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Heroes of the Gridiron

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As the football season of 1907 approaches, it is difficult to recall the fact that this has been the most memorable year in the history of the college game, and henceforth these teams constitute the "Big Five"—Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell—will have to reckon with the "Little Fellows" who, heretofore, have been prone to tackle with a patronizing and condescending air. This year the Little Fellow has arisen in his might and asserted himself, and with the coming of the stars of the football firmament all have tasted the sting of defeat and the ignominy knows no bounds. In years gone by, affairs football, were dominated by three Universities, Yale, Harvard and Princeton, although in reality, Princeton was taken in through the wily agencies of Yale. The annual game between Yale and Harvard was looked upon as the one contest of importance of the season. With the admission of Princeton to the charmed circle another game was added to the season's schedule, but it was not long before John Harvard arose with his boots and decreed that it was beneath the dignity to battle with the Orange and Black gladiators and, in consequence, Yale was compelled to annually engage in two grueling contests, one with Harvard and Princeton, and the other had only to reckon with Yale, thereby concentrating all her energy and nerve forces on this contest.



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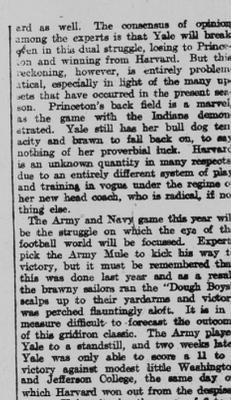
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Not so many years ago Harvard contented to take up the University of Pennsylvania and after several struggles, in which John Harvard suffered several severe drubbings, relations were broken off and Pennsylvania was given the mitten. Princeton then took up Penn, but for some reason the Tigers, too, discontinued their relations with the Quakers and this left matters much as they were with Yale, Harvard and Princeton dictating terms to all the lesser lights who annually sought games with them. Each year a schedule was arranged by the triumvirate best calculated to give them good, fast practice preparatory to the real struggles among themselves. Such things as one of the smaller lights winning a game was never given a thought, and it was only once in a lifetime that one of these lights emerged in a delightful touchdown; such a feat being sufficient to send the entire undergraduate body of the school in a delirium of joy. But now all is changed, and unless my guess goes far wrong we will schedule in the future with a wholesome respect for the long despised "lesser light."

Football has undergone a marvelous change within the past year or two, and to this more than anything else the smaller college teams owe their success this year. Football's fate virtually hung in the balance two years ago, when presidents of several of the big colleges issued an edict whereby unless the sport was sufficiently modified so as to eliminate the element of danger, which they felt had reached alarming proportions, the game would be eliminated from the universities' list of sports. In fact, one university, Columbia, went so far as to place a ban on the game entirely, with the result that the big New York University is now unrepresented on the gridiron. The faculties decreed that mass plays had to be done away with, and all who had prior to this edict fairly revelled in the "Flying Wedge" and such other plays from which the players so often failed to rise and if they did, it was to limp off the field crippled for life, were compelled to look to the coaches to devise new plays and tricks to supplant the old and rougher tactics. After much thought and many conferences, the forward pass, long passes and outside kicks were evolved, which not only "opened up" the game but made it fast-

er, snappier and less subject to mishap of a serious nature. The teams of all the colleges were drilled in the new styles of play and when the games of last year were played it was found that the smaller college teams had made far greater headway in mastering the intricacies of the new plays than had their older brothers. With a vim and goad will the coaches of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Pennsylvania, West Point and Annapolis set to work to perfect the candidates for the varsity eleven in plays of the new style. Several of the big teams came dangerously near suffering defeat at the hands of lesser lights last year, and one and all were induced to the extent of having some smaller team score against them, something unheard of heretofore.

