

CROQUET

RULES AND REGULATIONS

How to Play Croquet

MANY people think Croquet is a modern game, yet, although in some respects it is new, it is little more than an old one revived. It used to be played by the ancient Gauls so universally that the greater portion of the promenades adjoining large towns consisted each of a long alley, the name of the game being "jeu de mail." The latter French received it from their ancestors, the Gauls, and it was introduced into England under Charles II at the time of the Restoration, after his sojourn in France. The long avenue in front of Buckingham Palace, called the "Mall" or "Mail," derived its name from this game, which was played there. The residents of Boston, a century ago, gave the same name to the side avenues of their famous Common. Very few of the present residents are aware that Beacon Street and Park Street Malls derive their title from the game of Croquet.

One prime feature of Croquet is that it is an outdoor sport in which ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, may alike engage. Hitherto, while men and boys have had their healthful means of recreation in the open air, the women and girls have been restricted to the less exhilarating sports of indoor life; or if they ventured out, all the participation in healthful outdoor amusement and exercise they