#### A TALK THAT BEAT HARVARD.

Trainer Mike Murphy Made the Appeal to Penn, and the Red and Blue Rose to the Occasion and to Victory. A Dog Won a Game For Columbia.

Writing on football in the American Magazine, Edward Lyell Fox tells of football defeats that were turned into victories by tongue lashing. He says: here are instances whereby coacher bave won games all unbeknown to

the public. These are crises that have been faced in the dressing room be tween the balves, with the team stretched out dirty and bruised. Lash ed by coaches' tongues or stirred by the appeal personal, an apparently disorganized and defeated rabble often becomes a steady but furious fighting

"In 1905 Pennsylvania went to their dressing room after playing a 6 to 6 first half with Harvard. The tle score was misleading. Harvard had played the better football. They had ripped the red and blue line to tatters. And Harvard would have crushed Pennsylvania if Mike Murphy, the veteran trainer, had not jumped upon a table and talked three minutes to the team. Murphy, like Antony, was no orator.

'Do you want a lot of bean eaters up there in Boston to crow over the hash their team made of you? cried he. 'They'll turn that city inside out and on good Penn money at that! Your friends 'll be courtin' free lunch counters for weeks if you let those dubs get away with this! Myself-it almost made me cry to see those big stiffs walk all over you.' (He gulped noticeably.) 'Because I know how good you are. You weren't right that half. You'll kill 'em now. You've got to. Think of the crowd. And say, fellows, if there's no mother, father, sister or girl up there watchin', just think of me, fellows. Think of me, that takes care of you all. For I've got the "con," boys."

"He coughed, brushed his eyes with the back of his hand and faltered on: "'I won't be with you very much longer, and I want you to win this

He finished speaking and stole away without a word. There was no cheering; the men were thinking too hard The next half Harvard found a differ ent Pennsylvania team, a team whose emotions were keyed up to such a pitch that their flerce football has never since been seen on Franklin field. Har vard was dazed, swept away and beaten because a man spoke.

"Another remarkable turning of a game between the balves occurred at Ithaca in 1905. Cornell led Columbia by 6 to 0 when the teams returned to the dressing rooms. Columbia had not recovered from a wearing game with Princeton the week before. Many of the men were overtrained. There was a distinct feeling of the hopelessness of it all when the players lay down upon the floor and benches. Only Bill, a white bull terrier mascot, showed signs of liveliness. It was cold in the dressing room, and a trainer shook the ushes in the stove. He used a poker. end of which became red hot. When finally he laid down the metal rod the red whitened, but the heat renained. Bill, deciding that the poker was to be played with like a stick, enught the heated end in his mouth. Instantly his lips seared and turned black. Bill only shook the poker hard-Two men grabbed him and tried to force him to open his mouth. But Bill fought back, and finally they had to choke him before he would loosen his grip. It was then that Coach Morley nudged Captain Fisher and pointed to the dog. Catching the idea, Fisher sprang to his feet and built up a speech around Bill. He compared Bill's nerve to the team's and asked the men if they were not ashamed of themselves. His closing sentence was, "Just play for Bill, Rill, Bill?" "When Columbia returned to the field.

Bill, yelping furiously, led the way All through the half the team heard tim barking from the side lines. Said Von Saltza, the big tackle, after the game, 'We heard every yelp, and it simply drove us.

"Also Bill's yelping was so good that Columbia won out, 12 to 6." Very often, Mr. Fox declares, the

ability of one man to kick has determined the outcome of the game. He

"In 1907 Minnesota and Wisconsin played 17 to 17. The match has been ballyhooed 'the most sensational ever seen. That it ended in a tie was because of Capron. He saved Minnesota. He kicked three goals from the field. The game began with a bewildering series of rushes, end runs and triple forward passes. The score leaped to Wisconsin 12, Minnesota 5 Here Capron began to kick. Standing on the thirty yard line, he drove the ball between the posts. Wisconsin's lend was reduced to three points. Agein, this time from the forty-five yard line. Capron sent the ball sailing true. Minesota led 13 to 12. The first balf ended, however, with Wisconsin swing ing back into the lead. A touchdown came after a succession of end rune The score was Wisconsin 17. Minne sota 13. In the second half the teams steadied down and played close foot hall.' No more scores were likely. But in the closing minutes Capron sent a kick twisting from the forty-five yard line. It cleared the bar, and the score was tied. Wisconsin had the better team; Minnesota had Capron."

