NEW YORK, Oct. 3.-Little new information regarding the foot ball rules situation was gleaned at the annual meeting of the rules committee and the central board of officials at the Murray Hill hotel recently. There were enough foot ball men present to make the gathering a notable one, and these lovers of the autumn sport sat and discussed the playing code nearly all night. Walter Camp was in the chair, and it was he who expounded the difficult points that cropped up throughout the evening.

Many were present who had only a super-Many were placed of the playing code of Head Coach Percy Haughton will soon These enthusiasts came primed with in- give way to formal work, with the usual numerable questions. More improbable complications were mentioned at the meeting than will ever crop up on the grid-

fron in the next 100 years. the younger element, who, according to by the candidates trying for the eleven and Dr. Rabbitt, chairman of the central board the satisfaction expressed among the Harof foot ball officials, are exceedingly de- vard supporters in the system that Haughsirous of becoming officials this year. It ton has adopted. According to the present is an encouraging sign, but had these ideas prevailing in Cambridge the coach young men learned the principles upon

Many points were referred back to the rules committee, and the mail vote of that body will shortly be announced. Much time was spent in threshing out section 5 of the field. rule 6, which governs a fair catch. The rule provides that a player who signals making the catch. It was pointed out that a ball semetimes bounds out of a man's arm, and it was necessary for him to take several steps to complete his fair catch. Should these steps be allowed, and after the ball is actually caught, is the player entitled to the two steps under the

Mr. Camp's interpretation was that the player might take as many steps as he pleased if the ball bounded off his chest or arms, but could take only two after he successfully caught it. He pointed out, however, that as soon as the ball was touched, every player on the field was onside, and so could knock over the catcher in their endeavor to capture the leather. A player, however, could not actually interfere with a free catch. Under the ruling, man might juggle the ball down the

field if such a thing were possible. It was decided to refer back to the rules committee the suggestion that some provision be made regarding the refusing of the mult of an incomplete forward pass. It



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NEW RULES FOR FOOT BALL line of the defending team. Had the ball not been touched it might have rolled over he goal line for a touchback, in which case the defending team would kick off from its twenty-five-yard line. As it was touched, the defending team, which did not violate the rules, is compelled to line up inside of its ten-yard line, which is

nanifestly unfair It was decided that the game should always be played with a new foot ball and that in the case of the ball becoming waterlogged in the first period, anothe new ball should be used in the second half. If a player comes into the game at the beginning of the second period he should report to the refereee the same as if he had been changed during the play. A loss of fifteen yards is the penalty for not reporting which should be awarded as soon as the referee discovers that the man is in the game.

HARVARD READY FOR WORK Conch Haughton and Assistants Are

Getting Material in Shape. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 3.-With the opening of Harvard university the prelimin ary foot ball practice under the direction accompaniment of undergraduate watchers and the inspiration that comes to the squad with full sidelines. That the early season practice has proved of more than ordinary The majority of the questions came from value is demonstrated by the spirit shows ing system this fall at Harvard will be far which the game is built, much time would different from that of the Crane regime.

Haughton's policy is to select a first squad at the earliest possible time and to for a fair catch may take two steps after keep that squad intact until the goal of the season, the Yale game, is reached. By playing the same men in the same positions every day he expects finally to have a well-oiled machine that will run smoothly all season and will not have the ups and downs of Crane's team, due ti eleventhhour changes in the lineup. The idea is an excellent one and under the supervision of Coach Haughton it should result is a far stronger combination than that of 1907.

While Haughton has had his squad hard at work he has not as yet permitted the men to indulge in scrimmaging or in rough tackling work, but nevertheless they have been kept busy all the time and have had no chance to loaf occasionally as was the case a year ago.

Harvard, as usual, has an abundance of end and backfield candidates, but there is a dearth of heavy line material. Of last year's line only Captain Burr and Fish are available. Captain Burr will this year be in as guard, as he did not play his best game at tackle last year, and moreover was cited that a forward pass might be the duties of the position interferred ma terially with his kicking. For the vacancies in the line there are a number of promising candidates. Nourse, McKay, Forchelmer, Hoar and Ver Wieb are the most likely choices. With the exception of Nourse and McKay these men will require much working and driving to make them of varsity caliber. For the end positions Crawley and Corbett of last year's freshmen eleven and Houston, substitute on the varsity are regarded as the most likely candidates. At quarterback Brown, Cutler, Sprague and Gailitti are all doing well, with the choice resting possibly with Brown, Cutler and Sprague. The backfield positions will be hardest of all for which to select men. Kinnard of last year's varsity, Corbett and Smith of the freshmen team. Withington, Graydon, Gilbert and Gray are all showing good form, and it is certain that Coach Houghton will be well fortified in this department.

