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Field or lawn Croquet is becoming, in this country, a national game, and one which our fair countrywomen certainly, from its pleasurable excitement and health-giving influence, (it being about the only pastime which leads them into the open air,) will not easily relinquish. Information from all sections induces the conclusion that Croquet once introduced into a family, is thereafter a permanency.

At the present reasonable rates no family should be without this recreation, in which all its members may join, and which tends so greatly to keep within the "home circle" the younger members of the household.

In regard to Croquet, each family "is a law unto itself," but those unacquainted with the game need some general instructions and rules, which is the aim of this book to supply.