

CAN YALE DEFEND?

Football is typical of more than one side of life. Mr. Stephen Crane, his friends say, took his idea of a battle which is worked out with such almost horribly realistic effects in the "Red Badge of Courage," from an American University football match.

And for this and other elements of the game, to-day the interest of sport-loving America is centered on the training of the elevens of the great colleges. When men turn this year to Yale, so long the easy leader, they ask this

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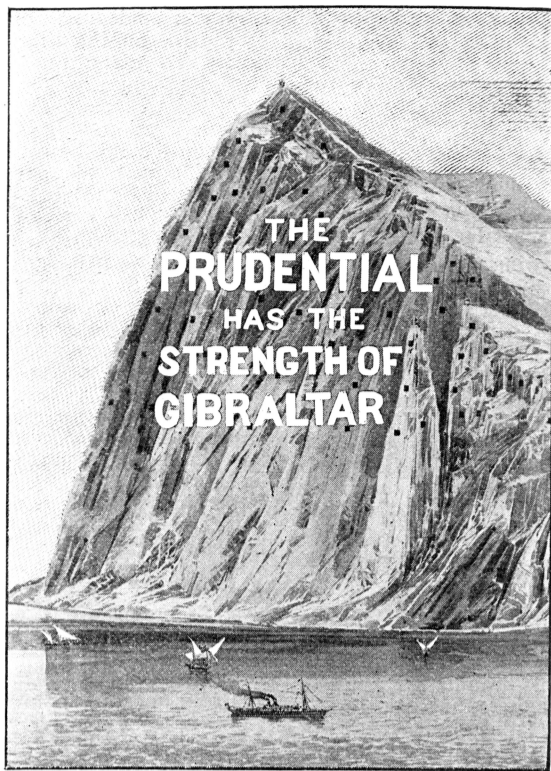
Can she learn again a safe game? Last year her defense broke down altogether. Had she been too zealous in developing the fast, brilliant attack and advance,—the so-called "scoring" game? Or had it been merely the absence of men of great bone and muscle to stem the tide?

No matter about the diagnosis. The result is too well known. The line broke. The goal was crossed. From a Yale standpoint, everything went to the bow-wows.

Natural enough, that any one should have occasional reverses. Yes, in football. And sometimes, you conclude that, in the great football match of business, every one's goal line, sooner or later, must be crossed.

But you make some exceptions, even in the moments of your bluest philosophy. You know, for instance, that if The Prudential is ever placed on the defensive, her line must prove absolutely impregnable. A wealth of evidence supports this conclusion. You are familiar with some of it. You can always get more.

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their nature and operation. His explanation of the mystery of the geometrical construction of the hexagonal cell, which had baffled the savants for centuries, was published in a series of articles in the *Scientific American* in 1860, and subsequently in the *Bee Keepers' Journal*. Applying his knowledge of the geometrical properties of the hexagon to a close observation of the bee-cell and the habits of the worker, he had discovered as early as 1852 an intimate relation between the length of the antennæ and the size of the cell, which is the same respectively for the two kinds of cells in all hives. His investigations led him to the assured conviction that the hexagonal form is due to this relation; that every adult worker is supplied with a uniform rule and compass, each side of the cell for the embryo worker being equal to the length of the forearm of the antenna and each side of the cell for the embryo drone being equal to the length of the whole antenna. The mandibles, hard, horny organs, are the mechanical instruments, the antennæ being applied as delicate, sensitive calipers to the walls of the cells until the wax is drawn out to the utmost tenuity compatible with strength.

He never sought public office, but accepted such as suited his convenience. In 1847 he was elected the Brookhaven Superintendent of Common Schools, an office which involved the examination of teachers and the visitation of about forty schools. Six years afterwards, he was elected a trustee of the school district, when the opportunity occurred of securing a site of an acre in the central part of the village for a much needed school house, and he obtained the decision of the majority of the voters for its purchase and the erection of a suitable building against

the opposition of some of the taxpayers. The sides of the school room are embellished with busts of national characters which he presented.

His physical activity had scarcely suffered wane. Always fond of athletics, he organized while in college the Pioneer Boat Club, which was the foundation of the Yale navy, and continued through life to indulge in various sports. Only last winter he renewed his youth, by issuing an "extraordinary challenge" to any person of seventy years or upwards to engage in a skating contest of from 50 to 500 miles, and a challenge to any person, regardless of age, to compete in delineating the Ten Commandments on ice. It has been asserted by some English writers on "figure skating" that it is impossible to describe letters on ice. He demonstrated that skate-writing is possible, and possible on a large scale. He was skilled in the use of mechanics' tools, and had a workshop supplied with a great variety of implements. From his earliest childhood he had confined himself to cold water as a beverage, to the entire exclusion of all spirituous liquors, as well as tea and coffee; nor had he ever used tobacco in any form. To this abstemiousness and to his out-door employments he ascribed his long, unimpaired robust health. In 1893 he made two visits to the World's Fair at Chicago.

With all his occupations he found time for regular reading and study. He delighted in the enjoyment of the young and was commissioned by Santa Claus, on his last anniversary, to distribute his gifts to the children of St. Andrew's Church, Yaphank, and to deliver an address, with a history of the patron saint from the days when he journeyed alone in a reindeer sleigh to the present age, when he employs an army of many thousands and transports his treasures on the wings of steam

across seas and continents. In this church he had occasionally officiated as a lay reader, having been appointed as such by the Bishop of the Diocese at a time when the church was without a settled clergyman. The death of his first child, a daughter, in 1850, was the moving cause of the erection of the building by the grandparents. It was opened in 1854 and donated to the Diocese of Long Island in 1872.

His wife, Mary, daughter of Archibald Crosswell, a manufacturer and the founder of the village of Gilboa, N. Y., and the niece of Rev. Dr. Crosswell, former pastor of Trinity (P. E.) Church, New Haven, to whom he was married, January 1, 1848, died in 1883. He had six sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and five daughters are living. Six of his children, two sons and four daughters, are married, and he has eight grandchildren. His oldest son, T. Maxwell Weeks, was graduated at Cornell University in 1872.

Death of Henry W. Sage.

Henry W. Sage died, at Ithaca, Sept. 18. Mr. Sage endowed the Lyman Beecher Lectureship in the Yale Divinity School, in 1871, by a gift of \$10,000. In 1873 he gave a college hall for women to Cornell University. He succeeded Ezra Cornell as president of the board of trustees of Cornell University. Among his other benefactions he presented West Bay City with a public library and has endowed and built several churches and schools.

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