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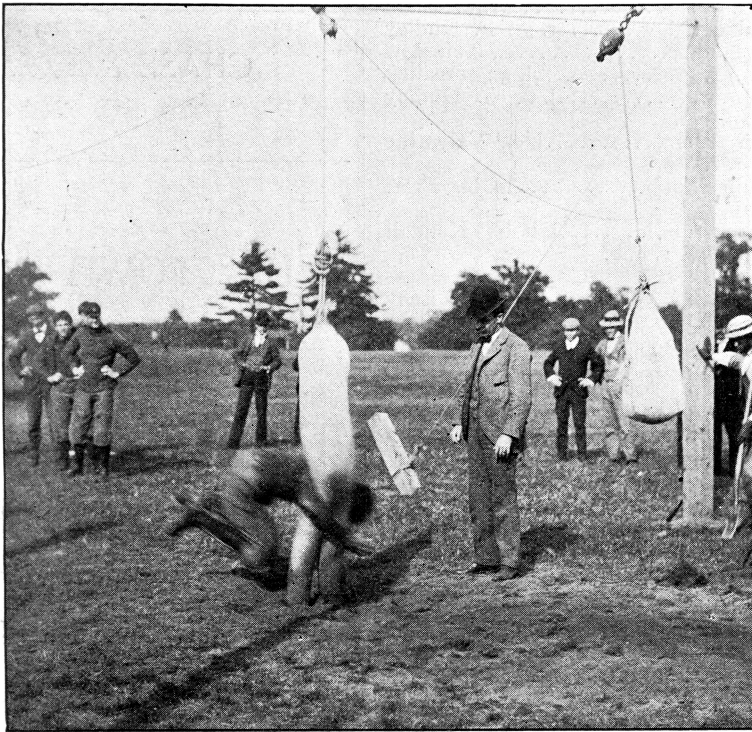
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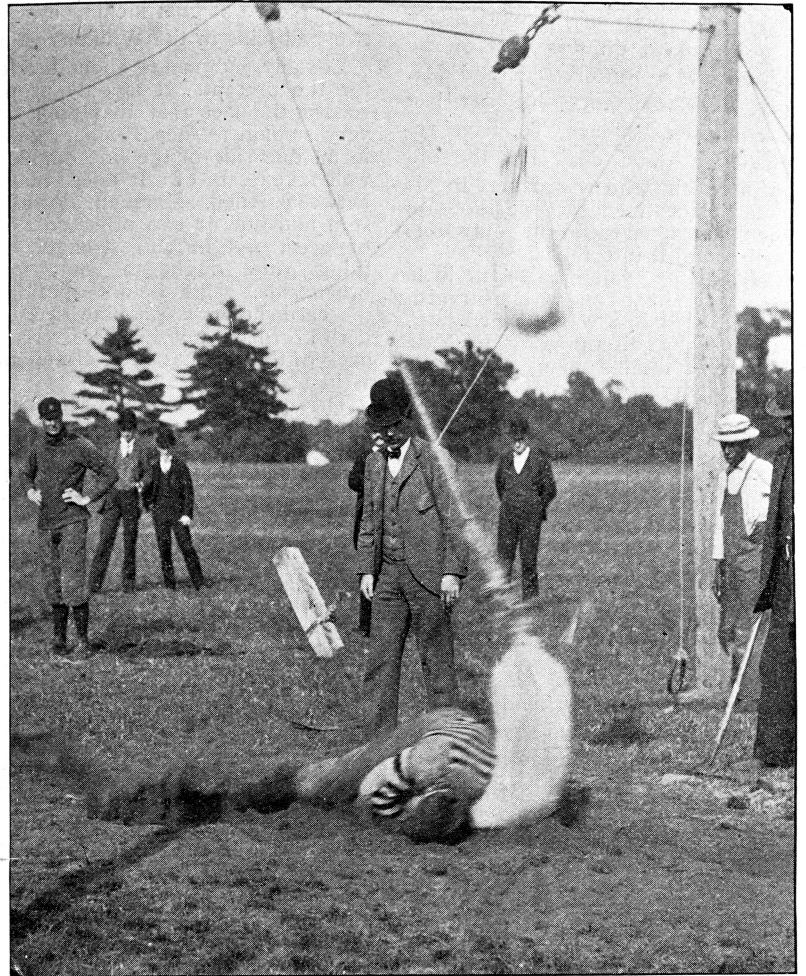
PRICE TEN CENTS.

MODERN FOOTBALL.

An Illustration of the Tackling Machine.



TACKLER ON THE DIVE.



"MAN" WELL DOWNED.

A MOVE FOR MORE SYSTEM.

The University Raises a Committee to Consider the State of Athletics.

On Wednesday, October 6, in mass meeting assembled, Yale students created a committee and instructed it "to consider plans to secure system and unity in the management of Yale athletics and to report at a future meeting of the University." The committee is made up of the captains and managers of the University Eleven, Nine, Crew and Track Team, and a member each of the Academic and Scientific Senior Classes, who was chosen by the chairman of the meeting. The make-up of the committee is given below.

