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FENCING ON THE ICE

Ice skating by itself is a tricky business but skating and fencing at the same time is just one of those things. It's the first exhibition of its kind presented by the students of a Tokyo academy and it's done with a special sword instead of a foil. When not polishing them off the sword is carried in a scabbard and part of the show is to sheath and unsheath it whenever your opponent isn't looking. The battle's on and with this fence-come-skating idea there's no pairing off, you can all set about anyone who is not on your side and the smaller the better. But when two skilled skaters and swordsmen do get going they put up a good show and put down each other a good many times. When they are both down the battle's over - time for lunch and linament.