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Students need not subscribe for the comic papers. The much imposed upon editor of the Letter Box in the Bookman has shouldered the responsibility of amusing his readers.

Kansas will be a strong antagonist in the coming game. Her overwhelming defeat of Iowa centers the league contest between Kansas and Nebraska. The Kansas team plays hard and more than once has made Nebraska lower her colors. The red light must show this year.

Some means of welcoming the Kansas players should be arranged for by the student body. The coming contest is bringing the two universities closer together than they have ever been before. The good will and friendly spirit of this contest should be manifested in a way that will be noticed by our friendly enemies. A little energy and interest for the reputation of our University will do the business.

The latest acquisition of the Chicago University is the Yerkes observatory, and President Harper is to be congratulated. The observatory, which was dedicated with due ceremony October 21, is situated on the shores of Lake Geneva, seventy-five miles from Chicago, and cost about \$400,000. Astronomical science has received merited impetus in Chicago University and in fact throughout the country. The dedicatory exercises brought together the prominent astronomers of the country.

The first interclass field contest takes place on the campus tomorrow between the sophomores and freshmen. Never in the history of our institution has so much interest been taken in athletic events. The sport seems to be issuing from the obscurity in which it has rested of recent years and coming to the prominence it deserves. It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when our University can put forth a track team worthy of our standing as a college, a team capable of competing with the leading educational institutions of the country.

The Iowa college papers condemn in pronounced terms the conduct of some of their rooters at the recent game with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Why should a visiting player be a target for the scurrilous remarks of an irresponsible spectator? Who can blame a player if he administers a little chastisement to a spectator who is continually insulting him? If George Flippin struck a man for insulting him from the sidelines, we venture to say he was justified. It's the only remedy he had. He did it and pleaded guilty to the offense.

The general laxity of the Yale football management has caused a breach between the managers and Walter Camp. In a signed article, appearing in Harper's Weekly, Mr. Camp scores Yale. He says: "Harvard will win the Harvard-Yale game, and this will leave Yale to be defeated by Princeton as last year."

Walter Camp may be, and undoubtedly is, an authority on foot ball, but he will never benefit Yale by public criticism. Foot ball at Yale is on the decline and only concerted efforts will aid Yale in regaining her former standing.

Foot ball enthusiasts are watching the Yale and Chicago Athletic association teams, which meet tomorrow. Yale, according to reports, is saving for the Harvard match, and may be downed by the Chicago team. The Chicago team contains old Williams,

Harvard, and Cornell men, who have at one time or another played in the "big" games. Their interest in the game is only equalled by their desire to humble Yale. We are a long distance from the game, but the outcome will be interesting to all foot ballists.

Recent action by the faculty of the State University of Washington prohibits co-eds from attendance at foot ball games. One "young" man on the faculty opposed the action. He was banqueted by the girls the next day. Will someone kindly circulate a petition that our faculty take similar action, or will someone equally kind write a postal card to our legislature and tell them about the case?

For the proper and artistic use of foot ball terms, commend us to the athletics editor of our contemporary. The following gem is taken from the account of the Wesleyan game: "Slow gains took the ball within thirty-five yards of Wesleyan's goal. Then came the feature of the game. The ball was punted to Cowgill and he kicked goal from center."

That was truly a wonderful performance. The ball was on the thirty-five yard line, and yet Cowgill kicked goal from center. No wonder the crowd went wild with delight. Cowgill must have run back twenty yards to center and then kicked a goal. A kick of fifty-five yards for goal is a play worthy of special notice. But if the ball was on the thirty-five yard line and Cowgill kicked goal from center, who punted the ball back to Cowgill? The enterprising reporter neglected to mention this fact. That is left to the imagination of the reader. No doubt Herbert, by a double back-action kick, did the business, but if he did he should be given credit for his novel play. No matter how it is construed, such a play as that should be heralded throughout the length and breadth of the land. Great is Cowgill, who, with the ball on the thirty-five-yard line, kicked goal from center. Great is the unknown person who punted the ball to Cowgill.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
 James Whitcomb Riley, early in his career, met with the experience common to young authors, particularly writers of verse. Believing that his productions would have been well-received had they been written by an author already famous, he decided to test his belief by producing a poem in imitation of Edgar A. Poe and publishing it as a newly discovered manuscript of that author. The result was "Leonainie," written upon the fly-leaf of a worn copy of Alnsworth's Latin dictionary. This poem was first printed in the Kokomo (Ind.) Dispatch by arrangement with the proprietor, Mr. J. O. Henderson, now auditor of state of Indiana, who had full knowledge of the facts connected with this literary hoax. It was extensively copied, and so clever was the imitation that American and English reviewers, and even an eminent authority, says Mr. Henderson, like Edmund Clarence Stedman pronounced it genuine; and when the name of the real author was disclosed, Mr. Stedman still maintained that the poem was unquestionably written by Poe. This poem was James Whitcomb Riley's bow to the world of letters. His work had merit which the world was willing to concede. The following is the poem in full as it appears in "Armazindy." The author has never permitted it to be printed in his other volumes:

LEONAINIE.
 Leonainie—Angels named her;
 And they took the light
 Of laughing stars and framed her
 In a smile of white;
 And they made her hair of
 gloomy
 Midnight, and her eyes of bloomy
 Moonshine, and they brought her
 to me
 In the solemn night.—
 In a solemn night of summer,
 When my heart of gloom
 Blossomed up to greet the comer
 Like a rose in bloom;
 All forbodings that distressed me
 I forgot as Joy caressed me—
 (Lying Joy! that caught and
 pressed me
 In the arms of doom!)

Only spake the little lisper
 In the Angel-tongue;
 Yet I, listening, heard her whisper—
 "Songs are only sung
 Here below that they may grieve
 you—
 Tales but told you to deceive
 you—
 So must Leonainie leave you
 While her love is young."

The... God smiled and it was morning,
 Matchless and supreme,
 Heaven's glory seemed adorning

Earth with its esteem;
 Every heart but mine seemed
 gifted
 With the voice of prayer, and
 lifted
 Where my Leonainie drifted
 From me like a dream.

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