Mr. Julian S. Mason, '98, Chairman of the *News*, presided and announced that the meeting had been called at the request of the captains to talk over the athletic situation and to see if something could not be done to bring a little better organization into the athletics of the University. They had asked one or two graduates to open the discussion and Mr. Julian W. Curtiss, '79, was thereupon introduced. Mr. Curtiss said he had felt a little reluctance about coming and then told a little story which was intended to show that he was obliged to look upon any such invitation from Yale as a peremptory manadamus. He had no plan to propose. He didn't know what would be proposed. It was the business of the undergraduates to solve these problems, and he hoped they would always have this responsibility.

What Mr. Curtiss emphasized was the need of resurrecting the Yale athletic spirit, which had lain dormant for two of three years. Without it, Yale could not do anything. It was another name for pluck and determination, backed by and inspired by the enthusiasm of the entire University. Enthusiasm, Mr. Curtiss said, was neces-

sary for the success of any enterprise, and enthusiasm was a part of the equipment of Yale athletics to which every one could contribute. The spirit which animated the football work he described as a most cheerful factor in the present situation. He hoped he would hear no more of a lack of material. There was plenty of material. It was only a question of putting the right spirit back of it. The Freshman Crew of last year was picked out by Mr. Curtiss as an example of what he meant by the right spirit. It didn't make any difference what was done to them, they couldn't be beaten. Robbed of two of their best men for the University Boat, they were not dismayed, but rowed harder than ever. They simply determined they would not be beaten. They went at it in the right spirit, both as to learning and as to working.

This and much else like it Mr. Curtiss talked to the students of Yale, and when he finished they applauded and continued to applaud, until they gave up hope of hearing more.

Then Mr. Butterworth made the practical suggestion that things might be so arranged as to have some one who would watch athletics and athletes in their relation to the Faculty. Work on this line involved now an enormous amount of work in the part of the Captain, which embarrassed him much in the development of his team.

Then people expected to hear the Captains talk, but they didn't say anything, apparently thinking the ground had been covered. So the meeting ended. The committee was announced in the *News* as follows:—

Payne Whitney, '98; G. C. Greenway, Jr., '98 S.; E. C. Perkins, '98; J. O. Rodgers, '98; Grenville Parker, '98; F. H. Simmons, '98; I. N. Swift, '98; D. C. Twichell, '98; A. Cheney, '98 S.; T. R. Fisher, '98 S.; H. F. Benjamin, '98 S.; R. E. Stone, Jr., '98 S.; F. W. Stewart, '98 S.; R. T. Turnbull, '98 and D. F. Rogers, '98. It will be seen that this committee includes the Vice-Presidents of the athletic associations as well as the Presidents.

No one knows what the committee will report, but it seems safe to say that they will assume as working premises the cardinal principles of Yale athletics in the past and that they will not try to introduce too much organization.

The Tackling Machine.

The general structure of the tackling machine can be judged from the cuts. The "man" is stuffed with sawdust and gets his stability and power of resistance from a bag of sand, with which he is connected by ropes and pulleys. The arm from which the "man" is suspended swings horizontally in either direction, and the two men who work it, are thus able to keep the tackler guessing, as though he were operating on a dodging runner. The machine is located at the Field, north of the main gridiron.

Sheffield Senior Class Elections.

A meeting of the Sheffield Senior class was held on Monday, October 11. The following officers were elected: President, Gilbert Christian Greenway, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Vice-President, Hamilton Fish Benjamin, of Garrison-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.; Secretary and Treasurer, Joseph Wright Allsop, of Middletown, Conn.

The following Committee composed members of the Academical Freshman Class has been appointed by the President of the Y. M. C. A. to carry on the religious work of the class: R. K. Askew, A. B. Berger, S. L. Coy, L. E. Hemingway, H. P. Judd, P. D. Moody, A. H. Richardson, R. S. Spencer, B. P. Twichell and J. H. Wear.

Latest Registration Figures.

The preliminary catalogue has not yet appeared, but the following comparison of the latest figures obtainable in the Academical and Scientific Departments, with the two previous years, will give a nearly exact idea of the class numbers. The Scientific School figures may be changed very slightly.

ACADEMICAL DEPARTMENT.			
	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8
Seniors	280	280	301
Juniors	281	295	301
Sophomores	307	310	343
Freshmen	331	354	296
Totals	1199	1239	1241
SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT.			
	1895-6	1896-7	1897-8
Seniors	166	182	125
Juniors	205	133	165
Freshmen	147	170	185
Totals	518	485	475

A Sheff. Department of the Y. M. C. A.

The new building for the Sheff. Department of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University, located at 138 College street was opened on Friday evening, October 8th, with a reception to the Sheff. Freshmen. President Dwight was present and a quartet from the Glee Club furnished the music. Over half the Freshman Class accepted the invitations which had been sent out by the following Committee: '98 S., W. F. Cochrane, Jr., Chairman; E. J. Drummond, G. C. Greenway, Jr., '99 S.; A. M. Bell and E. E. Marshall.

The building which was purchased last Spring for the use of the Association, by Mrs. Cochrane, of Yonkers, N. Y., has been thoroughly put in repair during the Summer.