When the eleven lined up this year it was to find that in nearly every team they lacked they found foes worthy of their steel. Holes were smashed into their centres; their ends were skirted by fleet footed youngsters who dashed straight and true for the jealously guarded goal posts and before the season was many weeks old all the big colleges had hit the dust and had had the colors they had so long flaunted, lowered and deflated. Conquer and reign supreme. Coaches raved, threatened and enjoined, and shapes-innumerable in the line-up of the teams followed in rapid fire order and every means resorted to to bolster up the team was resorted to.

It was the real test of war. Harvard took on the long despised Springfield Training School and thereby met her Waterloo, going down not only to defeat, but finding herself unable to make a dent in the score of her adversary, the game resulting 5-0. Yale had always looked forward to the annual game with West Point as the best practice game on her schedule, and imagine the consternation in Eli's camp when the final whistle signalled for a cessation of hostilities with the score a tie, each team having failed to score!

This brings the season up to October 26, a day on which Princeton was scheduled to meet Cornell, and Pennsylvania measured brow and speed with the Carlisle Indians, on that day was written Cornell's history never to be forgotten. Cornell trounced Princeton to the tune of 6 to 5, while the wily Redskins fairly smothered the Quakers by a score of 26 to 6. More raving, more hair pulling, and more weeping and gnashing of teeth among the coaches of the defeated teams, until the players themselves were virtually placed in a bag and shaken up until their heads or their feet.

The game put up by the Carlisle Indians proved a veritable revelation to all who witnessed it and caused cold chills to chase up and down the spines of the coaches of the various big colleges who sat on the side lines to get a line on the Indians and Quakers' style of play. Here was to be found the forward pass put to practical use and utilized in a manner that the high-brows of the football world never dreamed it could be. Long passes, short passes and long runs were executed with a daring which, to the close students of the game seemed little short of foolhardy, but in every case the play was pulled off with a precision and reckless disregard for distance that fairly made the spectators gasp.

A REGULAR MUSEUM
The Marpesia Brought a Queer Collection of Animals Into New York.
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Danish four-masted ship Marpesia, yesterday brought into port a varied collection of interesting animals, the last two Argentine pigs that are self-trained alarm clocks; a dog that trembles in storms from fear and is a woman hater, and a kitten whose life was saved by being fed six weeks from the filler of a fountain pen.

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The Day's Fable.
As the Buffalo and the Rhinoceros were proceeding by separate paths to the pond to quench their thirst they encountered each other, and the Rhino and the Buffalo said:
"In case you get there first don't make a hog of yourself!"
"Hog? I'd like to see a bigger hog than you are!" was the reply.
"Then look at yourself," the last time you were at the pond you muddied the water all up so that no one else could drink for an hour."
"And when you were there the other day you simply walked in it for half an hour, I heard you grunt half a mile away."
"You are a liar!"
"You're another!"
"Be careful how you talk. I'm not in the habit of taking sass from anybody."
"Just my case," I demand that you go to the water first."
"I'll see you hanged before I'll stand back of you!"
Being thoroughly angered the two an-

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Just then the elephant came along. male closed with each other and had done grievous damage when the Elephant came along and called out: "Here, now, but what is all this shindy about?"
"I was only on my way to the water, as peaceful as a Lamb—" began the Rhino, when the Buffalo interrupted with: "And so was I!"
"I see," said the Elephant. "It was a question of precedence, was it?"
"It was, and I'll go first!" called out both in chorus.
"Gentlemen, it's not for me to butt into the discussion, but permit me to gently inform you that the pond is dried up tighter than an old drum, and it won't make a cent's worth of difference who gets there first or last."
Moral: Few quarrels seldom have a good cause. **JOE KERR.**
Want to Use Room in New Y. M. C. A. Building.
Only two clubs were represented at a meeting of the recently formed basket ball league held last evening in the Portland Y. M. C. A. rooms, and as a consequence there was no business of importance. The matter of a room for the playing of the league games has been discussed, and it has been decided to petition the Y. M. C. A. directors to allow one of the basement rooms in the new building to be used.
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