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Again the moral wave and wave of reformation have passed over the college world of America, yet we merely smile and wonder where the results are and what all this commotion could have been. This great splutter about football looked for a while as if it would change radically the whole system of college athletics. But the more conservative authorities have merely kept still, and permitted the fanatics to "tear things up" and now the conservative element will take up the work where they left off when the eruption occurred.

Columbia, just at the close of the football season, made a grandstand by a bluff abolishment of football. The New York school thought she would have all the other institutions of the East following her to get on the band wagon of reform. But not so, the other schools took the subject up and, after giving it careful attention, waited for further action, until the Rules Committee reported. This committee made one change in the rules and no howl was put up.

Now, Columbia, New York University, several denominational schools of the East and West, and Central City College of Nebraska are making a quiet sneak to get back into the

chairs up be more considerate of their fellow students hereafter.

**Lifting the Ban.**

Fresh impetus has been given to the movement to lift the ban from the "summer baseball" player by the remarkable confession of the men who constituted the University of Iowa nine and the declaration of Physical Director Young of Cornell. The Iowa men, realizing that their playing on a university team would be in direct violation of the amateur code, were manly enough to confess their professionalism. In making their admission they declared their firm belief that there is hardly a college player of ability in this country who is a bona fide amateur. Those who know anything about the real situation do not need the charge of the Iowa men to prove its truth.

Following this public confession of the Iowa players, Mr. Young of Cornell, a famous athlete himself, comes out in defense of the "summer nine" player, even if he is paid for his services. Although Mr. Young does not represent the official attitude of Cornell, he is not alone in his contention that the good of college athletics would be served by abolishing the present restrictions. At both Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania there are men high in authority who believe that the rules promote deception and lying among the very men they want to help. There is no doubt that the official sentiment on this point is crystallizing and that in favor of the player. Were it not for the precedent it would set for athletes in the other branches of college sport there is no doubt that the authorities would be willing to remove the restrictions without delay. But if professionals were to be allowed on the baseball teams, what would there be to hinder their wholesale competition on other teams? This is a very important matter and is really deserving of an intercollegiate conference to insure its prompt and proper settlement.—Illustrated Outdoor News.

**Government Inspection.**

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game. Columbia very quietly elected a captain on the 15th of this month for her team next year, and plans are on foot to hire a coach. One by one the other schools will come around and when September of the present year arrives the air will be just as full of footballs as ever.

There has been considerable comment lately in regard to the promiscuous way in which students leave chairs turned up in the general library. It is not an uncommon thing to see a chair vacated all after noon, yet turned up at the desk denying any one the privilege of its use. Since the library is not large enough, as it is, to accommodate all those who wish to study, we suggest that the students who have been accustomed to turn

of the General Staff, to the effect that he would inspect the University cadets and equipment during the early part of April. The cadets have always stood high in every respect, and nothing but praise has gone from the inspector to Washington. We have no reason to fear inspection this year, for never was the military department of the University in better condition than it is at the present time.

Prof. G. P. Costigan of the Law School has an article in the Harvard Graduate Magazine for March on "Harry Dunston, First President of Harvard."

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