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 Spiers, A. D. Henderson, and J. Rankine. a—Ran in 1886.
 b—Ran in 1887.

1. A. P. Finlay, C
 2. J. Campbell, C
 3. A. Hannah, C
 4. R. Graham, C
 5. W. Henderson, C
 6. A. Robertson, E
 7. D. C. Macmichael, E
 8. A. G. Colquhoun, C
 9. J. Henderson, C
 10. D. S. Duncan, E
 11. W. Thomson, C
 12. D. L. M'Kinlay, E
 13. J. W. L. Beck, E
 14. P. Addison, E
 15. A. Russell, C
 16. R. Dickie, W
 17. D. Campbell, C
 18. R. C. Buist, E

19. A. M. Donaldson, E
 20. J. Johnston, C
 21. G. G. Robertson, E
 22. E. Campbell, W
 23. S. C. Hillis, W
 24. J. H. H. Jack, E
 25. J. E. Young, W
 26. K. B. Tibbits, W
 27. A. J. Young, W
 28. T. Good, K
 29. J. Q. M'Pherson, K
 30. A. Brown, C
 31. D. Stewart, W
 32. G. Scoular, W
 33. J. M'Laren, W
 34. A. Riley, jun., W
 35. J. S. M'Clearie, K
 36. J. Spiers, K

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Clydesdale.....	23—1
Edinburgh.....	62—2
West	138—3

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ATHLETICS.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third annual cross-country championship of Scotland which took place at Hawkhill Recreation Grounds proved in every respect a great success. Those in charge, aware of the big counter attractions in the city, made a late start, and by doing so were compensated by having a capital turnout of spectators, who took the greatest interest in the proceedings. For the contest four teams entered—viz.; Edinburgh Harriers (holders), Clydesdale Harriers, West Harriers, and Kilmarnock Harriers. As to the result, opinions were pretty equally divided between the Edinburgh Harriers and the Clydesdale, but, as will be seen from the result, the Clydesdale team proved a long way the superior lot, supplying the first five in and winning the championship by 23 points to Edinburgh's 52. The West and Kilmarnock were hopelessly out of it. The following is a list of the runners who competed for each club:—

Edinburgh Harriers.—*a* D. C. Macmichael, *a* & D. S. Duncan, D. I. McKinlay, *a* J. W. L. Beck, *b* G. Black, A. Robertson, *b* J. H. M. Jack, *b* R. C. Baist, *a* & P. Addison, *a* J. M. Bow, G. G. Robertson, and *b* A. M. Donaldson.

Clydesdale Harriers.—*b* J. Campbell, *a* & A. P. Findlay, *b* W. Henderson, R. Graham, A. Hannah, *b* A. G. Colquhoun, *a* & W. M. Thomson, J. Johnstone, D. Campbell, A. Russell, J. Henderson, *b* Alex. Brown.

West Harriers.—J. R. Young, *b* E. B. Tibbitts, *a* & R. Dickie, D. G. McCusker, *b* A. J. Young, D. Stewart, E. Campbell, *b* J. B. McLaren, S. C. Hillis, A. Walker, *b* E. Harper, and A. Riley, jun.

Kilmarnock Harriers.—J. Q. McPherson, T. Good, J. Anderson, B. M'Leaie, A. Ewing, G. Scoules, W. Sims, J. Spiera, A. D. Henderson, and J. Hankins. *a*—Ran in 1884. *b*—Ran in 1887.

A course of about eight miles had been carefully laid, and shortly before five the phalanx of competitors were sent on their long journey. After covering the running ground for a couple of laps, the cross-country work was entered on, the route being by Craigantony Meadows and Portobello and back by St. Margaret's to Hawkhill, where another lap was run, and the same course followed. The first three to show the way were Findlay and Hannah of the Clydesdale and Duncan of the E.H., the rest being in a bunch. Findlay pioneered the way, and when the competitors reappeared he held the lead by a long way, followed by Hannah, Campbell, Graham, and Robertson. All the leaders were going splendidly, and at this stage matters promised well for the success of the Clydesdales. Findlay, keeping up the pace, entered the last lap a long way ahead of his club-mate, Campbell, whom he beat by more than the length of the straight. Findlay was warmly cheered for his magnificent performance. Next to Campbell, other three Clydesdale men took third, fourth, and fifth positions, the sixth and seventh falling to the Edinburgh Harriers. The following is the order the first eight passed the winning post:—

A. P. Findlay (Clydesdale)	1
J. Campbell (Clydesdale)	2
A. Hannah (Clydesdale)	3
R. Graham (Clydesdale)	4
W. Henderson (Clydesdale)	5
A. Robertson (E. Harriers)	6
D. C. Macmichael (E. Harriers)	7
A. G. Colquhoun (Clydesdale)	8

Time, 51 4-5 mins.

