

**HOT OFF THE BAT**

In the far West the diamond artists have been wielding the bludgeon for some time. Sixty-five men are turning out for the California baseball team and sixteen of these are pitchers. The Bears ought to make a good showing against Yale, Harvard, and West Virginia on their eastern invasion this spring.

The Oregon Aggies have a stiff Southern trip scheduled which will include games with Stanford, Southern California, and the Portland Coast League Club, which is training in California.

Montana, Idaho, the University of Washington, and Whitman all report increased interest in baseball, and all four of these opponents will probably meet each other on the diamond.

At the University of Denver a series of inter-frat games was played, which gave Coach Koonsman a fine chance to look over the material.

At the University of Colorado nine letter men are in the baseball squad, including Cuth, one of Colorado's greatest athletes, who returns to school after an absence of four years. Howard Beresford is coaching the team. The schedule includes games with the Aggies, Mines, Colorado College, and Denver University.

At the University of Chicago the conference schedule has been cancelled to permit the baseball team to leave April 1st on its way to the Orient. Games will be played with the Waseda and Keio Universities in Japan, and probably also games in China and Hawaii. The Maroon nines took similar trips in 1910 and 1915. Coach Page has a "C" man for every position on the team.

At Iowa the Hawkeyes have lined up a thirteen game schedule but complain that the outlook is not the brightest. Six of last year's players were lost by graduation. Coach Ashmore is handling the baseball men.

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which look like a combination of bathrobe and night gown, worn by the men on the streets. In fact it is difficult to distinguish men from women at a distance except that the women almost always wear black and the men lighter colors. In a single block one would see every stage of transition from the very ancient style of flowing robe and turban to the superb and most correct style of the English gentlemen with cane and monocle. Many of the natives are adopting English dress with the exception of the hat for which they substitute feathered felt tarboosh, similar to the Turkish Fez, and they also carry canes and make very fine looking people indeed. It is amusing to us to see, also, quite a number of straw hats, both on the street and in shop windows.

This section of the city is known as the foreign quarter and covers a space about ten blocks square, bordered on one side by the Nile, and contains about 3,000 English speaking people and probably as many others from various parts of Europe, but especially from France and Greece. The native section crowds in on all sides so that with one step you find yourself in narrow, winding streets, with little or no sidewalks and markets or bazaars lining both sides. One such street I will describe. We entered it from the main street through a narrow opening about three feet wide, covered over with canvass except where the balconies or latticed windows of the second stories of the houses met or passed each other, which of course shuts out both air and sun and the filth is indescribable. The bazaars are only tiny rooms with the entire front open and so much of their wares is out in the street that there is barely room left for people to pass along. This street extends about a quarter of a mile and

in that distance we passed almost every kind of occupation necessary to man. In one little hole in the wall two or three were weaving, using toes as well as fingers, in the next they were making shoes, in the next grinding flour in great stone mortars, in another making clothes and so on as they go.

It was in the midst of scenes like this that we came upon the far famed University of El Azhar. About all there is to it is a large open court surrounded by an arcade with massive pillars and arches, back of which are large bare rooms containing a few lockers and plenty of sleeping space on the floor. Another large space corresponding in size to the open court, but covered over with a roof supported by many large columns forms the sanctuary with prayer niche and high pulpit. Most of the classes are held in the open court. The principle course of study is the memorizing of the Koran, which if completed, takes about thirty years. Contrary to our expectation, the students, which include all ages from mere children to old men, cannot be distinguished in appearance from the average group on the street. The enrollment is supposed to be about 10,000 and women are not accepted. One can hardly imagine how this small and unimposing institution can be so vital, not only in Egypt but throughout all of the Mohammedan world.

More about Cairo will follow.  
Sincerely yours,  
C. S. HOLCOMBE.

The percentage of 1909 faculty still in service in the same institution in 1919, is shown by a survey described in the Washington State College "Evergreen." In the ten colleges and universities investigated, in all sections of the nation, this percentage ranges from 20 per cent for Washington State College to 71 per cent for Stanford University. The average was 47 per cent.

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