

Southern California, remarks: "Accidents will happen in any game but their possibilities are reduced when the condition of the players is carefully watched. Coaches are in frequent need of a doctor on the field when the team is practising to see that the boys are kept at the peak of physical condition;" and not allowed to be overstrained or to continue their play while suffering from severe injury; on which the writer of the editorial in the *American Journal* comments as follows: "How amusing if not actually pathetic, is the picture thus raised of physicians pacing up and down the field awaiting casualties as an army surgeon awaits the wounded in actual warfare. The familiar sight of young men limping in pain, or, perchance, carried off the field, unable to walk, amid the plaudits of a spectacle-loving public, has become a disgrace to institutions which are labeled 'intellectual'."

The athletic directors and coaches are the big business men of modern football. To them the players are supposed to look for protection against "rabbit punches", "clipping", illegal blocking, flying tackles, mass plays and similar hazards. The modern football crowd may shriek for the injured player "to stick it out", and the injured player may wish to do so, but the captain and officials should see to it that an injured player receives proper attention. In an editorial in this *Journal*¹, in 1923, the writer asked the question whether in a university ability to excel in games should become an end in itself. "Does this magnification of sport, with the specialized training demanded by it, so enter into the life of the student footballer as to encroach on the time necessary for his intellectual studies? While there

1. *Canad. M. Ass. J.*, 1923, 13: 835.