The following is the result of the club championship:—

Clydesdale Harriers	25-1
Edinburgh Harriers	52-2
West Harriers	138-3

The Cross-Country Championship won by Findlay of Ayr.

THE all-absorbing event in harriers circles on Saturday was the championship at Hawkhill, Edinburgh. A better day could not have been desired for the event, but, unfortunately, the big football matches seriously damaged the attendance. Previous contests have been confined to the Edinburgh, Clydesdale, and West of Scotland Harriers, but this year Kilmarnock entered the lists, so that 48 runners in all were down to compete. The last-named club, however, could only muster ten men. The Edinburgh men were run as originally picked, but J. Henderson took the place of J. Anderson in the Clydesdale, and J. MacLaren that of A. C. Symington in the West of Scotland. The course, as carefully laid by J. G. Meek, may be described as follows:—1,000 yards on the track, out by the eastern gate on to the road for 200 yard; on to plough, where a five-foot wall had to be negotiated before entering on grass. Through Craigentiny Meadows to Portobello Road, and then another long spell of plough ere the cross-roads at Portobello were reached. Striking west, four stiff walls had to be mastered before the Craigentiny Marbles were left on the right, and Craigentiny Avenue entered on. Emerging at Restalrig, and skirting the Barrack wall, Restalrig Road was reached at the gasworks, and then on through St. Margaret's Meadows to the Leebend Road, where the grounds were entered by the main entrance. Here a single lap was run, and the same country covered again. Mr A. Dreboer, the manager of the grounds, despatched the forty-six competitors on their journey. Tibbitts led the way for the first quarter of a mile. Here Duncan and Macmichael got up among the forward lot, but were in turn passed by Findlay, who was the first out, with Hannah second, Duncan and Macmichael next, and Thomson fourth. The same order was maintained over the plough, where they went from sight. While the men were away an Association football match, between teams of harriers, took place on an adjoining pitch, but from the way the footballists watched the main entrance, it was easily seen their thoughts were with their respective champions. A shout from the stand caused the game to be abruptly adjourned, and the first to come through the gate was Findlay, who held a good lead of Hannah, with Campbell third, Graham fourth, and Robertson, of the Edinburgh team, fifth. The next lot comprised Henderson Macmichael, Duncan, M'Kinlay, and Thomson. The remainder formed a long tail, while one of the competitors, whose pumps had become loose, handed them in on passing the stand, and ran the remainder of the country with bare feet. The forward position held by the Clydesdale representatives must have been very gratifying to their supporters, for when Findlay made his appearance for the last time in possession of a long lead, their enthusiasm was unbounded. The next to make his appearance was Campbell, fully 120 yards in the rear. The question now was which of the clubs would win the club championship, but the query was soon answered by Hannah, Graham, and Henderson (all Clydesdale men) making their appearance in the order named, to the great delight of their supporters. The next man in was little Robertson, of the Edinburgh team, at whose heels came Macmichael, while the third man for Edinburgh was Duncan. The winner, as will be seen, led from start to finish, and covered the course in 51 min. 4 3/4th sec. The result must have been a great disappointment. Mr J. M. Row presided over the social which followed, and presented the gold medal to Findlay, the runners-up receiving silver medals, while the Edinburgh men, as second in points, came in for the bronze medals.

Commenting on Findlay's achievement the *Journal* thus comments:—What honour has A. P. Findlay brought to his native town? None whatever. He has won the individual championship for a Glasgow club, with which his victory will be always associated. Ayr has long been a famous athletic town, yet the great honour gained by Findlay, who is a distance runner of the first water, will in no way be credited to the "sail town." If the Ayr contingent had formed a cross-country club of their own what glory would have been theirs. We congratulate Findlay most heartily on his grand running.

