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## The History of Football

From a sketch in the State of South Africa, by Percy S. T. Jones, apropos of the approaching visit of the British Rugby team, one glean the history of football. Football in Great Britain owes its origin to the Romans, who played with a ball of cloth or leather stuffed with flocks, called harpastum, or with a windbag, called follis. The writer proceeds:—  
"It is not possible to produce any direct evidence of the progress or popularity of the game in England prior to the year 1175. It is fairly conclusively established, however, that football goes back several centuries further than cricket. In 1175 William Fitzstephen, writing in his history of London, mentions the fact that it was the habit of the young men of the city to play at the well-known game of ball after dinner. And there can be no doubt that this game was football, but what its outstanding features were can only be a matter of guess-work. The game was confined to the lower classes; no rules existed for its control; the contests seem to have been more in the nature of general scrambles, the goals being placed at either end of a town or street; and the number of players seems to have been unlimited."  
Forbidden by Law—In Vain!  
Although popular it met with opposition from the authorities. Edward II. in 1314 forbade football under pain of imprisonment, owing to the "great noise in the city caused by hustling over large balls, from which many evils might arise, which God forbid." The game nevertheless progressed. In 1315 Edward III. ordered his sheriffs to suppress "such idle practices," because "the skill at shooting with arrows was almost totally laid aside for the purpose of various useless and unlawful games." But so persistent were the popular classes in this almost national pastime that Richard II. and his successors had to continue to proclaim against "tennis, football, and other games." This deter-

mined persecution had no appreciable effect, however. The people persisted in the game they loved better than the law. James III. of Scotland also found it necessary to order quarterly practices of arms when "football and golf be cryed down and not to be used." Played almost exclusively by the ignorant and rough, tabooed by the upper classes, accompanied by frequent deaths and serious injuries occasioned by the excessive brutality and ruffianism displayed, football was as deservedly persecuted in those days as it is encouraged and patronised by Royalty to-day. That the game was still unlawful in the time of Elizabeth is evidenced by the fact that a Middlesex jury brought in a true bill against a number of persons who "with unknown malefactors to the number of one hundred assembled themselves unlawfully and played a certain unlawful game called football, by means of which unlawful game there was amongst them a great affray likely to result in homicides and serious accidents."

"A Devilish Pastime."  
Stubbs, in his "Anatomy of Abuses in the Realm of England," describes football as a devilish pastime, resulting in brawling, murder, homicide, and great effusion of blood. Yet so far the game was more handball than football. The gradual refinement and regulation of the game resulted in a decrease of its popularity, so that at the beginning of the nineteenth century the game almost disappeared altogether. Then the leading public schools took up the game, each in its own particular style. In 1855 the Blackheath and Richmond Clubs were formed, and in 1883 the Football Association. In 1877 the number of players was reduced from twenty to fifteen.  
Katherine Wybergh mentions in a paper on Socialism and women in the same magazine that in Great Britain the popular interest in football alone outweighs the aggregate interest in religion, science, literature and the fine arts.

## The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON



The eternal length of a rainy Sunday spent with a crowd of people who were comparative strangers to each other, impels me to a few remarks on the art of general conversation.  
If you want to be welcome on rainy Sundays and similar occasions when conversation is the chief amusement, let me suggest that before you start to tell any anecdote you ask yourself: "Is it intrinsically interesting? That is, if it has no connection with myself or my friends, will it still be worth telling?" And if you can't say, "yes," don't tell it.  
I've often heard a bore defined as a person who talks about himself continually, but I don't think that's right. I know people who talk about themselves perpetually, but who are nevertheless very delightful companions. The point is they have had such interesting lives that what they tell about themselves is intrinsically interesting, that it would be so even if it had no personal connection.  
Try also to lose the idea that a bare statement, that you or some of your friends have been to some particular place or done some special thing, is a good conversational coin.  
For instance, if a bright story about newspaper life is told, there is always someone to pipe up: "I have a friend who was a newspaper man once. He wrote the political news," or, if a picture of some beautiful spot is being admired the same variety of bore volunteers the absorbing information.

"I was near there once when I was traveling for a shoe factory, but it was our busy season and I couldn't get the time to go over."  
Remarks like that go well enough with people who have reason to be interested in you and your friends, and where you have or haven't been; but as a general conversation with comparative strangers—well, they're certainly counterfeit currency, which only the obligation of politeness ever makes people accept as the real thing.  
Stories involving their comprehension much knowledge of any sort—of some business or sport, or locality, for instance—and told to people who do not possess that knowledge, are another variety of bad conversational coin. No one except a conversational genius can give brief explanations that really explain and many a story or incident that is perfectly good when told to the right person, becomes an unmitigated bore when loaded down with explanations and foisted off on people who haven't the ghost of an idea what it all means, but who smile and say, "Yes, yes, I understand," just to get the agony over with.  
There is plenty of mutual ground on which even complete strangers, if they have the average intelligence, can meet.  
There are enough personal anecdotes in most of our lives that are intrinsically interesting enough to be told even to strangers.  
There is almost always some special common interest that any two or three people can find to talk about.  
It people would realize these possibilities and limitations, and try to live up to them, and within them, it seems to me there would be far fewer bores in the world.

Marabou wraps, or capes, as they are called by courtesy, will have unusual lines this fall. Some are long in back, extending almost to the waist line, while others are little more than scarfs in back, while the depth in front suggests the so-called dolmans of two generations ago.  
Something quite new in footwear are high buttoned shoes, finished with a turnover piece of the leather, called a "collar," around the top. This collar is tied together with a cord and tassel and is usually of a leather contrasting in color as well as kind with the material of the shoe.  
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## When You Think

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## Fads and Fashions.

as their cozy durability are giving them sufficient favor for a second season.  
The separate blouse is to be more in evidence this coming season than for a year or more. Many of these blouses are made with the seamstress's tuck in one form or another appearing on the sleeves.  
Extremely simple, but with a decided style, are the pumps of corded silk. The only suggestion of ornamentation is a self-covered buckle of tiny dimensions, at the toe, or a single small button, also self-covered.  
The deep hem, turned on the right side, is a favorite finish to the skirt. As a rule the skirt is slightly fuller than the hem which holds it in place, and sometimes the hem is of heavier material than the gown itself.  
The vogue of the "border" continues. One sees many of the late summer fabrics supplied with borders at one edge, and in more cases than not the design is suggestive of the Persian in pattern if not in coloring.  
Accordion plaiting is being used more for early fall gowns than during the summer. A pretty traveling suit of changeable taffeta in blue and green has the plaiting to the knees, and then falls free. The effect is quite pleasing.  
The broad-brimmed white beaver hats, which may be worn with drooping brim or quietly caught up to one side, are becoming to the average small child. Flowers as well as ribbons, are used for trimming on some of these dainty affairs.  
Strappings cut on the bias are used as a finish to many of the tailored traveling or motor coats. The strap-

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"It was Belle herself who told me of the operation," Mrs. Ginnett said. "She said it had been performed in a Philadelphia hospital. I searched thirty-eight hospitals in my efforts to get some proof of the identity of the body found in Crippen's cellar. I am almost certain I have succeeded, and before I leave here I will likely have proofs. They will be a most important link in the case against Crippen."

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ings not only define the seams, but outline the collar and cuffs and pockets and the lower edge of the coat, giving a smart touch to the garment.  
With the vogue for kimono sleeves, mandarin coats and other Oriental things it is not surprising that the Japanese sash finds favor. The broad soft silk is tied with short loops extending to the shoulder blade and long ends reaching all but to the ground.

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