Athletic Reformer.

The Athletic Committee of the University of Pennsylvania has taken a stand in favor of amateur athletics which deserves the highest praise and commendation by adoption of the new rules which have just been promulgated.

Recently, drawn with minute care, like a legal document, intended to keep men from cheating each other, the new rules exclude several forms of "professionalism.

In a letter of great regret that these elaborate precautions are needed, "Professionalism" is in the last and every sentence. These men in college contests are on their honor as gentlemen that they are not and one will be immensely surprised for or entered an athletic contest except for honor. No reward, direct or indirect, for their services as gentlemen, has ever crossed their minds. This pledge of honor should be enough. It is not. The presence of these rules, each year more elaborate, practical, means that in English universities, no such rules exist. The men trust each other. They have no worry about "good" or "professional" rules. It is not considered "good form" for a man to row too long, or too many years, or to row at all, unless he is a fair, bona-fide member of a college, as are other men in the crews. This has proved in practice, the two universities crews in England practiced more than our own. Yet there are no secrets about their condition. There is no elaborate lying needed to make betting practicable. Men engaged in university contests mix freely with each other, there are no rules and gentlemen, and gentlemen can trust each other in all matters of sport.

Some English newspapers and other English papers, reviewing one of Mr. Casper Whitney's books on college athletic contests, are not surprised that in this country so many rules, so much concealment and so much bungling is done. It is a national sport. It makes a patriotic American hot in the face to learn that our educated young men are more sincere in their athletic contests, while in England college young men can be left to their sense of honor.

This ought not to be so. It really rests with the alumni to reform this thing. The students will respond to their position and principle. If the alumni would all be more active in helping to have the team and its members act honorably to win, the boys will be all the more sincere and the team and regulations will be no longer needed. There is very little use in either education or athletics unless truth, honor and fair dealing are its first fruits.

The first necessity is to establish the principle that in a thousand years, if not in a thousand times better that the University of Pennsylvania should be better than any other institution, that a shadow of a shade of suspicion should rest nowhere but in the members of the faculty. The great departure from pedullar honor, integrity and truth as between gentlemen. No gentleman ever stretches a rule in his own favor or has anything to do with an athletic contest except for honor. Why should a university?--Philadelphia Press.

Foot Ball Casualties.

In the November number of the Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok gave a short editorial talk on foot ball in which he took occasion to mention another facet of foot ball, the alarming display of ignorance called forth by many of the rules, and these are from Casper Whitney. This gentleman wrote to Mr. Bok, asking for the details of his acquaintance with the "carefully computed" figures that had been carelessly lost soon after the publication of his foot ball talk. But this did not satisfy Mr. Whitney. He immediately appointed himself a committee of investigation, and here is his report:

"I should like to recall here now that on Monday, February, 1898, I made a tour of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Mexican boundary lines, that I visited the important centers of amateur sport; that I met diligent inquiry concerning the Journal's statements, and that I heard of a rule of deaths that within a short period of four months. Mr. Bok asserted that "carefully computed figures" showed that this number of deaths was directly traceable to a rule of deaths of foot ball. 

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This athletic spirit among the under-classmen, and especially the Freshmen, the Sophomore-Freshman Field Meet was introduced as one of the annual athletic events of the year. As a consequence the Freshmen, in order to resuscitate for the ill treatment during the fall term, have put forth all possible energy to come off victorious upon the field, and in a majority of cases they have achieved this end. This year's Freshman class even took a step farther and came out victorious in the last fall field meet. As a consequence they look upon the coming contest with the Sophomors as an easy victory, yet we earnestly hope that the Sophomore's will revive a sufficient amount of energy to make this event a matter of keen interest, and that each successive class in the future will put forth all possible effort to be victorious over their predecessors.

The fullest and most reliable account of the Cuban insurgents that has yet found its way into periodical literature appears in the April Review of Reviews from the pen of that veteran journalist and war correspondent, Murat Halstead, who has only recently returned from an extended sojourn in Cuba. Mr. Halstead's article embodies much fresh and important material of the greatest interest—for example, the proclamations made by General Gomez in December last, General Weyler's statement in reply to questions of Mr. Halstead concerning Spanish policy in Cuba, and specimens of the work of the press censor, being a vast amount of statistical data impossible to obtain except by personal visitation and inquiry. Mr. Halstead has had access to all the sources of trustworthy information on both sides of the present contest, and has utilized the knowledge thus gained with the skill of the practical writer of current history. An interesting account is given of the industrial work now being done among the Arsenians of Van, under the supervision of Dr. Grace Kimball, an American medical missionary, who has probably expended more than $12,000 for this purpose, much of which has been contributed in the United States.

John Hand has an elegant gold-lined silver cup on display which he intends to give as a prize for some special event on field day.

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Mabel Cook will return home with her mother who has been spending several days here, for a short visit.

The ladies' gymnasium exhibition has been postponed until Tuesday p.m. on account of the ball game Saturday.

The Senior Laws have completed the course in Partnership and will have examination on the subject Friday.

G. C. Burling complains of the unwarranted familiarity of some unknown party, who in his absence appropriated his room to the detriment of his usual orderly appearance. Such unwarranted liberty will be promptly repressed in the future.

Following are the positions of the players in the game between the Cedar Rapids and S. C. I. nines, which is being played at the park this afternoon: Cedar Rapids—Farnes, r.f.; Macgill, l.f.; Van Buren, l.d.; Browhill, c.f.; King, s.s.; Bisley, 2 b.; Hill, 3 b.; Young, c.; Carrish, 3 b.; Myers, c.; Larrabee, 1 b.; Brown, s.s.; Arey, c.f.; Bailey, 2 b.; Leighton, h.dub.

The following is from the Des Moines Register's editorial column: "John C. Prall, of Washington, and Or-lark, 2 b.; Bailey, 2 b.; Hill, c.f.; Bailey, 2 b.; Leighton, h.dub.

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