

ARTER THE GAME AT HARVARD.

The Yale game has been played. The Yale eleven won the victory, if any there was, and Harvard men won the bets. To play the game over again on paper would be an unpardonable bore, but the game was, and still is, a matter of such transcendent interest, here in Cambridge, it may be of interest to tell why and wherefore. Everything conduced to make this year's game of extraordinary importance to the two colleges. Yale was defeated last year at New Haven, 17 to 0. This year Yale began the season with a new and comparatively green eleven. This was made vividly plain to the graduates of Yale by the defeat at the hands of Columbia. Then came an exhibition of what enthusiasm can do. Coaches from everywhere flocked to New Haven. Yale men in Harvard law school, old players from everywhere, returned to their college and actually played in the line against the varsity eleven to teach them the game. At the last moment Coach Sanford from Columbia returned to New Haven long enough to decide the doubts of the many coaches. Thus was formed the Yale eleven. The Harvard eleven, on the other hand, was a veteran eleven. Uniformly victorious throughout the season, it worked along modestly and won the confidence of every Harvard man. This confidence resulted in the bets—even money that Yale would not score, seven to five and five to three that Harvard would win. Very little Yale money was to be found at even these odds.

At last came the game. The features of the game have been printed in every daily paper. Epitomized by a layman it happened thus:

On a cloudy day at Soldiers' field, just across the Charles river from Cambridge, thirty-four thousand people with crimson flags and blue gathered to watch this struggle between two rival colleges. On the Harvard side Governors Wolcott and Roosevelt took a hand in leading the cheering. Around the gridiron "John the Orangeman," Harvard's mascot, with his little donkey, "Ann'e Radcliffe," and orange cart drove, holding up for the crowd to see a huge, lively rooster. The game lasted two hours. Harvard was within one yard of scoring at one time, but Yale made a "miraculous" stand, so an old guard said, and the chance never came so near again. After the game some very amusing situations appeared. Yale claimed a victory, yet nearly every bet, owing to the tie, was against them. The captain of each team took the result as a defeat and as a personal matter. Captain Burden, it is reported, with broken and contrite heart, refused to go to the "Touraine" with the boys. Captain McBride, on the best of authority, wept as friends unlaced his jacket after the contest.

As usual, there is much talk of a rearrangement of games between the "big four." Yale, it seems, would prefer that Harvard play Princeton instead of Pennsylvania. The result of next Saturday's game between Yale and Princeton may have some bearing on the situation. President Elliot thinks Cornell and Columbia are worthy antagonists of Harvard, but Governor Roosevelt favors the local prejudice.

Speaking of Governor Roosevelt, his recent visit to Yale has caused some comment. Some think his effusion and gush as a b'd for favor of Yale men is undignified. Harvard is happy in being the recipient of a gift of \$150,000 with which to build a club house. Something distinctly new in the way of a comprehensive university club is to be formed. No one doubts the need of such a thing. For Harvard as a community is so large and so loose that a student feels that there is nothing definite in which to

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ground a fellowship with other students.

Another gift is a new boat house, costing \$25,000, given by the Harvard club of New York. It is being built across the river within a short distance of Soldiers' field. So near the foot ball ground, it could be seen by every one attending the game on Saturday last, a constant reminder of the fact that the athletic management sent six or seven hundred choice tickets for the Yale game to the New York club as a recognition of the gift, thereby crowding undergraduates into corner and end seats.

Some people are interested in other things besides foot ball, as is evidenced by the very large audience that listened to Professor Royce's lecture on "A Conception of Immortality" last week. On Tuesday last Mr. Frederick Hollis, one of the American delegates to the Hague peace conference, lectured on the results of the conference. In Boston Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson is delivering one of the Lowell institute lecture courses on American orators. Colonel Higginson and Dr. Hale, both graduates of Harvard in classes of the early forties, have been secured for lectures in these courses of free lectures this year. Of the players, Irving and Terry, in "Robespierre" at one of the smallest of theatres, strange to say, are the center of interest.

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The Young Men's Christian association is to be commended for the excellent way in which it handles the financial side of its work. The expenditures for this year will amount to about \$1,100. A good committee is organized to handle this work. R. S. Hunt has been untiring this year in his efforts to keep this department in proper shape. Little difficulty is experienced in securing funds. The work as done by the association merits the support and sympathy of all students and teachers in the institution. The university directory is making rapid progress and will be out December 15. Many students are looking after their addresses. A little time yet remains in which to attend to this matter.

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