#### OUR EARLY CURRENCY.

First American Coins and the Series Struck at Boston.

The very earliest coinage that can properly be said to be "strictly American" was ordered by the original Virginia company in the year 1612, only five years after the founding of Jamestown. These coins were minted at Somers islands, now known as the Bermudas. For a period of more than a quarter of a century after this, however, tobacco and beaver skins were reckoned as lawful currency.

In 1645 the assembly of Virginia met and declared that it "had maturely weighed and considered how advantageous a quoine (coin) would be to this colony and how much better it would be than a sole dependency upon tobacco and pelts." After this they provided for the coinage of copper coins of the denominations of two ence, threepence, sixpence and nineenc, but this resolution was never

carried into effect. The first coinage in America proper was the series of coins "struck" at Boston under the order of the general court of Massachusetts passed May 27, 1652, the coins being three, six and twelve pence denominations, "in forme flatt and stamped on one side with the letters 'N. E.' and on the other the value of the piece."

#### A MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

Presence of Mind That Stopped a Slide to Death.

On entering central Asia after a trip neross India Major R. L. Kennion witnessed a rescue which was due to the quickness of decision and prompt action of a native. The story is given in "Sport and Life In the Farther Himalayas." The party had started to climb over the pass called Mintaka by moonlight. The cold was intense and the way slippery and uncertain.

No one having crossed the pass that year, the guide took a wrong line and led us across an ice slope that was concealed by snow. The first I knew of it was seeing his dim figure begin to slide downward, first slowly, then more rapidly. We were not roped, and as his pace increased it seemed

that nothing on earth could save him. Near the end of my line, however, carrying a load, was a man of Hunza, whose quickness to grasp the situation was only equaled by his resource Dropping his load, he sprang out on to a projecting point of rock near which the man would pass, and as he slid by with the point of his native nade ice ax he gaffed him in his loose clothing as you might a salmon. It was most cleverly and promptly done.

"Fixing" the Ball Grounds. Hugh S. Fullerton, the baseball expert, tells in the American Magizine of the queer ethics of the national game. He writes:

"'Fixing' the grounds so as to give the home team the advantage and handicap the visiting players is the commonest form of trickery, yet in professional ball it is not considered wrong, any more than a commander of a defensive army would consider meet an enemy. The extent to which the fixing of grounds is carried is amazing. There probably is not a major or minor league grounds in the country on which the home players have not the advantage, and visiting teams are forced to be on the alert from the moment they enter a field to discover, if possible, what they are up against.'

Athens the Seat of Learning. It may be said unhesitatingly that the country which has produced the greatest men in literature and philosophy, art and architecture is Greece. In the little state of Attica-not much larger than Greater New York-true civilization and all that goes, along with it were born. All that has been done since the "age of Pericles" has been simply the carrying out of the ideas, principles and methods laid down by the men who won Marathon and Salami, Platea and Mycale, Galton, a high authority, does not hesitate to say that Athens and the little state of which it was the capital produced more first class intellects than have since been produced by all the world put together.-New York American.

Rise and Fall.
A boy was driving along a road in Ireland a donkey and cart which belonged to his widowed mother when he was accosted by a snobbish young man, who, wishing to impress his cleverness upon a young lady who accompanied him, said, "Watch me take a rise out of this boy."

He shouted to the boy, "I say, do you think your mother would sell me that donkey?"

The boy took a good look at him and answered, "Do you think your mother could keep two?"

The smart young man didn't laugh. but the young lady did.

'Twas Ever Thus.
"Pa, what does it mean when you say that prices fluctuate?"

