

could indulge in was the tame and unsatisfactory position of mere lookers-on.

It is not to be wondered at, then, this being the state of things, that Croquet, upon its introduction to American society, should meet with so warm a welcome. It came as an outdoor sport for ladies, misses, and even little children—for the rich and for the poor, the strong and the weak—easily learned and always intensely interesting and attractive to all.

We shall endeavor, in this "New Manual," to make all its points clear to every understanding, so that persons of every age, from the youngest to the oldest, may easily become proficient in a mode of amusement which can not fail to be to them an inexhaustible source of health and happiness.

Implements Required

What is called a "Full Set" consists of eight balls, eight mallets, nine arches and two stakes; a "Half Set" consists of four balls, four mallets, nine arches and two stakes.

Ground

The game of Croquet is played on a lawn or a piece of smooth turf, and possesses an important advantage over most other outdoor games, inasmuch as any piece of grass land of ordinary size will serve its purpose; in fact, it may be played almost anywhere without detracting from the real enjoyment of the game.

When accuracy is required, the dimensions adopted by the National Association are as follows: Length 72 feet, width 36 feet, corner pieces 8 feet long, inside measurements, with a line denoting boundary of the field 30 inches from the inside of the border. The surface should be well-rolled dirt,