HARRIERS.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third annual cross-country championship of Scotland, under the Scottish Cross-Country Association, took place from Hawkhill Recreation Grounds, Leith, on Saturday afternoon. The speculations and anticipations on the results of the race by East Country people were shown in the event to be all wrong, while the hopes of the West, however high these might be, were quite fulfilled. The weather was fine, though owing to recent rains the fields through which the men had to go were very heavy. There was rather a small attendance of the public, but considering the great attractions in the way of football nearer at hand this was not to be wondered at. The four clubs entered for the competition were the Edinburgh Harriers, Clydesdale Harriers, West of Scotland Harriers, and Kilmarnock Harriers. The first-named have held the club championship for the two years of its existence, while W. M. Thomson, of the Clydesdale, was the individual winner last year. The following were the teams that started (those marked a ran in 1886, and b in 1887):—Edinburgh Harriers—b D. C. Macmichael, a b D. S. Duncan, D. I. McKinnay, a J. W. L. Beck, b G. Black, A. Robertson, b J. H. M. Jack, b R. C. Baist (captain), a b P. Addison, a J. M. Bow, G. G. Robertson, and b A. M. Donaldson. Clydesdale Harriers—b J. Campbell, a b A. P. Findlay, b W. Henderson, R. Graham, A. Hannah (captain), b A. G. Colquhoun, a b W. M. Thomson, J. Johnston, D. Campbell, A. Russell, a b J. Henderson, and b Alexander Brown. West of Scotland Harriers—J. E. Young, b E. B. Tibbitts, a b R. Dickie, D. G. McConechy, b A. J. Young (captain), D. Stewart, E. Campbell, J. M. MacLaren, S. C. Billa, A. Walker, b E. Harper, and A. Riley, jun. Kilmarnock Harriers—J. Q. McPherson (captain), T. Good, J. Anderson, A. D. Henderson, S. McClarie, J. Rankine, A. Ewing, G. Scudlar, W. Sims, and J. Speirs. The Edinburgh team had all their men forward, and did not require to draw on their reserves. The Clydesdale wanted J. Anderson, and put forward as a substitute J. Henderson. The West of Scotland turned up without Symington, and his place was taken by MacLaren. The Kilmarnock team were no fewer than four men short, namely, M'Dorney, Burns, Paterson, and Bryce. Two of the vacancies were filled by A. D. Henderson and J. Rankine, and the team thus consisted of only ten. In the early part of the day the course was laid, and pains had been taken that it should be distinct. It first ran twice round the racing track, out of the field by the east gate, and away across fields and over walls to Craigenting Meadows. Next it struck down to the Leith and Portobello Railway, and ran parallel with the line as far as the west end of Portobello. Here it circled round through ploughed fields by Craigenting, on by the gas-works at Jock's Lodge, past Rosalrig and St Margaret's Works, and down Lochend Road, entering Hawkhill Grounds by the Lochend gate. After going round the track, the men had again to leave it and go over the same course again. The total distance was between nine and ten miles, but it was somewhat shortened in the second round. The race was started at five minutes to five—nearly half an hour late. The dense mass of 46 runners soon drew out into a line, and at the end of the second circuit of the track Findlay and Hannah of the Clydesdale and Duncan of the Edinburgh were leading in the order named. Here they left the track and soon disappeared in the distance. The spectators, who cared for it, watched a game at football played between sides drawn from the companions of the racers. In about 25 minutes the leading Harrier dashed into the grounds and round the track, and was received with cheers. He proved to be Findlay, of the Clydesdale, and at a distance of about fifty yards he was followed by Hannah, Campbell, and Graham, of the Clydesdale, and A. Robertson, of the Edinburgh, close together in the order named. They were going strong and well and some distance intervened between them and the sixth man. The men again left the track and away cross country. After a walk of similar duration to the first the leaders again appeared. They were each separated by several yards, so that from their entry on the track to the winning-post there was no chance of the positions being altered. The first eight men arrived in the following order:—Findlay (who won by over a 100 yards), Campbell, Hannah, Graham, and Henderson, all of the Clydesdale; A. Robertson and Macmichael of the Edinburgh, and Colquhoun of the Clydesdale. Findlay's time was 51 5-4 min. After all the men had arrived, and the points had been made up, it was found that Clydesdale was the winning team with 25 points, Edinburgh coming second with 62, and West of Scotland third with 132. Kilmarnock was quite out of it. The Clydesdale club thus achieved a complete victory. As a team they were far and away ahead, while one of their men was the individual winner. The men took tea together in the evening, when the medals were presented to the winners.

CROSS-COUNTRY NOTES

The cross-country championship for Scotland, which was run last Saturday at Edinburgh, was won by the Clydesdale Harriers, who deserve great credit for their performance. The individual championship was won, for the second time, by A. P. Finlay of Ayr, who led the race from start to finish, and covered the 10 miles in 51m. 44.5th s. As to the distance, it is but right to say that it was not officially measured, and that, if anything, it is within the 10 miles. The nature of the country, however, was such as made up for any advantage they might have as regards distance. Some places the ground was completely under water, taking some of the runners almost to the waist. Finlay won by almost 150 yards, J. Campbell being second, while A. Hannah, R. Graham, W. Henderson, all Clydesdale men, were close up. A Robertson, of the Edinburgh Harriers, was the first of their lot (sixth), D. C. Macmichael, who was expected to win for Edinburgh, being seventh, A. G. Colquhoun eighth, J. Henderson ninth. D. S. Duncan of the Edinburgh came in tenth, which is far behind his usual running form. The Kilmarnock division were fairly outclassed, although they deserve credit for coming so far and for their plucky trial.