

## **HARVARD WON AT FENCING.**

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### **Columbia's Team Gained Four Out of the Nine Bouts.**

The first annual foil championship bouts of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association were held last night in the gymnasium of the New-York Racquet and Tennis Club, on East Forty-third Street. Teams of three, representing Harvard, Yale, and Columbia, entered for the silver challenge cup offered by the New-York Racquet and Tennis Club, but last night's bouts were between Harvard and Columbia only. W. T. Denniston, the strongest fencer on the Yale team, injured his knee two days ago, and Yale retired from the contest. They had entered besides Denniston, H. P. Disbecker and G. S. Haydock.

The fencing was under the French rules, and the awards were made by a jury of five men, their decision being based not only on the number of point touches, but on the general style of each man's play, attack or defense. The jury were George L. Day, Racquet and Tennis Club; Dr. James T. Kemp, Fencers' Club of New-York; Alfred Howard, Boston Fencers' Club, and Dr. M. J. Echeverra, New-York Athletic Club.

Columbia College entered L. M. Lawson, Jr., S. G. Fitzhugh Townsend, and Hamilton Fish, Jr. Harvard sent on James P. Parker, J. Ellis Hoffmann, and A. G. Thacher.

Harvard holds the cup for twelve months, her men winning five bouts of the nine. Townsend of Columbia made the best individual record, defeating in turn Hoffmann, Thacher, and Parker. The weak spot in Columbia's team, was Fish, who fenced wildly, each of the Harvard men easily repelling his blind rushes, and stiff arm lunges. Lawson added the fourth point to Columbia's losing score, when he defeated Parker of Harvard in the fifth bout.

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