woman who fall off a bicycle sixty times and yet has the courage to remount, should certainly prove a winner.

Eddie McDuffie is training like a Trojan for his race with Michael, which comes off in Chicago on Friday night next. The quiet Bostonians has certainly made the wind burn up at Willow Grove and he is liable to break any old kind of a world's record any day. Eddie speaks well of his boarding house, but found time yesterday to tell a good story at the expense of the mistress. It seems the latter put scrapple on the table when Eddie sat down for his midday meal yesterday. McDuffie may be a good judge of baked beans, but he professed to know nothing of the dish that Jersey men walk miles to get next to.

"What's that?" McDuffie asked in surprise as the woman placed the dish before him.

"Why, that's scrapple," was the reply.

"Scrapple? For Heaven's sake, what is scrapple?" asked McDuffie, apparently more surprised than ever.

The lady explained what scrapple was made of, and then Eddie said:—

"Well, I don't want any of it, for only Pennsylvanians eat it."

"You're mistaken, Mr. McDuffie," innocently remarked the boarding mistress. "They do eat it outside of Pennsylvania, for I got some in Harrisburg once."

Are you asthmatic? Dr. Marcell of London is authority for the statement "there is no remedy for the asthma equal to the bicycle."

Is your heart weak? So long as you ride with your mouth closed and breathe through your nostrils alone you are reasonably safe from heart strain; so a physician asserts who has given the subject considerable thought.

Eddie Bald is the champion cyclist of 1897. He has been first twenty-four times and won \$2,942. Gardiner is second with nine first and \$1,425 in prizes. Nat Butler comes third with \$1,135 in prizes.

SELF-DEFENSE.

Charlie McKeever, the clever Philadelphia lightweight, and Matty Matthews, of this city, who lay claim to the honors now held by Kid McPartland, will furnish the star attraction at the next show of the Waldorf Athletic Club, which will be held next Thursday night. This contest should prove unusually interesting and exciting, as the winner has been promised a match with McPartland. Two preliminary bouts will be arranged.

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