"It means, my son, that they go up and down. When it's something you've got to buy the price goes up. and when it's something you've got sell the price goes down."-Judge. Maude—I'm a little uneasy in my mind. Ned asked me to marry him,

and I told him I might some day. New, would you call that a promise? Marie-No; I should call it a threat An indiscreet man is an une letter. Every one can read it.-Cham-

#### DRESDEN CHINA.

Its Three Periods and the Marks the

Pieces Bear. Dresden china began its reign at the fair of Leipzig, 1721, where it was offered for public sale for the first time It has had three periods-King's, Marcoline and modern.

The factory marks traced on the bot tom of each piece vary according to the period-the oldest (King's) being the monogram A. R. and the wand of Aesculapius. The familiar crossed swords, with the dot or circle between the handles, were first used in 1721. and the star took the place of the dot in the Marcoline period. The modern mark is the simple crossed swords. sometimes accompanied by letters and numbers.

Although the methods of work are still jealously guarded in all factories. the essentials are an open secret, and the following rough outline may satisfy the lazily curious: The ingredients of porcelain are kaolin feldspar, sand and selenite. These are ground fine and mixed in limewater. The paste is then molded into forms and fired in an oven of moderate heat. When tak en out it is in an opaque state and is then dipped in the glaze, which is feldspar ground fine, with a little alkali It is now subjected to a firing of great heat, which results in the beautiful polished surface so familiar the world

This second firing is attended with risk, for if the piece is allowed to remain beyond the exact proper moment the whole melts together and is ruined.

#### SEASICKNESS.

It Is Not Beneficial, and In Rare Cases It Causes Death.

In the light of modern intelligence the once popular idea that seasickness was of real benefit to the sufferer and that it never terminated fatally has been exploded. Not only is this malady to be guarded against by every means possible, but it is even to be dreaded by those who are not over robust as leading to possible fatal re-

The old fashioned notion that a good dose of seasickness was beneficial was due wholly to the fact that upon recovery the victim of mal de mer is usually so delighted that he is apt to imagine that he never felt better in his life, while feeling normal again is merely so great a contrast to the exceedingly wretched condition which this disorder brings about that exaggeration of one's feelings is the most natural thing in the world. Seasickness is far from pleasant. It is not beneficial, and in rare cases it terminates fatally.

There is one consolation, however, that with the growth of the size of ships and the increase of speed travelagainst it or if attacked are certain that their sufferings will be short .-Marine Journal.

The Art of Poisoning.

Professional poisoners arose early in our era. It is recorded that Agrippina A. D. 26) refused to eat apples at the table of her father-in-law, Tiberius Locusta flourished in that epoch. It is charged that she supplied with appropriate directions the poison by which Agrippina rid herself of Claudius. She also furnished the poison that was administered to Britannicus by order of Nero. This crime was committed in quite a conventional manner. The Romans were accustomed to drink hot water at table, but the same temperature did not appeal to all. A slave offered hot water to Britannicus. "Too hot," he remarked. The slave added cold water. Britannicus drank, gasped once or twice and died. The cold water was poisoned either with a cyanide or with prussic

Queer Newspaper Names. The Italians are naturally an imaginative race, and the titles which they give to their newspapers, especially in the provinces, fully confirm the fact. Here are some instances of the curios-

At Aqui, in Pledmont, there is Il Bollente (the bolling one); at Gerace, the Circus of Nero; at Messina, the Lightning; at Lucca, the Second Lightning; at Monbercelli, the Inflexible; at Catania, the New Marionettes.

Humorous publications rejoice in even stranger titles. We have the Contropelo (shave against the grain) at Naples, the Two of Spades at Turin, the Slap in the Face at Bologna, the Pif Paf at Palermo, the Brush at Cattanissetta and the Mosquito at Savigliano.

Dark Stars.

Scattered through space are innumerable stars that give forth very little light or heat. Either they were never at any period of their history bright and glowing like the myriad stars that make the midnight sky so beautiful or in the course of countless ages the heat they once possessed has radiated away from them into the depth of space, and now they are, as their name describes them, "dark

Worse Still. They tell me Simpkins' wife is a perfect tyrant. The poor fellow actually goes around, they say, without a nickel in his pockets."

