JAPANESE FENCING.

SKILLFUL WORK WITH POLE MADE OF SPLIT BAMBOO.

In Dexterity Witnessed by the Reporter Slightly Less of Brandish Swords Big Quarters and Skill in Attacking and Defending.

If you are ever asked to engage in a bout with a Japanese, bring no shotgun, pistol, rifle, nor broadsword with you the challenge, for unless you are proficient in Greek and Latin you will be "Greek to" in that game.

In Japan there every man and woman was obliged to become an expert swordsman, or else in the event of war he could go to the front and do the duties of fighting. The war, by the increasing in the aforesaid, whether, which the Japanese were such a warlike, the story would fall into oblivion. Yet, in spite of the fact that Japan is a country of peace, there were certain to spring up a number of skillful swordsmen, who are now, and who are very effective, ready work with them.

There is a class in Honolulu, which meets every Thursday evening, where members have an instructor in the art of the swordsman. The organization is solely for amusement, rather than for business. Though there is a middle aged man on the party who makes a profession of the art, he is not financially interested in it, but furthermore in spelling out [illegible]. Just now the class is [illegible] in preparation for a public exhibition, which will be given in the near future.

The best exponent of the Japanese fencing, which is to be seen here, was one of the building, located in the Japanese department of the same name. Through the kindness of Kinzo Ogata and Hiroshi Inouye, manager of the house, a reporter was given an opportunity to witness an exhibition Saturday. Ogata, [illegible] Kiyoyama, two expert handlers of the sword.

In the way of an introduction the men, [illegible] Japanese, a few words and bowed from the waist, and a bowed with a strong and low across the face. Then they drawled their bodies with the [illegible] [illegible]. Heavily padded gloves with protection [illegible] the wrist. The [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] of Japan [illegible] "[illegible]." [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]