> Last year Harvard lacked driving power score when inside an opponent's 25yard mark. This was, no doubt, due to onfusion in the team; a lack of concentric working between line men and back field. This fault should be overcome if Haughton persists in his policy to turn out a machine that will work intact from the opening of the season, and if enough line candidates report to insure keen competition there is no reason why the Crimson should not furn out an eleven stronger than usual. The same system was tried with the crew last spring with most brilliant results, and it would appear as though Haughton had taken a leaf from

Coach Wray's book of experience. An attempt will probably be made at Harvard to play the kicking game to the limit of its possibilities. With Haughton, Kernan and Burr on hand to coach all possible kicking material, there is every reason to expect that Harvard will have the onside kick developed to a high degree of proficiency. As thos play has is every heason to expect that Harvard the position. feature of the open game.

games should weld Harvard's machine so string. He captained the 1907 team. that by the time of the Navy game it will be running with clocklike precision.

Elia Will Average 200 Pounds or Better This Year.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 3.-There will

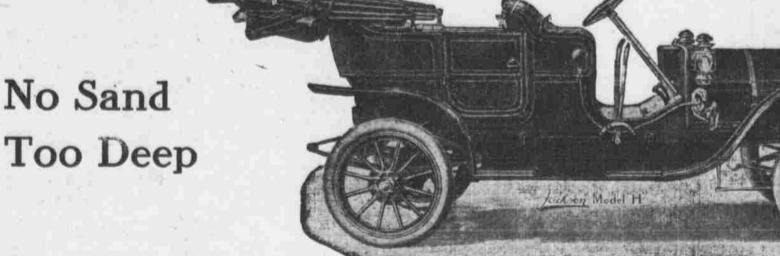
The main problem will be developing a the Harvard freshmen last year. quarterback to fill the place of "Tad" Hopkins is in fine condition. Against mored that the cocahes will utilize either last year who did not graduate are back. Wheaton or Philbin for the place, probably the former. Both players were halfbacks last year. Each is fast and brainy enough to be of great use as a quarter. Wheaton, through his drop-kicking and his ability in the inside kick and forward pass, would be extremely valuable to the team.

Captain Burch will play right end, Haines, star end and drop-kicker of the freshmen; Mersereau, tackle on the same. and army officer who learnen his football and Logan, a "sub" on the 'varsity, are at Cornell. This is not the first time the most valuable candidates for left end. Cornell has been indentified with West cant by the graduation of Captain Bigelow and Paige, Andrus and Hobbs are the best elevens a season or two ago and whose run material. Both of these men played on beat Hogan's Yale team, was a Cornellian Boyers for one the second team all sesson last year, be- before he entered the Military Academy.

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been shown to be the superior of the for- be shifted to center. If he is not, Hyde of ward pass, when conducted properly, there the 1907 team is the strongest man out for

will show great strength in at least one In the back field the first string will probably be Murphy, Brides and Coy, as it Harvard's schedule this year is an un- was last year. Wheaton and Philbin, secisually rigid one, calling for games with ond string halfs. Daly and Klipatrick, new the Navy, Brown, Carlisle, Dartmouth and men, are the strongest of the others. Daly Yale, and lends itself readily to the plans was captain of Andover in 1906. He could of Coach Haughton. In addition to these not play on his freshman team because of three big contests Harvard plays Bowdoin, entrance conditions, but he is looked on University of Maine, Bates Williams and to be one of the season's stars. Klipatrick Springfield Training school. These minor will probably play fullback on the second

QUARTERBACK FOR YALE TEAM YALE HAS FULL TEAM OF GIANTS Hopkins of Last Year's Freshmen Has

Call at Present. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 3.-Although there has been much speculation as to who is best fitted to become quarterback for e an unusually heavy Yale eleven this the Yale 1968 foot ball team, it now looks year. From present indications there are as if the man would be Hopkins, who was half a dozen men nearly sure of the team. quarter on the freshman team last year. who weigh more than 300 pounds. Of these, Hopkins is very light and wiry. He runs Cooney at 265 pounds, Hobbs at 220, Green- back punts after the style of Tad Jones. ough at 225. Andrus at 230, Goebel at 210 and, like him, never loses his head. His and Brides at 300 are all nearly sure of a dodging on the ten-yard line, followed by a clever forward pass, won the game from

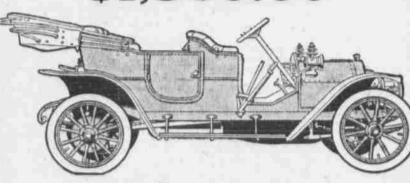
Jones, and his able substitute, Dines. The him for the quarterback position is H. P. ends will also be weak, but the main work Bingham. If Hopkins proves too light will be picking a quarter. Hopkins of the probably J. R. Kilpatrick, formerly an freshman team and Bingham, second sub- Andover halfback, will be asked to try for stitute on the 'varsity team, seem the quarter, although he is now playing with strongest men at present, but it is ru- the halfbacks. All the 'varsity players of

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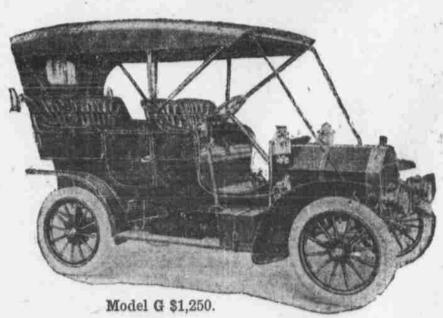
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