"Worse than that-she's cut off his supply of pockets."-Cleveland Plain

Teacher-Suppose your father gave your mother £6 and then took £3 back. what would that make? Willie-Trou-

#### WILD SILKWORMS.

Weave Their Thread In Skeins

Inside Their Huge Nests. The world is indebted to the Chinese for the discovery of the virtues of the silkworm. Its product was unknown in Rome until the time of Julius Caesar, and so costly was the material that even the Emperor Aurelian refused a dress of this lustrous fabric to his empress. Now it is nurtured in almost every country, and its prod ucts are within the reach of all.

Besides the several domesticated species, there is a wild silkworm found in Central America which weaves a baglike structure two feet in depth that hangs from the trees. At a distance the nest resembles a huge matted cobweb. The insect makes no cocoon, but weaves the silk in layers and skeins around the inside of the nest. From Tegucigalpa there were sent to England some years ago about six pounds of this silk. There it was made into handkerchiefs not easily detected from common silk of equal strength and delicate texture. There is a curious silk producing spider in Central America, the arana de seda, which may be seen hurrying along with a load of fine silk on its back, from which trail numerous de icate filaments.-Harper's Weekly.

### THE LOST ATLANTIS.

Fate of the Continental Island as Told by the Ancients.

Lost Atlantis" is a favorite subject of song and story, and even now strange tales are told by sailors who claim to have seen a great white city rearing its domes and minarets up through the green of the sea.

Atlantis was a continental island be tween Europe and America. Solon as long ago as 600 B. C. learned the story in Egypt, and it is from him and later from Plato that the tale has been handed down to modern peoples.

Atlantis was reigned over by three kings of marvelous power, and the inhabitants were a warlike people far advanced in civilization. The three kings finally became so puffed with power that they united forces and planned a descent on Europe, the purpose of which was to destroy and enslave. The Athenians met the invaders and after a fearful battle gained a decisive victory.

Two days later mighty earthquakes shook the earth, and tremendous inundations came. When peace succeeded elemental turmoil the sea stretched where once had been Atlantis.

A Quicker Process.

A story is told of a certain famous inventor who is fortunate enough to be able to employ a large staff of engineers and mathematicians to aid him ers are to a certain extent insured in the solution of knotty problems. Some time ago the inventor desired to find the cubic capacity of a certain vessel of unsymmetrical proportions and asked his mathematicians to solve the problem. As the story goes, the mathematicians spent weeks of time, filled whole books with their calculations and finally presented what they said was a close approximation to the true result. Thereupon the famous inventor placed the vessel on a platform scale, filled it to the brim with water, obtained its weight when full and when empty, and in a few minutes he had a result as good as the mathematicians-for that particular vessel .-Engineering News.

> He Liked Turtle. Charles Kean in forcing a tavern companion to take mustard with his beef showed a more generous disposition than a city magnate who figures in the "Memoirs of Grantley Berkeley." Although a hearty feeder, Berkeley did not like fat and when served with turtle soup always left the green fat on the side of his plate. This is considered by many to be the best part of the dish, and at a city dinner Berkeley attended his neighbor observed him with horror deliberately rejecting the unctuous green fragments. "At length his feelings got the better of the alderman, and after demolishing his third helping of turtle he swept all the fat from my plate on to his, grunting contemptuously, 'I see they're wasted on you.' " - London Chronicle.

His Geography. Ample explanation of the many attempts to construct a universal language lies enfolded in the reply of a small boy, given by Mrs. Hugh Fraser

in "A Diplomatist's Wife In Many The irregular French verbs-what a terror those were to children! My own little boy when he was seven years old

was asked by his teacher a question in geography.
"What separates England from Prance?" "The irregular verbs," he replied

with mournful conviction, You Can't Shake Trouble.
"My wife had money, and when I married her I thought all my troubles

were at an end." "And weren't they?" "The old ones were; but, hang it, a new series started right away."-Bos-ton Transcript.

Not Full Grief.

"Gladys is very strict in her ideas about the appropriate touch in dress." "Is she?" "So much so that when her half ster died she would not wear any

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