

NEXT SEASON'S FOOTBALL

From George Ade's Viewpoint the Game Should be Made Genteel and Mannerly.

George Ade, a graduate of Purdue University, where he was a devotee of the gridiron game, and the first playwright to stage a football contest, has set down in inimitable and highly characteristic manner his thoughts on the brand of football as it will be played next Fall. Succeeding the publication of the intricate code adopted by the Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee recently. Mr. Ade has contributed the following to the Purdue University Daily:

"Selection of players—The eleven players constituting the team shall be selected by the Faculty, and the student who has received the highest grade in Greek and Theology shall be captain of the team. No student shall be eligible for the team unless he is up in his class work and has an established reputation for piety.

"Preliminaries—When a team appears on a field for a contest it shall greet the opposing team with the Chautauqua salute, which consists of waving the handkerchief. After this a few friendly chats concerning books and writers may precede the opening of the game.

"Substitute for the Toss—Instead of tossing a coin to determine which side gets the ball, the two captains shall extract the cube root of a number provided by the Professor of Mathematics. The captain who is first to hand in the correct solution gets the ball.

"Advancing the ball—The ball having been placed in the centre of the field, the umpire, who must be a professor of geology, exhibits to the team having possession of the ball a fossil. All members of the team, who think that they can name the

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geological period in which the fossil belongs hold up their right hand. The umpire selects a player to name the period. If he answers correctly he advances the ball two yards. If, in addition, he gives the scientific name of the fossil he advances the ball five yards. If no member of the team can answer the question propounded by the umpire the opposing team shall be given a trial.

"Rotation of Umpires—After each touchdown there shall be a change of umpires, so that the questions asked of a team may, in the course of a long and exciting game, cover the class work in zoology, applied metaphysics, veterinary science, Sanskrit and other useful studies.

"Offside Plays—Any player who makes a grammatical error, mispro-