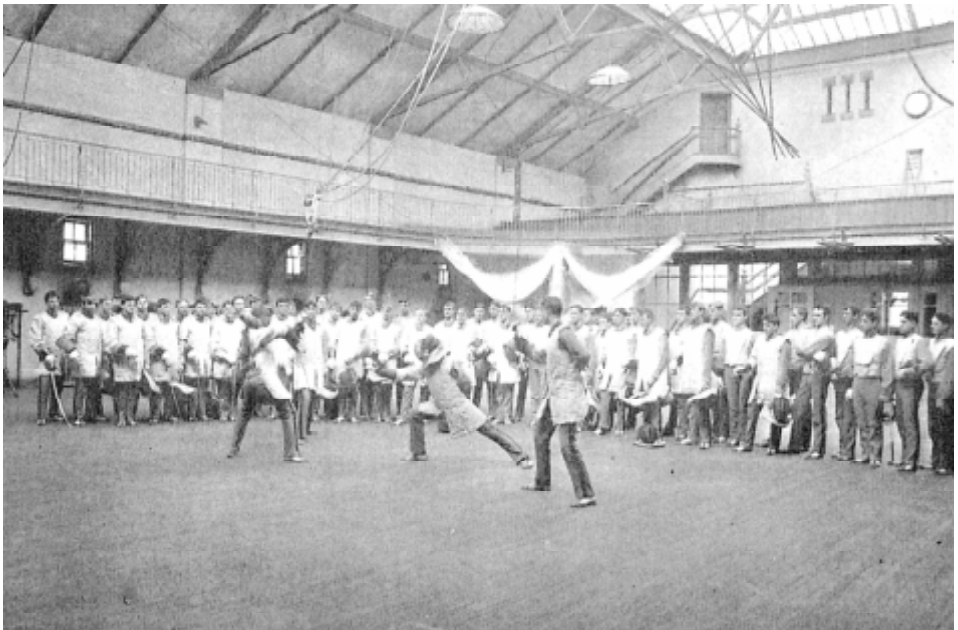


Saturday in October; add to this one and one-half hours for Wednesday line-up during October and we find that the actual time spent by West Point in line-up before her Yale game in November is four and one-half hours against the "scrub" and three hours in games with teams from other colleges. In addition to the foregoing add fourteen and one-half hours spent in signal practice and work on fundamentals and the result is twenty-two hours active football work previous to our annual Yale game. In the event of rain which stops drills practice is held and the time thus obtained averages about three hours per season. Add to the September and October time thirty-one hours spent in football work of various kinds during November and we get fifty-six hours as the total time spent in actual football work during the whole season. With the short time put upon the game and with only 450 men to choose from the results deserve more than passing notice. While all our men have to undergo an entrance physical examination, this is no criterion that the average cadet has a physique for football. The good physical condition of the cadets is a great help in getting the players quickly into condition for games, but from a football standpoint this normal

condition of being practically in training is not always an advantage, for when once a player is overtrained under such conditions he can rarely be gotten into shape again during the season.

Baseball games with the college nines have been yearly occurrences but nothing of note was accomplished owing to lack of systematic work and coaching until this spring. Under the management of Lieut. Kromer systematic work was conducted in the cage before practice could be held on the Plain in April; this preliminary work combined with outdoor training during the late spring developed a team showing technique and it won the first championship game in this sport with the naval cadets by a score of 4-3. A good schedule has been arranged for 1902; it includes games with Harvard, Pennsylvania, and the Navy.

In 1894 a few of the officers at the Academy took up the game of golf which was then comparatively new in this part of the world, and these pioneers for a couple of years were more or less objects of ridicule both for officers and cadets. A fair course about 2,250 yards in playing length was laid out and has since that time furnished much amusement and recreation for the cadets and officers at the Academy but it was not until '97 that



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